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## BAND NOTES

Bandmaster Reasoner has called a meeting at the band room for Saturday night for the purpose of getting the younger generation interested in band work. The school board could help this movement considerably by attending the meeting. In most of the larger cities the school boards have a special man to take up this work, but here the city and Chamber of Commerce jointly employ a director, and as he has some leisure moments he is willing to donate his services to the future welfare of the city and individuals. Therefore, it would be no more than fair for the people to give him support in this movement. And remember that the expenses are all done away with; the instructions are free, which should be a big inducement to everyone.

The band boys are grateful for some "smokes" and refreshments which were received after the last two concerts, from the Southwestern Hardware Company and the Eagle Grocery store.

The band has some good future prospects, as Harold and Foster Bragg, who are helping their father on the farm near Lorena, are coming to Liberal when school starts and will be regular members of the band while school lasts.

Great old world this is. To show you the inconsistency of some people: There are millions of dollars of our good old U. S. money spent annually for missionary societies to educate and elevate foreigners, and as soon as one of them comes to this country and makes a mistake, they kick him after he is down instead of trying to help him back on his feet. The charity in a deal of that kind isn't there!

The band has several clarinet players who are coming in in the near future, for which we are thankful.  
—D. M.

A private telegram received from Berlin by the Neue Züricher Zeitung of Geneva says the German submarine Deutschland has arrived safely at Bremen from the United States.

The cities of Ancona, Pesaro and Rimini, Italy, were shaken by an earthquake recently, says a dispatch from Rome. No damage was done at Ancona, but Pesaro and Rimini houses were wrecked.

Figures on the output of German iron works just issued shows the July production was 1,334,000 tons, as against 1,047,000 tons last year and 1,561,000 in 1914. The daily output during the month was 36,590 tons, compared with 36,050 tons last year.

An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that an attaché of the Greek legation to Germany was arrested by Italians while on his way to Berlin and diplomatic papers in his possession were confiscated.

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## KILLED A KANSAS SHERIFF

Walter Davis of Lyon County Shot Through Heart by Holdup Man at Emporia.

Walter Davis, sheriff of Lyon county, was shot and instantly killed in a revolver duel with two holdup men at Emporia. Davis, with City Officers Andy Armstead and Millar White stopped two men believed to have robbed Ernest Mellon of Fredonia. While the officers searched one man the other ran. In a revolver fight which followed Davis was shot through the heart. The man being searched did not attempt to get away. He gave his name as William E. Smith, and said he did not know the name of the man who killed Davis. Sheriff Davis was the Democratic candidate for reelection and was serving his first term. His wife died last spring. He leaves three children.

Posse searching the southern part of Lyon county for the robber have lost the trail, according to reports received at Emporia.

After shooting three members of the posse near Wiggam, the bandit disappeared and he has not since been seen. The Lyon county commissioners have offered \$1,000 reward and a reward of \$100 has been announced from the office of Governor Capper. About 300 farmers and townsmen searched for the fugitive. He is thought to be hiding in the timber and brush along Eagle creek, near Hartford.

Sheriff E. G. Carroll, president of the State Sheriffs' Association, notified more than a score of sheriffs in counties in that part of Kansas to go at once to Emporia to help the posse search for the man.

## GAS USERS IN MASS MEETING

Citizens of Topeka Condemn Receivership of Kansas Natural—State Officials Are Commended.

"Resolved, by the citizens of Topeka, that it is the sense of this meeting that the governor should instruct the attorney general to dismiss the state case against the Kansas Natural Gas Company, thereby ending the expensive and extortionate receivership and putting an end to the outrageous and high-handed methods, exorbitant attorneys' fees and indifference to the rights of the public made possible by the protective arm of the Montgomery district court and that the property of the Kansas Natural Gas Company be put back into the hands of the stockholders and the company then be compelled to carry out its contracts.

"Resolved, That we highly commend Governor Capper and the state officials, who have taken a stand in the defense of the interests of the citizens and pledge them our support in their efforts to see that justice is done."

The above resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting of Topeka gas users held on the state house grounds. About 1,000 people participated. Speeches were made by Governor Capper, George Hughes, Captain J. G. Waters, Major A. M. Harvey and Representative W. A. S. Bird. Captain Waters assailed the receivers, courts and attorneys identified with the gas case in bitter terms. He said they were worse than a highwayman, as the latter did take some chance when he held up a person.

Dollar in a Fish's Gill—A silver dollar was "banked" in the gill of a 10-pound carp that Mrs. Joseph Arculeo of 540 North Exposition avenue, Wichita, hooked on a fishing trip. The coin is being kept as a souvenir.

