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## Departed

On May 26th, Vernon Ward the nineteen months old son of Ira D. and Flora M. Smith died at their home, eighteen miles south of Syracuse, Kansas.

Mrs. Smith was living on the claim with the little boys, and Ira at his position in the offices of the Frisco Ry. at Neodesha, Kansas.

The children had just recovered from the measles. Little Vernon did not rally, and brain fever followed as a result of the attack of measles. The morning of the day of his death he seemed somewhat improved, but sank suddenly about sundown, and died as if sleeping, at dusk.

Neighbors were present, who did all that could be done. One going to Syracuse to wire the father and friends. The death message reached, by phone, the home of E. D. Smith, parents of Ira, at 2 A. M. the following morning. Mrs. Smith and Miss Lura departed for Syracuse on No. 1. The family were taken by friends, neighbors, with the corps, to Syracuse, where the Odd Fellows under the management of the Rebekah degree took charge of all arrangements for the funeral.

The thoughtfulness and kindness of these fraternal sisters and brothers covered every word and act possible for the afflicted family. Flowers of rare kinds and beauty were provided in profusion.

The funeral was from the residence of Brother Homes, and the interment in the Syracuse cemetery.

Joe Wood and family, of Liberal spent a part of last week with Mrs. L. E. Wood, in this city.

The Co-operative Elevator & Supply Co., will have their annual basket dinner and meeting at the Court House next Saturday. Members are urged to be present.

R. M. Painter went to Tyrone Oklahoma last Sunday, where on Monday he delivered a Memorial address to the Veterans of the Civil War. He returned Tuesday and reports a large attendance and a good program.

## Notice

To The Public:  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned doing business as partners under the firm name of "The Meade Motor Company" did on the 15th day of March 1915, sell and convey all their right, title, and interest in said business and partnership name unto H. E. Smiley,  
C. K. Sourbeer  
W. H. Sourbeer

## A Rainy Month

Topeka, June 1—With the single exception of 1903, when all Kansas was visited by heavy rains, the heaviest rainfall for May in the history of the state fell during the last month, according to figures compiled from the records of the sectional office of the weather bureau here. The average rainfall for the entire state was approximately 7.5 inches against a normal rainfall for May of about 4 inches. The rainfall of May 1903, the "year of the big flood," exceeded the last month by only an inch, the official report showing an average rainfall for the entire state of 8.57 inches.

"The excessive rains of the last half of the month soaked the ground more thoroughly than it has been for several years and stored moisture in the subsoil that has been badly needed since the drought of 1913."

A state house statistician, with a nose for figures, has decided that the rainfall in Kansas during the last month amounted to 10,588,088,698,889 gallons—the figures mean nothing—they are too big to be comprehensible, but then he brings it down to United States language and declares the water would have covered the whole of Dickinson county to a depth of sixty feet, or it would have filled practically full a tower a mile square and ten miles straight up in the air. On being told the amount of water that fell in Kansas in May, Chas Sessions, secretary to the Governor, insisted upon going into further figures and decided if it had been placed in ordinary tank cars it would have made a train long enough to reach nearly a quarter of the way to the sun, or would have belted the earth with tank cars about ninety times.

## District Court

Judge L. M. Day arrived on No. 1, from Greensburg and court convened at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday.

The first case called was the motion for a new trial, filed in the case of the State of Kansas vs. Geo. E. Allen. As we go to press (Thursday p. m.) the motion is being argued.

Mrs. E. D. Smith and daughter, Miss Lura, returned last Monday from Syracuse where they had been called on account of the death of Ira Smith's youngest child.

Frank S. Sullivan, the prominent Meade County Attorney, was elected Vice-Grand Chancellor of the K of P Lodge at Wichita last week. The News is glad to see Mr. Sullivan recognized. He is worth the while.—Liberal News.

