

Meade County News.

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MEADE, KANSAS

At Annapolis, Md., the women who pay taxes appeared for the first time as voters a few weeks ago.

The managers of Glasgow's Exhibition of next year will have a big job distributing the space without hurting international susceptibilities.

Overhead trolley system not only damages underground pipes, but it also injures trees.

Collis P. Huntington, now that he has bought out his associates in the Southern Pacific railroad, is sole owner of a system embracing ferries, terminals, river and ocean steamboat lines and 7,600 miles of railroad.

Four hundred elk teeth were sold in Spokane, Wash., the other day for \$1,000. The demands of the members of the Order of Elks and the growing scarcity have increased the value of the teeth.

Sig. Constantino Maes, the Italian archaeologist, says that 3,000 bronze tables, constituting the records of Rome from its foundation to the time of Vespasian, are buried in the marsh at Ostia, near Rome.

A Chicago physician has invented for himself a house which he claims to be absolutely noise-proof, that is protected thoroughly against the intrusion of street din.

Scientific research has just destroyed an interesting piece of ancient history. For centuries Pharsala, in Southern Thessaly, has been regarded as the scene of the famous defeat of Pompey, which gave the dominion of the world into the hands of Caesar.

When prosperity and philanthropy go hand in hand, the progress of a country is beyond question. Germany is advancing in a business way.

The writer of a short story in the Century Magazine has invented two phrases that may find a permanent place in political slang.

Chief Wilkie of the United States secret service has received from the Penn National Bank of Philadelphia one of the most dangerous counterfeit \$20 notes that have appeared in a long time, and second only to the celebrated \$100 Monroe head silver certificate.

The war in South Africa has taken so many English farm-hands away from their work that electricity is employed on several dairy farms in England in feeding cattle.

CURRENT KANSAS FACTS.

BRIEF MENTION OF INTERESTING EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Bert Gatliffe, of Wellington, has been missing since June 20.

The Rock Island is making extensive improvements at Smith Center.

The Emporia Avenue M. E. church in Wichita is to have a \$3,000 addition.

State Librarian Anna Diggs says she will not take another appointment to that position.

The annual picnic of the Johnson county Co-operative Association was held at Olathe July 28.

W. C. Fair, of Caldwell, was overcome by damps in a well and died before help could reach him.

Samuel Hazlett, a Scotchman, aged 74, dropped dead while working over his wife's grave at Hartford, Lyon county.

The Missouri Pacific train dispatcher's office at Conway Springs has been abolished and the men transferred to Wichita.

The postoffice department has authorized the appointment of fifteen more mail clerks to work on Kansas trains.

Harvey, McPherson, Stafford, Rice, Barton, Pawnee and Edwards counties will hold their fourth annual logrolling at Halstead, September 11.

Circleville held an old settler's meeting, a Woodmen logrolling and a barbecue, all on the same day. It is said that 5,000 people attended.

H. J. Parker, who swore warrants against eight Emporia druggists, charging them with unlawfully selling liquor, has been arrested on a charge of perjury.

Chancellor Snow's report says that July was cooler than usual and that there was one inch and seven-tenths more rainfall during the month than the July average.

Eight threshing machines were running within sight of Cicero, Sumner county, at the same time. One man estimates that there are 150 machines at work in that county.

Joseph Lewis, who served in the Black Hawk, Mexican and Civil wars, has been mustered into Lincoln Post, in Topeka. Abraham Lincoln was his captain in the Black Hawk war.

During the recent big fire at Phillipsburg, a resident of the town managed to get away with 17 pairs of pants and 13 pair of shoes. The goods were found in his possession the day following.

Agnes Thomas, aged 10, daughter of a Butler county farmer, was riding a horse when she was thrown over the horse's head and trampled to death.

W. W. Addington's daughter was visiting at her uncle's farm in Montgomery county, and her cousin placed his knee against her back and pulled her shoulders back. She died from the effects of the act.

Fraucis McNeely sold a 200 acre farm near Lindsborg for \$6,000. When he took the claim in 1864 the buffalo covered that part of Kansas and everything west to the Rocky Mountains was in Pike county.