Bolt Kills Man and Wife.—Clarence Baker, formerly of Kingman, and his wife were killed by lightning near the Colorado line the other night while driving in a motor car.

Johnson, Heads Labor Body.—A. J. Johnson, of the Typographical union of Wichita, was recently elected president of the State Federation of Labor, Charles Hamlin, Leavenworth, secretary-treasurer, and James A. Winsby, S. B. Weaver, Topeka; C. J. Madison, Emporia, vice presidents.

Lightning Causes Heavy Loss—Fire caused by lightning destroyed a large grain and stock barn on the Nine Mile ranch north of Lawrence recently, causing the loss of 1,500 bushels of oats, seventy-five tons of hay, fourteen sets of harness, two binders, two wagons, drill, saddles and other farming equipment.

Chanute Brakeman Killed—Z. A. Lair, 21 years old, a brakeman for the Santa Fe Railroad, was killed in the yard at Chanute recently. His father, M. O. Lair, lives in Fredonia.

Lightning Kills Boy.—An 8-year-old son of S. B. Adams, in the eastern part of Clay county, was killed by lightning the other night. The boy was in the barn when it was struck.

Paralysis Case at Maple City.—The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ames Robinson of Maple City is afflicted with infantile paralysis, according to Doctor Williams, the attending physician. This is the first case reported in that section of the state.

Wichita Minister Dies.—The Rev. W. A. Cain, aged 74, for fifty years a Baptist minister, is dead at Wichita. He served in the Civil War and was active in G. A. R. circles. He came to Wichita from Abilene eight years ago.

## FARM PRODUCTS WANTED FOR FAIR

All Farmers are Especially Urged to Prepare to Make Entries This Fall in the Agricultural Department.—Many Special Prizes to Be Awarded Winners of Exhibits.

To make the Southwest Fair a splendid success the management has arranged a number of special prizes to stimulate interest and at the same time make it worth while to exhibitors. Following is a list of prizes to be awarded and exhibits of products particularly desired:

**Special Prize of \$5 for General Collection**  
There is a special prize offered for this year of \$5 for the best general collection exhibited by any individual, of grains and other farm products. All entries in this contest to remain the property of the Fair Association, to be used in making an exhibit at the State Fair at Hutchinson.

**Special \$35 Prize Contest**  
For the best single design, set or piece, made of, covered, or decorated with farm products, such as grains, fruits, grasses, straw, feathers, hair, wool, horns of animals or other farm products. These designs or sets can be models of or in form of animals, buildings, landscapes, furniture, vehicles, machinery, or other special arrangement of farm products, mounted on wood, cardboard, paper, cloth, metal or other material.

First prize ..... \$20.00  
Second prize ..... 10.00  
Third prize ..... 5.00

Exhibits to be judged from standpoint of neatness, originality, work involved, and resemblance in shape and appearance to the thing or idea reproduced.

In addition to the above special prizes the following premiums will be given, subject to the rules of the department:

**CLASS A—GRAINS AND SEEDS**  
All grains and seeds shown in this class must have been grown in Kansas, Oklahoma or Texas this year, except such grains and grass seed as do not mature during the current year prior to holding the Fair, the seeds maturing prior may be shown. Affidavit to this effect must be given when demanded by the Superintendents.

Quantity to be shown in each sample—One peck, unless otherwise specified. Exhibits to be classified according to variety. All grains and seeds must be cleaned. Professional seedsmen barred.

	First	Second
1—Turkey Red Wheat	\$1.50	\$0.75
2—Macaroni Wheat	1.50	.75
3—Spring Wheat	1.50	.75
4—Rye (any variety)	1.50	.75
5—Oats (any variety)	1.50	.75
6—Barley (any variety)	1.50	.75
7—Speltz	1.50	.75
8—Shallu Corn	1.50	.75
9—Jerusalem Corn	1.50	.75
10—White Kafir Corn	1.50	.75
11—Milo Maize	1.00	.75
12—Dwarf Milo Maize	1.50	.75
13—Cane Seed	1.50	.75
14—Broom Corn Seed	1.50	.75
15—Alfalfa Seed	1.50	.75
16—Millet Seed	1.50	.75
17—Feterita	1.50	.75