## Numerous Grafters

In response to the information which has already gone broadcast of the prosperous condition of Meade county, will come the grafters of all descriptions, and they will be offering for sale everything from Bermuda grass seed to steel ranges that never wear out, at bargains, and after they are gone you will discover, and to your sorrow, that their ware would have been expensive at half the price you paid. It is also well to keep in mind that it is only your money or your note that these grafters are after, that they care nothing about the development of the country, pay no taxes, are of no help whatever to any community, and every dollar spent with them goes out of the county. Keep "an eye out" for these people, and it will be money in your pocket.

Mrs. Homer Hunter and four children are here from Topeka for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. M. Black, Mrs. Hunter's parents.

Frank Carlson and family left last week for Pittsburg Kansas, where they will spend the summer. Mr. Carlson taught in the Meade school last year, had charge of the Manual training and Agriculture, and gave excellent satisfaction. Mr. Carlson will teach Agriculture in the Dickinson County High School next year. The best wishes of The News and of the many friends of this family go with them to their new home.

## S. S. Convention

Meade County Sunday School Convention to be held in the Methodist Church at Meade, June 9-10.

### PROGRAM.

Wednesday afternoon.  
First Session.  
2:00 P. M. Devotional Service, Rev. Jones, Fowler.  
2:15 P. M. Symposium  
Laudwork in Primary Department, Mary Patton, Missler.  
Some Teen age work, Rev. Hunt, Meade.  
Value of Home Department, Mrs. A. L. Driver, Plains.  
Experience with Graded Lessons, Rev. Layburn, Fowler.  
2:45 P. M. Report of State Sunday School Convention, Rev. Herbert, Fowler.  
3:15 P. M. Reports of Officers and Department Workers.  
3:30 P. M. Lecture "Aches and Pains," F. G. Gates, Topeka, Kansas.  
Appointment of Committees.

Wednesday Evening.  
Second Session.  
8:00 P. M. Song Service.  
Missionary Demonstration, Mrs. Keefauver, Bucklin.  
Solo, Francis Backe.  
The Chicago Convention, F. E. Gates.  
Solo, Miss Bruce.

Thursday Morning.  
Third Session.  
9:30 A. M. Devotional Services, Rev. Agee, Plains.  
Morning Round Table, Conducted by State Worker.  
10:00 A. M. Reports of Committees.  
10:15 A. M. Address, "The New Teacher," F. E. Gates, Topeka.

## Harvest Delayed

The fact that the month of May was below normal both in temperature and sunshine, and conditions unimproved during the first three days of June, harvest is quite certain to be somewhat delayed in this county, and the same condition is true in a large number of other counties in Kansas. Reports from many localities state that harvest will not begin earlier than the 20th. From that date until the first week in July, under present conditions, seems to be a reasonable estimate for the time of beginning.

The big crop to be harvested in this state has caused many unemployed men in the east to drift westward, and as a result of weather conditions, they have arrived from two to three weeks ahead of harvest, and being with out money, many of them are compelled to beg until they can find employment. It is true of course, that among the number stopping in each community, are those who are not looking for work, but the larger percent are men whom lack of employment has forced to their present plight. If the worthy ones could be provided with sufficient employment to earn their board until harvest begins, and the unworthy ones invited to move on, it would be better for all concerned, and the problem of sufficient help to take care of the 1915 crop would be partially solved.

Court convened Wednesday.

## Presbyterian

All services as usual next Sunday, both morning and evening.  
J. M. McArthur.

## Baptist

We are very much impressed with a sense of our loss in the going of some of our good workers; part of them for the summer and others permanently. They have been a great help to us, and while we cannot expect to retain all of the choice spirits that come our way, still we shall miss them; they shall find places of usefulness elsewhere and we bid them "God Speed." Should not this condition serve to rally those of who remain to greater activity?

These places of responsibility must be filled and we are depending, largely on volunteers to take up the work, and we hope that several will consider this is an opportunity for doing a larger service for the Lord. We rejoice in the fact that part of these helpers have come forth.

Let us come up to the house of the Lord next Lord's day with the expectation of achieving large things for His cause.

A cordial invitation is extended to all especially to strangers in our midst to worship with us.

Claude J. Spiers, Pastor.