On July 15 there was paid for freight on wheat shipped over the Missouri Pacific from Lindsborg, \$786.86, and the 16th \$864. It is estimated that it will average during the shipping season between \$500 and \$600 a day.

This beats them all. Dr. Milton, of Ford county has threshed ten acres of wheat which averaged 50 bushels to the acre and tested 64 pounds.

The reason that circuses are scarce in Kansas this year, railroad managers say, is because engines are all better employed than in hauling circuses from town to town.

Mr. Young, of Perry, Kas., started to throw a blazing gasoline stove out of the house, when some of the gasoline spilled on his 1-year-old child, who was burned to death.

August 20 is appointed by Governor Stanley to hear applications for pardon. There are 125 cases on the docket.

Cary Aikens, a cattleman at Hoyt, Kas., was thrown from a horse and his skull fractured. Physicians say that he cannot recover. Later: he died.

Since the shipment of Kansas corn to India \$500 has been received by Secretary Anderson for the relief fund. This money will be forwarded to the Christian Herald Relief association in New York.

A Twentieth Kansas soldier, while in camp at San Francisco, flirted with a girl and corresponded with her while in the Philippines. By mistake he sent his wife in Topeka a letter written for the Frisco girl. His wife promptly got a divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. Buffon, two recently married Jackson county teachers, were driving to the Wathena Chautauqua when a passenger train struck them at a crossing. The lady was quite badly hurt, the team was killed and the wagon broken up.

The penitentiary wine plant is changing some machinery so as to make wine suitable for binding corn sheaves, and the new product will be ready for market very soon.

Two children of T. J. Duncan, of Mitchell county, one a girl of 16 and the other a boy of 14, rented 100 acres of wheat ground. They plowed the ground with riding plows, the girl harrowed and the boy followed the drill. Harvesting and threshing were hired. The crop was 4,000 bushels of \$1 pound wheat.

Shawnee county has 2,288 farmers. Kingman ships two cars of rock salt daily.

Stafford county holds its first fair this year.

New Yorkers are in Kansas trying to contract for hay.

The cement works at Burns is being doubled in capacity.

W. L. Yaggy has a 500-acre catalpa plantation in Reno county.

Government agents have been stocking the Smoky Hill river with black bass.

Henry Birt, of Mitchell county, received over \$1,200 for wheat from 57 acres.

Wichita bicycle riders held a meeting to devise a plan to catch bicycle thieves.

Dan'l. Stiger, a farmer near Hunnwell, was killed at a railway crossing July 31.

Joseph Brown, of Rock Creek, had an arm torn off in a threshing machine and died.

Arthur C. Smith was killed near Oberlin while lifting a gun off from a cultivator.

Two carloads of wild horses were sold in Chanute a short time since. They came from Idaho and Montana.

The Rock Island's southwestern extension from Liberal means cheaper coal for the southwestern counties of Kansas.

A Rooks county man ships St. Bernard pups all over the country and recently received a good offer for an entire litter from Mexico.

During July the sale of stamps and postal supplies at the Topeka postoffice amounted to \$10,642.56, an increase over July, 1899 of \$1,500.89.

C. G. Toland, of Wellsville, was found by trainmen near Red Rock station and taken to Perry, O. T. He was bruised in many places.

Farmers in the vicinity of Russell are talking of putting up an elevator with a capacity of from one-half to a million bushels in which to store their grain.

Five of the new chair cars which are being built in the Topeka shops by the Santa Fe have already been turned out. There is nothing that is desirable to have which these cars lack.

Superintendent Nelson of the Wichita street car line gave a trolley excursion in honor of his daughter's eighth birthday. Her little friends made up a handsome crowd and enjoyed the occasion.

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Challiss, who came to Atchison in 1856, recently celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Challiss was attended by one of the three bridesmaids who "stood up" with her fifty years ago.

At a recent county funeral in Marion county there was a long line of dozens of vehicles, and not a wagon amongst them; they were all buggies and surreys. Not many years ago such an event would have shown only wagons.

Corn in Marshall county that was thought to be burned up three weeks ago is now coming out in surprisingly good shape since the rains. Of course the crop will not be a full one, but it will be a long way ahead of what was expected.

