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THE ECONOMY STORE SOLD

A deal was consummated the first of the week whereby the Economy Store passed into the ownership of A. F. Gorman. The Economy has been owned and managed by W. P. Wright about two years, who was compelled to give it up on account of poor health. Mr. Gorman came here about two years ago from Plains and purchased an interest in the Southwestern Hardware Company, and was elected manager of the firm. He has been in the mercantile business all his life and is recognized as one of Liberal's substantial business men whose judgment can always be relied upon.

Mr. Wright came here from Illinois about 12 years ago and for a number of years was engaged in farming and ranching in Stevens county. He still owns considerable farm property out there and over the line in Oklahoma. Mr. Wright is a pleasant man to meet in a business or personal way, and his word can always be considered good in any statement he might make. The patrons of the Economy will regret to note his giving up the store, but will be pleased to know it will still be owned by Liberal people.

The store has been closed during the past week for invoice but will open again Saturday morning. Mr. Gorman has a half page ad. in this issue of the Democrat announcing the change and stating that the new shipment of fall goods will be in shortly. The Democrat learns that Mr. and Mrs. Wright will leave soon for Corpus Christi, Texas, where they will spend a few weeks for the benefit of Mr. Wright's health. We hope the new management meets with due success in the venture, and can assure the patrons of the store that they will receive the same courteous treatment as in the past.

LOT SALE STARTS SOON

The lot sale in the new Sunny Side Addition to the town of Liberal, mentioned in these columns a couple of weeks ago, will begin next week. It is hoped to have a plat of the new addition made by that time and filed in the register of deeds' office, and every lot in the addition will be for sale immediately thereafter. It was the writer's privilege to take a drive over the different streets of this coming residence section this week, and it was certainly laid out with an eye to the future. You get an excellent view of Liberal from every foot of the new addition and the streets are all laid out to correspond with the streets as laid out in the adjoining sections of the town. Mr. Baughman has an ad. in this issue of the Democrat calling your attention to the approaching sale and telling you how to get out there to take a look at the lots. He will have another one next week. Watch these ads. and give the new addition serious consideration if you are contemplating buying a site on which to erect a home in the near future.

R. G. Martin and Fred Black of Hugoton were business visitors in the city Friday.

Who Said it Cost a Lot to Be Well Dressed These Days

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We refute the statement with these novelty and blue serge
STYLEPLUS CLOTHES \$17

THE SAME PRICE THE NATION OVER

Men who have been paying high prices for their clothes have turned to Styleplus because they combine guaranteed fabrics with good tailoring for \$17.

We are the exclusive agents here for Styleplus \$17

Then remember that the big things of life go to those who are worthy and who look the part.

STEIN-BLOCK SMART CLOTHES

are the first for men who most fully realize the importance of personal appearance in business.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

Have you seen those nobby hats from Summers? They have been coming from our millinery department and there has been much talk of the nifty styles Mrs. Pearl Deurmeyer is producing. Just keep your eye on this busy department.



"38 Years' Successful Merchandising"

CHAS. SUMMERS & SONS

LIBERAL, KANSAS

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

DALHART, TEXAS

FOR A GREAT POULTRY EXHIBIT

Among the many splendid attractions being arranged for the Fair is the poultry exhibit. The poultry department is planning to make the exhibit bigger and better in every way than ever before. To do this it will be necessary for every breeder of fancy or pure bred poultry in all the country tributary to Liberal to get busy and see that his favorite is well represented at the fair. Chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, bantams—all are expected to contribute to the barnyard medley around the poultry pavilion. The Fair association is offering splendid cash premiums. R. P. Keown of Stafford, a recognized authority of national reputation, has been secured to judge the poultry and if you think you have good, pure bred chickens, pick out the best and enter them for the ribbons and cash premiums. You can win if you have the birds.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. McCoy and little son spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Hugoton.

SOUTHWEST FAIR NOTES

Electric poles are now being set for current on the grounds. This will make it possible for a number of our people to enjoy an evening's fun taking in the shows, where they might not otherwise have the time to spare. Additional tanks are being installed in the live stock department for the convenience of the horse and cattle exhibitors.

The live stock exhibit promises to be the biggest since the association was organized.

Let everyone in Liberal make it a point to clean up their premises and make the best appearance possible for our visitors.

Owing to the fact that the band was not available for the parade in the forenoon of September 13th, it has been decided to have the parade at 1 o'clock p. m. The preparations for the parade continue to grow. The following have agreed to enter floats or autos in the parade, and a number of others are expecting to enter. This does not include the comic entries, or which there will be a number: Chas. Taylor & Co., J. J. Calvert, Liberal Light, Ice & Power Co., Warren Zimmerman, John W. Baughman, Griffin & Baughman, C. K. Commons, Wiley Drug Co., J. D. Mahoney, George Grocery Co., B. E. Keating, Liberal Creamery Co., C. E. Hancock, F. G. Boies, W. E. Wilson, Enterprise Mercantile Co., Southwestern Hardware Co., Majestic Theatre, Riggle Bros., Star Lumber Co., J. H. Woods, Clyde Atha, Paul W. Light Co., Eureka Laundry, Moose Fraternity, Chas. Molter, Chamber of Commerce. The \$10 prize offered for the most comical rig promises to bring out a good strong bunch of entries, which will add materially to the parade.

Don't forget that Thursday, September 14th, will be Oklahoma day. Every merchant in Liberal should decorate for this occasion. There is a prospect for having a special train from Dalhart for Oklahoma day.