## Methodist

We wish to announce that on next Sunday we will devote the day to the interest of education. Rev. W. G. Baker, a former pastor will be with us and preach both morning and evening. We are expecting a full attendance on the part of the membership and friends of the church.

The Committee in charge of the Children's Day Service are at work and will have a good program for the day which will

## Memorial Day

Last Saturday was observed as Memorial day in Meade. The day was a delightful one and everything moved off in perfect order throughout the entire program. At nine o'clock a band concert was given in the band stand, and immediately afterwards the parade formed and headed by the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and the Firing squad went to the Cemetery, where the G. A. R. services were held and the G. A. R. monument covered with flowers in memory of the nation's unknown dead. After this service, the resting place of each departed comrade was strewn with flowers.

At 1:30 p. m. at the opera house a short program was given, concluded with an address by Capt. R. M. Painter.

When it is recalled that less than twenty Veterans were present at these services, we are silently reminded that ere many more Memorial days shall have come and gone the boys who wore the blue and those who wore the gray, alike, will have answered the last roll call.

T. C. Baxter returned last Saturday from Kansas City, and is somewhat improved in health.

be the second Sunday in June, the 13th. The service will be held in the open and will be the first of the open air meetings. We will then continue the evening services in the open.

We will have another special on the 20th by one of the Meade boys who will give his oration on temperance. This was a prize oration in a contest at Southwestern College a few weeks ago and we are sure that the people of Meade want to hear this. Don't forget the date and make your plans to be there.

Plans have been completed whereby the two communities in the north-west of Meade will worship in union, alternating from Sunday to Sunday in each community. This will give the people of that part of the country a service every Sunday. The first Union service will be at Missler on next Sunday. We are expecting a large crowd at this service. On the following Sunday Brother Spiers will hold a like service at Sunny Dell. We hope that by so doing to make it possible to realize the dream of this people, "A Community House." This movement is taking hold on the people in many Rural districts. We had the pleasure of building such a house in one community in Kansas three years ago and it is one of the most successful ways of meeting the demands of rural life.

You have a standing invitation to worship us.

S. M. H.

## Bryan on Armaments

"I challenge the doctrine now being taught that we must enter into a mad rivalry with the Old World in the building of battle-ships—the doctrine that the only way to preserve peace is to get ready for wars that ought never to come! It is a barbarous, brutal, unchristian doctrine—the doctrine of the darkness, not the doctrine of the dawn.

Nation after nation, when at the zenith of its power, has proclaimed itself invincible because its army could shake the earth with its tread and its ships could fill the seas, but these nations are dead, and we must build upon a different foundation if we would avoid their fate.

Carlyle in the closing chapters of his French Revolution says that thought is stronger than artillery parks and at last moulds the world like soft clay. Carlyle is right. Love is the greatest power in the world. The nations that are dead boasted that their flag was feared; let it be our boast that our flag is loved. The nations that are dead boasted that people bowed before their flag; let us not be content until our flag represents sentiments so high and holy that the oppressed of every land will turn their faces toward that flag and thank God that there is one flag that stands for self government and for the rights of man." —The Price of a Soul.

## Institute Notes

Our Institute is progressing nicely with an enrollment of 35. We have 30 in actual attendance. Great interest is being manifested in all classes.

Mr. Hamilton's class in general science is propounding many theories, which in his estimation, are well worth looking up.

Miss Bruce is placing much emphasis on "story telling." We did not know this was necessary when the class consisted mainly of High School students.

We have had no visitors yet, and but two book agents. We hope to have many more "visitors," not agents.

As yet the only damage done by the agents consists of the time spent by some of our best looking teachers in answering telephone calls and reading the somewhat lengthy epistles that have been mailed or otherwise delivered.

The class in English History we understand is puzzling even Mr. Hamilton since their new texts have arrived.

We hope that all readers who have been bored this week will not be more so, next week as there will be two experienced reporters by that time.

Anonymous.

One and one-half inches of rain so far this month.

## HAIL STORMS

near Meade, Kansas

Estimate of damage by HAIL to wheat south of Meade serious.

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At News Office

Meade, Kansas.

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