Most of the state boards are made up of state officers. It transpires that should the fusion state ticket be elected the executive council would be elected with the governor as chairman and all the boards would be controlled by Democratic state officers as follows: railroad assessors, 3 to 2; equalization board, 2 to 1; charter board 2 to 1 and the printing board by its whole membership.

Three miles from Seneca is a \$50,000 Catholic church, and six miles from Westmoreland a still finer one is being built.

County Clerk B. L. Barton, of Bourbon county, died of a hemorrhage, while sitting on his porch reading the evening paper.

Brakeman Cornell, of the Missouri Pacific was killed at Conway Springs by being caught between the bumpers of two freight cars. The cars had automatic couplers but he was between them.

A Union Pacific freight train ran into a Rock Island engine at Perry, Kas., and Engineers Anderson and McKittrick were injured.

Gas wells are rapidly increasing in Southern Montgomery county and many acres have been leased. It is expected that Indiana factories will remove there.

A coal salesman from Kansas City made insulting remarks at Abilene about Kansas soldiers. A dozen Twentieth Kansas boys made him stand on a plow and apologize to a large crowd.

Ben Kerfoot, private secretary to Webster Davis, was a soldier in the Twentieth Kansas. He was made a lieutenant while in the Philippines. Kerfoot is a graduate of the Wichita high school and of Kansas university.

Joseph Lewis, of Topeka, is 92 years old. His family settled near where Topeka is now in 1812. He served in the Black Hawk war, the Mexican war and the civil war. He, at the age of 8, witnessed the burning of all the rest of his father's family by Indians. He is still a strong man.

The Shawnee county poor farm has 32 people there; the smallest number in five years.

An Ottawa man recently sold a bunch of 800 goats to Missouri and New York breeders.

At Mound Ridge a sewing society has adopted a by-law which reads: "No gossiping will be allowed by any member of this order."

A brother of General Adna Chaffee, now at the head of the American army in China, beats the big drum of the Salvation army in Wichita.

DEMAND RIGHT NOT FAVOR.

Secretary Hay Makes Public His Official Dispatches.

NO CHIN-CHIN IN DURANCE.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The state department has made public the following correspondence between Li Hung Chang and the department regarding the abandonment of campaign in Peking.

Telegram sent to the United States embassies in Berlin, London, Paris, Rome and St. Petersburg, and to the United States minister at Tokio:

"Department of State, Washington, Aug. 1, 1900.—In reply to a suggestion of Li Hung Chang that the ministers might be sent under safe escort to Tien Tsin provided the powers would arrange not to march to Peking, the secretary of state replied on the 20th of July: 'This government will not enter into any arrangement regarding disposition or treatment of legations without first having free communication with Minister Conger. Responsibility for their protection rests upon Chinese government. Power to deliver at Tien Tsin presupposes power to protect and to open communication. This is insisted upon.'

"This message was delivered by Mr. Goodnow on the 31st to Viceroy Li, who then inquired whether 'if free communication were established between ministers and their governments, it could be arranged that the powers should not advance on Peking pending negotiations?'

"To this inquiry the following reply was sent on the first of August: 'Goodnow, Consul General, Shanghai: I do not think it expedient to submit the proposition of Earl Li to the other powers. Free communication with our representative in Peking is demanded as a matter of absolute right and not as a favor. Since the Chinese government admits that it possesses the power to give communication it puts itself in an unfriendly attitude to deny it. No negotiations seem advisable until the Chinese government shall have put the diplomatic representatives of the powers in full and free communication with the respective governments and remove all danger of their lives and liberty. We would urge Earl Li earnestly to advise the imperial authorities of China to place themselves in friendly communication and co-operation with the relief expedition. They are assuming a heavy responsibility in acting otherwise.'

(Signed): "HAY."

"You will communicate this information to the minister of foreign affairs."

Severe Gale in England.

London, Aug. 6.—A severe gale has raged throughout the United Kingdom. Channel traffic was suspended, causing much inconvenience to thousands of excursionists, who wished to take advantage of the August bank holiday. Rain and wind have done much damage in the provinces. Several small vessels have gone ashore and many others have been obliged to seek refuge in the harbors.

Prices in Buyers' Favor.