The J. W. Baughman agency reports these sales the last few days: Albert McCow, a quarter section of land in the Obern neighborhood; Edna Wiley, three lots north of the Griffith residence, a building to be erected; Douglass O'Rake of New Mexico, three lots in Baughman addition, where he will build a home; D. E. Murphy of Kismet, two lots in the Baughman addition, where he is to build; Jean Franklin, one lot in Ben Harrison addition.

Summers Store Robbed

The Chas. Summers & Sons dry goods store was robbed some time Saturday night and clothing and shoes to the amount of \$237.00 were taken. It is thought that two or three men operated. Entrance to the store was made at the rear of the north department. After removing the screen, the window glass was broken and then the latch holding the window in place was removed. The window was raised and the men were in possession of the store. They secured two leather bags and two suit cases and filled them with three and a half suits of clothes, silk shirts, handkerchiefs, socks and Douglas shoes.

The robbery was discovered Sunday morning and Sheriff Dobson informed, who started investigation. Sunday evening, while the Frank Caudie boys were hunting in their sorghum field just east of the city, they found two new suit cases and the hand bags and immediately informed the sheriff. The official went to the Caudie place and when looking over the goods, picked up a man who appeared to know considerable about the goods. The man gave his name as W. D. Moore and it appears that he is not employed at anything in particular. He was searched and a key was found in a pocket that fitted one of the suit cases. Moore was taken to the jail. All the goods taken from the store have been recovered. Sheriff Dobson has picked another suspect and may have another today. He feels certain that he has one of the robbers and there are good chances for finding the others.

Lampe Sells Lumber Yard

Wm. Lampe, who has been operating a lumber yard on East Second street for the last two years, sold his business the last week to H. C. Wilson of Hutchinson. Mr. Wilson has been traveling for the American Sash & Door Co. of Kansas City, Mo. He is expected to come to Liberal at an early date and take charge of the yard. He expects to enlarge the stock. Friends in the city who have known Mr. Wilson for some time say that he is a good business man and will doubtless make a success of the venture. Mr. Lampe will devote his attention to other interests.

BANKS WILL CLOSE MONDAY

The banks of Liberal will be closed all day Monday which is Labor Day and a legal holiday. Parties having business to transact with either bank on that day should take care of the same on Saturday before.

PRATT HAS ANOTHER FIRE

The city of Pratt had another destructive fire early Tuesday morning. The Jett Mercantile Company, whose store was destroyed by fire last spring, was again a victim, and the fire took the Morrell Five and Ten Cent Store and Bert Dodson's implement store. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin. The fire loss will mount up into the thousands. The Dodson store carried no insurance. However, all the parties who were burned out have already obtained office rooms and are figuring on going into business again as soon as locations can be obtained.

The sewerage system is to be extended to the south side of the city. The Eureka Steam Laundry and several other business concerns in that section will be able to connect to the sewer line. The contractor will go under the tracks of the Rock Island at a point between the passenger and the freight depots. This extension will cost the city considerably more than was first thought would be expended, but the need for a sewer system in the south part is imperative.

KISMET WILL CELEBRATE

The little city of Kismet will hold a celebration next Monday, September 4, in honor of the many things that have been done by her enterprising citizens during the past year. Kismet boasts of being the fastest growing town on the Rock Island in southwestern Kansas, and when we look at the past year's record we are almost inclined to believe she is right about it. The town now has three and a half times the population of a year ago, has built at least a dozen substantial residences during that time, a \$3,500 church, several new mercantile buildings, a brick bank and a two-story building with hall upstairs, a new depot, addition to the school house, and a two-story warehouse, the latter three being now under course of construction. The people of Kismet think they are justly entitled to celebrate such a prosperous condition of affairs, and have selected the date mentioned on which to do so. It will be a big picnic and carnival to which the whole world is invited. The day will be filled with entertainments, sports, merry-go-round for the children and other carnival attractions. Geo. H. Rose of Kismet has charge of the concession end of the picnic and anyone desiring to run a stand on the grounds that day should get in communication with him. The people of Liberal are expecting a good delegation of Kismet folks down during the fair and it would be a good idea to go to Kismet next Monday, spend a day with our neighbors and extend them a cordial invitation to our fair that starts a few days later.

STRIKE CALLED FOR MONDAY

The latest report on the strike is to the effect that President Wilson and the railroad presidents have failed to reach an agreement and most of the latter have returned to their homes. The strike has been called for next Monday, which is Labor Day, unless an agreement between the two factions can be reached before that time, which seems doubtful. All the larger railroads of the country have placed an embargo on perishable freight that cannot reach its destination before 7 o'clock Monday morning, and if the strike really goes into effect at that time there will be untold suffering all over the United States. President Wilson is now asking congress to pass an eight-hour law and hopes thus to compel the roads to come to the strikers' demands. The strike situation is just a little bit bigger job for the President to handle than the Lusitania case, it seems.

CHAS. E. WEHMEIER DEAD

Chas. E. Wehmeier, who has been suffering from tuberculosis for about two years, died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Deceased was about 33 years old and leaves a wife and family. Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday morning by Rev. H. F. Bolton of the Christian church, and interment was made in the Liberal cemetery.



Our Clocks will get the children to school on time.

Along with the other good lessons your children are taught at school you teach them right in the home to be prompt. Do you need an alarm clock? Don't you want a mantle clock? Which one of your family desires a new watch? We carry a full line of clocks and watches. Prices right.

O. J. WILKINS, Jeweler
At Taylor's

DON'T KNOCK

If you cannot be a booster, don't do anything

This Bank Will Close at Noon September 14-15 for the F-A-I-R

First National Bank
LIBERAL, KANSAS

Member of The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and operating under U. S. Government supervision and control.