	First	Second
18—Sweet Potatoes	\$1.25	\$0.50
19—Irish Potatoes (any variety)	1.25	.50
20—Turnips	1.25	.50
21—Onion Sets	1.25	.50
22—Table Beets	1.25	.50
23—Sugar Beets	1.25	.50
24—Farnsips	1.25	.50
25—Rutabagas	1.25	.50
26—Carrots	1.25	.50
27—Tomatoes	1.25	.50
28—Preserving Tomatoes	1.25	.50
29—Cabbage (four heads)	1.25	.50
30—Field Beans (hulled, any variety)	1.25	.50
31—Sheaf Peanuts	1.25	.50
32—Display Peppers	1.25	.50

	First	Second
33—3 Watermelons (any variety)	\$1.00	\$0.50
34—3 Squash (any variety)	1.00	.50
35—3 Pumpkins (any variety)	1.00	.50
36—4 Muskmelons (any variety)	1.00	.50
37—4 Rocky Ford Cantaloupes	1.00	.50
38—4 Cucumbers (any variety)	1.00	.50
39—Largest and heaviest sweepstakes watermelon	1.00	.50
40—Largest and heaviest sweepstakes pumpkin	1.00	.50

	First	Second
41—Best Display Alfalfa, 1916 cuttings, from one farm	\$1.25	\$0.50
42—Best and largest display of Sheaf Grains, 1916 growth, from any one farm	1.25	.50
43—Best 12 heads or stalks of Standard Broom Corn	1.25	.50
44—Best 12 heads or stalks Dwarf Broom Corn	1.25	.50
45—Best 12 heads or stalks Oklahoma Dwarf Broom Corn	1.25	.50
46—Best 12 heads or stalks Kafir Corn	1.25	.50
47—Best 12 heads or stalks Milo Maize	1.25	.50
48—Best 12 heads or stalks Dwarf Milo Maize	1.25	.50
49—Best Bale Standard Broom Corn	5.00	2.50
50—Best Bale Dwarf Broom Corn (any variety)	5.00	2.50

	First	Second
51—Yellow Dent Corn (7½ inches and over, 12 ears)	\$1.25	\$0.50
52—White Dent Corn (7½ inches and over, 12 ears)	1.25	.50
53—Calico Dent Corn (7½ inches and over, 12 ears)	1.25	.50
54—Pop Corn, 12 ears	1.25	.50
55—Sweet Corn, 12 ears	1.25	.50

## MAY CURB RIVERS

The State is to Get Aid from Federal Government in Effort to Control Floods.

## ARMY ENGINEERS INTO WORK

Report on Larger Streams of State Will Be Made by Col. Townsend of St. Louis.

Army engineers are going to tackle the job of curbing the flood waters of the Kansas rivers, to the extent, at least, of recommending some plan for stopping their destructive effects. Governor Capper recently received a letter from Col. Curtis McD. Townsend of the corps of engineers, stationed at St. Louis. Colonel Townsend said he had been ordered by the chief of engineers to prepare a report in compliance with the provisions of the Rivers and Harbors Act, approved July 27. This provides for an examination of the territory of the Kaw river and

Big Prairie Fire Near Gove.—The first prairie fire of the season in western Kansas burned a strip ten miles long and five miles wide north of Gove. Several stacks of prairie hay was burned and hundreds of acres of pasture ruined. The fire was stopped by plowing the ground in front of the blaze. There were no houses in the path of the fire.

Anthrax in Kansas.—Anthrax, a contagious disease, deadly to farm stock, has broken out on the farm of E. H. Miller, near Jarbalo, nine miles west of Leavenworth. Three cows died and one was killed by order of the officials of the Kansas live stock commissioner. The carcasses of the animals were burned and a quarantine established on the Miller farm and the neighborhood.

Ptomatine Poisoning Kills—Ptomatine poisoning, supposedly from eating tomatoes or ham, caused the death of Joseph Tull, 52 years old, at Atchison recently. Tull had resided in this vicinity all his life. He is survived by ten children.

Muscotah Grain Elevator Burns—The Calvert & Bevans grain elevator at Muscotah, was struck by lightning the other morning and burned. It contained six thousand bushels of wheat, three thousand bushels of oats and four hundred bushels of corn.

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**MAJESTIC THEATRE**  
August 28—Ina Claire and Carlyle Blackwell in "The Puppet Crown."  
August 30—Myrtle Stedman in "Wild Olive."  
Monday, Sept. 4—Mary Pickford in "Rags."  
Wednesday, Sept. 6—Pauline Frederick in "Sold."  
Monday, Sept. 11—Blanche Sweet in "Secret Orchard."  
Wednesday, Sept. 13—Fanny Ward in "Marriage of Kitty."  
Monday, Sept. 18—Elsie Janis in "Nearly a Lady."  
Wednesday, Sept. 20—Marguerite Clark in "Helene of the North."