New York, Aug. 6.—Bradstreet's says that trade conditions still favor the buyers. The cereals have been all lower this week, partly on better crop reports, partly on lower cables, but largely on the growth of bearish feeling after late reaction. Beef products are generally higher on army demand, while tin is seeking a lower level in sympathy with foreign markets and increased supplies.

Praise of Japanese.

Tien Tsin, Aug. 6.—The Japanese are giving a splendid exhibition of organization. Their whole machine moves like clockwork. There have been forwarded from Japan small boats or lighters for moving troops and stores and every regiment is landed quickly and without confusion and started for Tien Tsin within a few hours after the transport has anchored in the harbor. The management of the Japanese army and the bravery, spirit and intelligence of the Japanese troops are a revelation that command the respect and admiration of all foreign officers.

Immediate British Advance.

London, Aug. 3.—In the house of commons the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, William St. John Broderick, announced the receipt of a dispatch from General Sir Alfred Carselee, commanding the British troops in China, stating that he contemplated an immediate advance on Peking and that he hoped to have the co-operation of the allied forces.

Bubonic Plague in London.

Washington, Aug. 6.—The marine hospital service has received the following dispatch from Past Assistant Surgeon Thomas, announcing the outbreak of the bubonic plague in London:

"London, Aug. 3.—Surgeon General Marine Hospital, Washington: There have been four cases of plague and two deaths from plague in London. Diagnosis confirmed by bacteriological examination. Do not think there will be further spread. THOMAS."

All Respect Minister Wu.

Washington, April 4.—It may be stated on good authority that the state department, whatever may be its opinion of the imperial government of China, has had no reason to change its opinion as to the sincerity and good intentions of the Chinese minister here and the department is continuing to deal with him in entire confidence, despite the derogatory tone of the last message addressed to Secretary Hay through him to the Chinese government.

COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City. CATTLE—Heavy..... 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2. Choice to heavy..... 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2. HOGS—No. 2 hard..... 27 @ 27 1/2. Choice to heavy..... 27 @ 27 1/2. WHEAT—No. 2 hard..... 20 1/2 @ 20 3/4. Choice to heavy..... 20 1/2 @ 20 3/4. RYE—No. 2..... 10 @ 10 1/2. Choice prairie..... 10 @ 10 1/2. BUTTER..... 15 @ 15 1/2. EGGS..... 19 @ 19 1/2.

Chicago. WHEAT—No. 2 hard..... 71 @ 73. Choice to heavy..... 71 @ 73. CORN—No. 2..... 21 1/2 @ 22. OATS—No. 2..... 19 @ 19 1/2. SOUTHERN STEERS..... 3 00 @ 4 00.

St. Louis Live Stock. BEEVES..... 3 40 @ 3 75. STOCKERS & FEEDERS..... 2 45 @ 2 80. SOUTHERN STEERS..... 3 00 @ 4 00.

Cotton. Liverpool..... 5 7-16d. New York..... 9 1/2 @ 10c. Galveston..... 9 1/2 @ 10c.

Wichita Grain. WHEAT—Open..... 75 1/2. High..... 75 1/2. Low..... 74 1/2. Close..... 75 1/2. OATS—Open..... 36 1/2. High..... 37 1/2. Low..... 36 1/2. Close..... 36 1/2.

Wichita Live Stock. HOGS..... 4 45 @ 4 60. CATTLE..... 4 40 @ 4 55.

Chicago Live Stock. BEEVES..... 4 45 @ 4 60. COWS AND HEIFERS..... 3 00 @ 3 50. STOCKERS & FEEDERS..... 2 40 @ 2 80. TEXAS FED BEEVES..... 3 40 @ 3 50. HOGS..... 4 30 @ 4 45.

THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF

Smallpox is under control at Cape Nome.

Augusta, Ga., has separate street cars for negroes.

The New England drouth is broken by copious rains.

Wine is transported in France in bulk in tank cars.

The melon crop about St. Joseph, Mich., is a failure.

Russia is negotiating another loan in the United States.

American coal is being shipped to Russia for railroad use.

Every steamship from Australia to San Francisco brings gold.

Grass Valley, Calif., lost two business blocks by a fire which started in a laundry.

