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A. A. FARMER FOR REPRESENTATIVE

A. A. Farmer, the well known real estate man on Kansas avenue, has been selected by a committee of men to become the candidate for representative on the Democratic ticket, and he has consented to enter the race.

There are few people who do not know Mr. Farmer, but many who know that he is associated with his brother in the real estate business, who deal extensively in lands all over the west and have some interests in the eastern section.

Mr. Farmer has resided in the west and has been identified in the development of the western section of the



state for the last 31 years. During the early days of the development of Stevens county he helped in the progress of the county, and nine years ago he came to Liberal and made extensive investment in Liberal property. He is a town builder. Through all the years of the city's best building boom he was one of the main builders and is today building houses to supply the demand. The Democrat is of the opinion that he has builded more residences in Liberal than any other individual in the city during the last past nine years. Besides the many residences builded to his credit, he and his brother own considerable property in the business section. He is one of the heavy tax payers of the city and county. His years of service in the west, where the acid test of man is made if he lives through it all and manages to make some money and hold friends, is a guarantee that he is excellent material for the position of representative of Seward county. Mr. Farmer has often stated that one of the needful things in the legislature was members who would lessen the number of laws made and create laws that must be obeyed, and stop the practice of making more laws each legislative session and suffer them to become violated and perhaps never known to the people at large. One law obeyed is better government than a hundred on the statute books unnoticed. And Mr. Farmer is not alone in this idea. The Democrat believes that Mr. Farmer will make us a good representative.

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"38 YEARS SUCCESSFUL MERCHANDISING"



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LIBERAL CITIZENS CAN VOTE FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

Cities can vote on county superintendent at the elections this fall, notwithstanding a statute to the contrary passed by the last legislature.

The state supreme court has held this act to be unconstitutional, prohibiting citizens of cities of the first and second class from voting for county superintendent of schools.

The court held, according to press dispatches, that the legislature had no right to abridge the suffrage of voters on any office created by constitution. The suit was an application for a writ of mandamus against John Doane, county clerk of Osborne county.

Under this decision the county clerks must include the office of county superintendent on the ballots printed for first and second class cities for the election this fall.

HARVESTING THE GOLDEN

The wheat harvest is come. A little earlier than was expected, and from all indications the yield will be a little better than was anticipated.

Monday there were hundreds of farmers in the city securing new machinery, repairs for the old headers and securing groceries for the extra harvest hands which have been employed.

Many of the farmers are as yet looking for harvest hands. There were hundreds of strangers in the city Monday but many of them were not anxious for work. They refused to work for \$2.50 a day in the harvest field, and probably would not work worth a cent at any price.

The grain men generally say that there will be a better quality in the wheat this year. If this is true, even if the yield should prove less than last year, the price for the better grade will mean about the same profit to the farmer as he had last year.

WILSON'S STORE TO MOVE

The W. E. Wilson grocery store will change buildings about July 1. The new home will be in Craig Bros. brick on Second street, first door east of the People's State Bank. Mr. Wilson will have more floor space there, which will enable him to increase his stock, give a better display of his goods and increase his capacity for service. The Wilson Grocery has been a growing institution from the start and in the new location it will continue to increase its value to the customers as well as to the owner.

CHALLENGE THE WHOLE WORLD

Recently there has been organized a ball team which has been named "White Sox," and the members of the team range in age from 8 to 14 years. Dick Farmer, captain of the White Sox, announces that his team will play any team which membership shows no greater ages any day of the week, except Sunday. The boys are anxious for a game, so if you know of a team which can play the national game, there's a chance for it to attain much glory.

BILLY ORR'S VERSION OF THE RACES

The Ochiltree speedway race was one of the most successful speed contests ever held in this city. I was agreeably surprised at not finding more competitors in better shape for racing. As soon as I looked the bunch over I realized that I had a chance for third money. The Hudson and the little Buick six were the most thoroughly equipped cars. The big Buick six and the Pierce Arrow I knew could make more speed than "Old Betsy," but their equipment was bad and they couldn't possibly last but a little while. The Stutz and National I was sure I could outrun, and did until they dropped out. In the first day's lineup I figured it out right. I got third place.

After receiving the purse for third money I was congratulated by many Liberal friends and that evening John Baughman asked me if I would accept a free entry for the next race—200 miles. I did.

I decided to try my luck and represent Liberal and the Eldson Auto Company once more. Still I felt that there was a slim chance for third place, just a chance of luck.

