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Fowler And Our Chautauqua

The Fowler News, under date of November 18, contains the following:

"We think that it was generally understood between the people of Meade and Fowler that Fowler was to have the Chautauqua and Meade the County Fair, and each was to co-operate with the other in its events. In October the farmers, under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute, held what might be termed a fair, to which some of Meade's people took exception on the ground that we were trying to hold a fair in which to take the farmers' interest away from the County Fair.

The News wishes to state in behalf of the Farmers' Institute that it was not from a jealous standpoint that they held this fair but as a medium through which the farmers might get together in this vicinity to further their interests in good farming by ascertaining the kinds of seed most adaptable to this section of the country, etc. Then too gatherings of the farmers once a year are becoming popular, and are held in many places over the state. It is only a part of a progressive Farmers' Institute.

It is our impression that after we held the fair Meade got a Chautauqua to get even with us. However, if this was their motive it was probably due to a misunderstanding of our event.

Notwithstanding all this Meade has a perfect right to a Chautauqua but with a spirit of a progressive movement for their town rather than to get even with Fowler for holding that part of a Farmers' Institute work.

The News has always been a booster for the County fair and expects to continue boosting. A good County fair is one of the best advertisements there is for a county, and when the county is benefited, we are benefited.

The trend of the above article indicates that Fowler has a very wrong impression of the motive the Meade people had in securing a Chautauqua for Meade.

So far as we know, or have been able to learn upon recent investigation, no agreement giving Fowler the right to have a Chautauqua, and Meade the right to have a County fair, has ever been entered into by the Fowler people and the Meade people, generally. Such an agreement may have been made between some of the people of both Fowler and Meade, but is not a general agreement. The Meade County Fair, which our friend Mr. Perry refers to as belonging to Meade, belongs to the entire county, Fowler included, and is only held at Meade, because it is customary to hold the County Fair in the County seat.

Relative to the Farm Products and Colt Show, held at Fowler in October, and which is to be made an annual event, the above article contains the first information we have ever had that any of the Meade people took exception to it. Such a meeting of the farmers is held at Meade each year, though not under the name of Farm Products and Colt Show, as was the case at Fowler. So far as the people of Meade are concerned, Fowler has a right to all the chicken shows, colt shows, Farmers' Institutes, and Chautauquas they choose, that is a privilege they enjoy as American citizens—but

His Contribution to the Feast



The new corn rustles crisp brown praise to God,
The pumpkin ripens with the grace of gold,
The beanstalk bursts its pod in gratitude,
Potatoes lift their eyes from out the mold:
And I am thankful.

they must remember that Meade people are also entitled to the same privileges.

As for Meade "getting even" or even entertaining such an idea, our friend has a wrong impression. When it was decided to have a Chautauqua, the fact that Fowler had a Farm Products and Colt Show in October was not considered. A Chautauqua was desired, that our people might have the benefit of some first class entertainment during the summer. A large number of people in and around Meade find it inconvenient to attend Chautauqua at Fowler, for various reasons, but by having one here, they can attend without any inconvenience what ever. It was with the spirit of advancement, rather than a jealous or get even motive which prompted Meade to contract for a Chautauqua. The contract was made with the understanding that the dates be arranged so as not to conflict with those of the Fowler Chautauqua. The large number of Meade people who have always patronized the Fowler Chautauqua expect to continue to do so. It seems to us that the proper thing for both Fowler and Meade to do is to each boost for the other's Chautauqua. It will pay far better in the end.

The article says, "The News has always been a booster for the County fair and expects to continue boosting," and the same here, The Meade News has always boosted for the Fowler Chautauqua and has no intention of doing otherwise in the future.

See the new mountings at the Backe Photograph gallery. They are right up to the minute.

A Correction

In the article which appeared in last week's News, relative to Arthur McAlister forging a check, we stated, "by some peculiar working of the law it was learned that he was employed on a farm near Ashland." In this statement we were incorrect. We have been advised by The Plains State Bank that the law had nothing to do with locating and placing the forger under arrest, but that all the credit is due to Mr. R. M. Ellis, a representative of the Wm. J. Burns International Detective Agency, who came on the job at noon Friday and by forenoon Monday had the forger in jail and by Tuesday noon had a signed confession. The bank considers this excellent work, as the forged check was an unusually neat piece of work, and the bank had but little hope of ever bringing the guilty party to justice.

Married

Mr. Herbet K. Apple and Miss Mary VanHoesen, were married at the home of the bride's parents, east of Meade, on Wednesday evening, November 24th.

Both these young people are well and favorably known in Meade and have a host of friends who join The News in extending congratulations.

We are in receipt of a copy of the premium list of the third annual exhibition of the Tri-State Poultry and Pet Stock Association, to be held at Bucklin, Kansas, November 29 to December 4th, 1915. This event is now under the management of the Bucklin Commercial Club, and is expected to be the best yet held by the association.