The report of the massacre of missionaries at Pao Ting Fu has been confirmed.

It is said that rich gold mines have been discovered in Hawkins county, Tennessee.

Yellow fever exists in Tampa, Florida, and the state of Alabama has declared quarantine.

E. G. Rathbone finally secured bail in Havana; several Spanish merchants gave the necessary security.

President McKinley has accepted the grand army invitation to attend their annual encampment in Chicago.

The broom corn district of Illinois has lost its whole crop. The corn all lies on the ground as flat as if a roller had been hauled over it.

One of the boilers of the Spanish cruiser Infanta Isabella gave away, as the steamer was about to leave San Sebastian, scalding 21 soldiers.

Mexican troops at war with the Maya Indians in Yucatan were badly routed in a recent fight, losing heavily. There were 3,000 Mexicans against 6,000 Indians.

All of the missionaries sent out by the Presbyterian board, and about whose whereabouts there had been uncertainty, are now accounted for, although some are still in Peking.

Chief Joseph of the Nez Perces tribe, who wanted to be sent to their former home in Oregon has been told that their going there is impossible as their old country is now occupied by settlers.

The crack team of the Kansas City fire department has gone to Paris to show how Americans fight fire.

A number of Maine cotton mills are shutting down on account of loss of trade with China, resulting from the war.

E. L. Swazey is gone to parts unknown, leaving Kansas City banks and commission men with duplicated mortgages on herds of cattle which may and may not have an existence. There is said to be \$1,000,000 of his paper afloat.

Clear water in the Chicago river is lessening the city revenue from water, factory owners drawing their supply from the river.

The Chinese ministers in European capitals have united in cabling the Chinese government a demand that the legations be permitted free telegraphic communication with their government.

The increase in the total internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, over the receipts of the previous year were \$21,831,534.

Governor Beckham has decided to call an extra session of the Kentucky legislature to amend the Goebel election law.

A firm of American contractors is advertising for 4,000 laborers to begin work on the Central railroad in Cuba on November 1.

During a Nationalist meeting in Cork John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish party in parliament appealed for election funds. Hand bills were distributed discouraging recruiting in Ireland for the British army.

THE K. C. MEXICO & ORIENT.

Nine Millions Raised in Three Months—Work on 365 Miles.

THE SCHEME IS 22 YEARS OLD.

Kansas City, Aug. 5.—Five months ago President Arthur E. Stillwell of the Kansas City Mexico and Orient Railway company, began the promotion of that company in Mexico and three months ago the first work on the project was done outside of Mexico.

Since then nearly \$9,000,000, or 40 per cent of the approximate cost of building the railroad from Kansas City to Port Stillwell, has been secured and contracts have been awarded for the construction of 365 miles of roadbed, payment for which is, in the case of each contract, to be made in the securities of the company, so that the money subscribed will be available for other work.

The prospectus upon which Stillwell has been able to raise \$9,000,000 in three months, an average of \$100,000 a day for the new project, shows many interesting things not heretofore published.

General Ulysses S. Grant was president of the first company which projected the Mexican end of the route. That was twenty-two years ago, and after two years General Grant was succeeded by William Windom, later secretary of the treasury. Senator Windom and his friends retained their interests for 18 years, when, having been unable to secure concessions from the Mexican government, they gave up the effort and the project was later taken hold of by President Stillwell.

The original company was known as the Mexican Pacific, and later as the Chihuahua & Pacific, under which latter name it was operating 120 miles of road from Chihuahua to Minica when it passed into the hands of the Stillwell interests which merged it into the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient project.

In the vicinity of Port Stillwell large cocoa groves are being planted, and many such groves are already in bearing. Oranges, figs and all tropical fruits are grown there, and vegetables, melons and berries grow throughout the year, strawberries being on the market every day.

Jester Acquitted.

New London, Mo., Aug. 3.—Alexander Jester, (alias Hill), was acquitted by the jury who for four weeks have listened to the testimony in his trial for murder committed 50 years ago.