The lineup for the 200-mile race was as follows: Buick little six, Big six Hudson, Page six, Pierce Arrow six and old Betsy. After the flag dropped everything went well with us for 75 miles when a wire came off the spark plug. At 120 miles the oil pump broke but we filled the crank case and kept the air pressure on our extra supply tank pouring a constant stream of oil to the motor. Wilbur Shelton, commonly called Sharkey, my mechanic, discovered this trouble almost as soon as it happened. At 150 miles the center main bearing began to pound, at 170 miles I discovered still another knock. My hopes for second money began to fade in the distance. Sharkey was fighting the oil pump bravely with the hot oil blowing directly in his face and he finally had to discard his goggles, being unable to see through them.

Poor old Betsy did her very best, but 200 miles was just 2 1/4 too many miles. There being no other car for third place it was naturally awarded to me.

One other thing I wish to mention and that was that I certainly did appreciate the cheers and the backing given to me by the Liberal people and my other friends, and to tell them that in the next race we will try to win a higher money.

Miss Bliss Snedeger and Miss Bessie Swant of Tyrone were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Loyne last week.

STEPHENSON TO MOSCOW

E. J. Stephenson, who is generally known as collector of the the International Harvester Co., has concluded to take the cashiership of the Moscow State Bank. He will assume charge in a short time. The Moscow bank is a new business but there is a great chance for good business in the future.

HAIL AND WIND

A heavy cloud visible from Liberal was evidence of mischief in the atmosphere in the vicinity of Plains last Saturday evening. Recent reports disclose that a heavy wind and hail did much damage over a vast scope of country in the eastern part of Seward county and the western part of Meade county. In Plains every cyclone cave was crowded to the limit and those who remained outside witnessed atmospheric turmoil overhead that would have laid the town in waste had it come to the ground. A torrent of wind and hail laid flat field after field of golden grain almost ready for harvest. Scarcely a field for miles around was untouched by the hail and the losses sustained will range from 35 per cent to a total loss. Comparatively few were insured.

Hail may destroy your crops the night before harvest. See GRIF-FITH & BAUGHMAN and provide against such a loss.

Frank Summers, cashier of the Citizens State bank and Attorney F. S. Macy of Liberal were through this part of the country Tuesday looking after some bank collections.—Beaver County Republican.

The above item appeared in this morning's papers. Mr. Collier was once mayor of Liberal, superintendent of Sunday school here for years, and all those who knew him can scarcely imagine that he would shoot even at a burglar.

Wichita, Kan., June 21.—A coroner's jury here today exonerated H. W. Collier, a grocer, of culpability of the death of William A. Goodman. Collier shot Goodman, who died Monday, when he saw him running after a burglar alarm had been sounded in the grocery store.

The Dodge City Boosters were here late last night. They intended to reach here earlier but the high wind hindered. After having distributed literature, the boosters left early this morning. We were sorry they could stay no longer. They were advertising the race meet on July 4.

NEW BAND DIRECTOR HERE

F. K. Reasoner arrived from Springfield, Minn., Tuesday, and has already begun work with the local cornet band. Mr. Reasoner is a musician of much prominence and it is expected that the local organization will employ him to take charge of the band. Mr. Reasoner is also a cigar maker and if he locates here he will establish a cigar factory.

SCHOOL BUILDING PLANNED

The school board has concluded to make an addition to the high school building. The new structure will be 41x48, two stories and a basement. It will be modern as the old building, which is up to date. The blue prints are now being made, and as soon as possible the board will advertise for bids from contractors to erect the addition.

WHITE FOR COMMISSIONER

E. B. White of Hayne announces for commissioner from Fargo township on the Democratic ticket in this issue. Mr. White is one of the progressive farmers of near Hayne and would make a good commissioner. He has been for some time the buyer for the Equity Exchange at Hayne.

Virgin Thurman and Guy Heckman of Tyrone were visiting friends in the city Friday.

DEDICATED ST. ANTHONY

The St. Anthony's church, the new building recently erected by the Catholics of Liberal and vicinity, was dedicated Sunday by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hennessey of Wichita, assisted by four other priests.

A large congregation attended the ceremonies and heard the able sermons delivered a little later. The Catholics have a very pretty church and it is a credit to the little congregation that is supporting the institution. There will be regular church every fifth Sunday and services at least one week day in the month. Father Herman will be in charge of the churches at Fowler and Liberal.

As to Registration

The coming primary for the voters in the city will be something different from previous elections. The voters must show that they have registered ten days before the primary. Better go now to the city clerk's office and register.

TO EL PASO BY AUTO

Two cars, containing Mat Dunlap, A. L. Jones, O. M. Woods, James Maloney, C. E. Woods and Joe Trindle, start for El Paso tomorrow. They will be absent about three weeks and will visit several towns in Texas and New Mexico.

A National Bank

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Our Store is the Center for Good Jewelry

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O. J. WILKINS
JEWELER