Births

A seven and one half pound baby-boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conwill, of Pratt, on Sunday, November 21. Mrs. Conwill was formerly Miss Phyllis Furh, of this city.

Among Krisle will shortly begin the erection of a neat residence in the north east part of the city. C. H. Burford has the contract.

A pleasant surprise was given at the home of John Sweet last Saturday by Mesdames John and Harry Sweet, in honor of their husbands' birthday. The evening was spent with cards, after which a delicious lunch was served. About sixteen gentlemen friends of the boys were present.

Land and Loans

Do you want to sell your land?
Do you want to buy land?
Do you want a Loan on your farm?
Have you City property to sell?
Do you want to buy City property?

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Sweet's Preliminary is Held

Dodge City, Kansas, Nov. 23, Archie Sweet who was taken to Grant county last night to answer to the charge of murder, waived his preliminary before a justice of the peace and was brought back and lodged in the Ford county jail early this morning. Outside of the three Grant county officials nobody knew the trip was to be made until after the officers appeared at the jail last evening to ask for Sweet. He was taken as far as Garden City on Santa Fe train No. 5. There Sheriff W. B. Ladner had his car waiting, and with Deputy Sheriff H. A. McCall and County Attorney H. W. Stubbs, drove the prisoner to a spot outside the limits of New Ulysses, but inside the limits of Lincoln township, the only township in Grant county which boasts of a justice of the peace.

Justice S. A. Davis met the officers at the depot which is just over the line in Grant county. There, on the bare prairie, with the lights from the automobiles to illuminate the books and records, the justice hastily opened a session of court at about one o'clock this morning. Sweet listened unmoved to the reading of the charge against him of first degree murder in connection with the death of Nellie Byers, waived his preliminary hearing and re-entered the car to be driven back to Dodge.

Sweet still maintains his innocence of the charges against him. He didn't talk of the case or on any other subject except upon questioning by his guards.

When the officers first entered his cell to inform him that he was going back to Grant county, they had a hope the prospects of the ordeal might cause him to weaken. They hoped that if he knew more of the crime than he had already told, the fear of violence at the hands of Grant county neighbors and relatives of the murdered girl might shake his nerve. They were doomed to disappointment. In spite of their cross-questioning they could not wring an incriminating admission from the prisoner who has spent almost a month in the jail, all of the time in solitary confinement.

The body of Nellie Byers was exhumed the other day, and a committee of physicians looked for further evidence. The case becomes more of a mystery every day.—Liberal News.

STRAYED: One 8-months old, light bay mare colt, roached mane and patch of hair clipped from hips. Liberal reward.—David Thiessen, Phone 1809, Meade, Kansas. 47-1pd

Prisoners Captured

Three prisoners escaped from the Beayer county, Oklahoma, jail Friday night. Saturday night Sheriff Dobson received word from Sheriff Jones of Beayer to watch for the men, that he considered them dangerous inasmuch as they had some stolen guns. The local officials looked for the men all day.

Sheriff Jones and his deputies started for Liberal Saturday morning in search of the men and discovered them about half way, walking. They were carrying guns but had no ammunition. The prisoners who broke jail are, Earl Gray, who is accused of having stolen wheat and sold it, and is supposed to be a member of the party in which Frank Gray, who is now in the Seward county jail, accused of having stolen considerable of the neighbor's wheat near Gray, Oklahoma, and converted it into cash for his own benefit. The second man is Carl Kieth, whose history The News failed to learn and the third prisoner is Abe Hanson, about whom so much has been said in a number of the papers and the probabilities of his being a party to the murder of Nellie Byers. He is the man who carried the bruised face from Dalhart, Texas, to Liberal, thence to Meade, thence to Woodward and Enid, Oklahoma, and then was finally landed in the Beayer county jail some time ago, and several inquiries have since come as to his whereabouts. He is now held for having been charged with stealing an automobile.

All three men are now in the Beayer county jail, and they will be closely guarded.—Liberal News.

Mysterious Smith

We have secured an attraction we feel safe in recommending—an attraction that for the last eight years has been breaking the records, playing to capacity business. The Mysterious Smith Company is this season carrying a much larger company than ever before, with \$3,000 worth of stage equipment, and a beautiful velvet stage setting. There will be many new features seen with the attraction this year.

Never in this country has there been produced such big illusions and mysteries as Mysterious Smith will present this season.

Don't go to the theatre thinking you will see slight of hand, as that small work passed his hands many years ago and is now devoting his time to something new in the way of big illusions and mysteries.

Don't fail to see this show, as it is one of the greatest treats of the season, and comes to your city as one of the best recommended attractions on the road today. If you desire good seats, get your tickets early. One night only, Tuesday evening, December 7th, at Phelps theatre