Jester was arrested in 1871, when he resided in Sedgwick county, Kas., but escaped from the Paris, Mo., jail shortly after his preliminary hearing. He was again arrested about two years ago in Oklahoma, where he resided, his sister having given his place of residence to the Missouri sheriff. He was taken to New London, Mo., in the county where the murder is alleged to have been committed. Detectives were employed by the murdered boy's brother, who is a Chicago millionaire, and every inch of the territory traversed by Jester and young Gates was gone over to procure evidence against the old man.

At the trial Jester was traced from Indiana to Sedgwick county.

Militia For Canadian Strikers.

Montreal, Aug. 2.—Two companies of the Eighty-fifth regiment, of Sherbrooke, have been ordered to Magog to prevent rioting among the mill hands who have been locked out because they asked higher wages. The strikers numbered about 1,000.

There Are Villains in Dallas Also.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 4.—There was an explosion under the tracks of the Dallas Consolidated Electric Street Railway company on south Harwood street as one of the cars passed. The car was damaged but not wrecked. The passengers were panic stricken and fled in all directions. The union motormen who have been on a strike for six weeks are accredited with the explosion.

General Chaffee.

Washington, Aug. 2.—General Chaffee arrives in China with two well defined intentions—first, to begin a forward movement, in accordance with the instructions of his government, at once; second, to act as if he were the only military commander in China, unless the other commanders fall in with his views. Should they do so, of course, General Chaffee will be only too glad of their help; but he goes to Tien Tsin as an independent commander, bent on following out his own policy, and not as one officer of the discordant "allied army."

Congressional Candidate Arrested.

Dayton, O., Aug. 6.—Charles Specht, the Socialist congressional nominee from the Twelfth district of Missouri, who was selected at the Socialist convention held in St. Louis, was arrested here on the charge of loitering. Specht is a representative of the International Union of Cigar-makers and has been in the city for several weeks past assisting the local men in an adjustment of the difficulties between the employers and the striking employees. He is 33 years old.

G. A. R. Reunions.

Topeka, Aug. 4.—Commander Martin of the Kansas G. A. R. announces the following soldier reunions: Dexter, Cedarvale, August 7-11; Corning, August 8-10; Cedarvale, August 14-16; Frankfort, August 14-17; Cherryvale, August 20-25; Jola, August 21-23; Baxter Springs, Inter-State, August 27 to September 1; Phillipsburg, August 29-31; Garnett, Sept. 5-7; Oakley, Sept. 12-15; Eureka, Sept. 11-14; Smith Center 17-21; Sedan, Sept. 19-22; Hutchinson, State, Sept. 24-29; Wichita, Oct. 2-5; Erie, Oct. 5-8.

Arrested For Perjury.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 4.—George F. Weaver, the witness who said he came from Colorado, and who asserted that he saw the gun barrel pointing from the office of the Secretary of State at the time Goebel was assassinated, is arrested on a warrant charging him with perjury. The warrant was sworn out by attorneys for the defense in the Powers case, who found out that Weaver was not only not in Frankfort the day of the assassination, but was never there till last week.

NO TERRITORIAL DIVISION

Of China Contemplated by the European Powers.

London, Aug. 4.—Mr. Broderick's statement in the house of commons placing Great Britain on record as unalterably opposed to the partition of China, is well received by all the morning papers, which for lack of other news, chiefly devote their comments to Dr. Morrison's remarkable remarkable message to the Times, cabled to the United States.

The cabinet, Mr. Broderick said, was completely unanimously against partition of China, which would be fraught with infinite danger, and the government had no reason to believe they were at variance with any of the European powers in that respect. Further, the government would do nothing to set up anything but a Chinese administration in China. The government had not in contemplation the idea of organizing the Chinese army under foreign officers. What form the indemnity should take must be left for future consideration. Mr. Broderick thought it was a time when the less said the better. Great changes might result from the recent calamitous events, but he hoped the European powers would discover some foundation upon which to build up a Chinese government which would insure civilizing rule to a population forming one-third of the human race.

Condition of Kansas Banks.

Washington, Aug. 6.—An abstract of the condition of the national banks of Kansas at the close of business on June 29, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve held at 38.34 per cent against 34.69 per cent on April 26. Loans and discounts decreased from \$24,556,712 to \$24,529,474; stocks and securities increased from \$539,817 to \$560,414; gold specie from \$1,161,176 to \$1,209,274; 407