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## "George" Is Trying To Come Back

When the voters of Kansas at the last general election retired Geo. A. Neeley, of Hutchinson, from public life it was sincerely hoped by those who knew him best in this congressional district, as well as many others in the state, that he would exercise at least good judgment enough to keep in the seclusion of private pursuits; but apparently he cherishes a desire to mingle again with the representatives of the people, and has picked the coming national convention as presenting the best opportunity for gaining recognition and honors at the hands of the Democratic party in Kansas. No demand has arisen for the services of this man at that great meeting; no call from the great body of Democratic voters; but he wants to be honored and does not hesitate to come unbidden and ask favors. The Hutchinson Gazette of January 7th, carried this paragraph on its last page:

"Former Congressman Geo. A. Neeley announced yesterday he is a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Democratic national convention to be held in St. Louis next June. Mr. Neeley is a warm supporter of President Wilson and feels he is qualified to be one of the Kansas representatives at the convention." The foregoing is not difficult of comprehension: Mr. Neeley simply wants the honor, and reasons that it should be his because he has found that it is the popular thing to be in accord with President Wilson.

If he were now a stranger to the Kansas voter as he was only a few years ago, his tactics might bring him better results than they probably will do under existing conditions, for he has with many of us already passed the experimental stage. For a while he was known as the big congressman, as the name fitted his physical dimensions and afforded an ever ready blanket description of a man of whom so little was known. The story of his career as a promised statesman can be briefly told: The democrats of the seventh district, with the aid of many others elected him to congress at a special election, giving him a short term in which little was expected, and of course he was returned by his party for a full term, which proved his last. No man of his time ever had a better opportunity to make good and rise among statesmen of the day. He had not only opportunity but also the endowment of ability had it been directed in proper channels. It was expected of him that he should make good, and the help and the influence of the highest statesman of his party were placed at his command.

There could be no excuse for his failure, but by what other term could we describe his pub-

lic career. He early was sought by the renegades of the party who found in him the man for whom they had been looking, a master in the art of duplicity and a lover of political intrigues.

Old and true friends were made early victims and new friends sprang from the scum of humanity to take their places. It was an enchanting game and from some evidences we might conclude it also was profitable. It lay in his power to pit friend against friend, faction against faction, and emerge a winner at the expense of all the other fellows. It worked fine in big affairs as well as small; and after he had forsaken his congressional district and the advice of true friends, it won him the senatorial nomination. Then the ballots of the people retired Mr. Neeley.

Now do the Democrats of Kansas want to send this character of man as one of their delegates to the great national convention, or is there not another Democrat in Kansas who is a supporter of President Wilson and who has had less to do with political intrigues than Mr. Neeley, and would it not also be better for the Democratic party if a sincere and honest statesman could be found for this honor, rather than an imitation, a disappointment, or a counterfeit. It has been quite truly said by one of our brother publishers, that probably no public official of any rank in this state ever brought to his friends, more heartaches, agony of soul and disappointment than has this man Neeley. We believe this is not overdrawn, for we know of no one who has victimized so many who were his friends. His new found friends and co-workers may give him strong support, but if the people of Kansas will study his case as it should be studied there need be no question of their verdict and no danger that the party may be imposed upon and have his dead weight to carry. Yesterday we heard a representative democrat express himself thus: "No man with a future to consider, a family to raise, or a soul to save can afford to help this man Neeley into place." Of course he may not be as well known over the state as he is in the seventh district, and especially in Stafford county, and may figure that through his public proposition to accept the honor of being a delegate at large from Kansas to the national convention, enough demand may be created among the unadvised to name him for the place. This would be a serious thing for Kansas democracy and should not be allowed to happen. No party can for long succeed if burdened with political crooks, and if they cannot be eliminated they should at least be kept to the rear.—The County Capital, St. John Kansas, January 13th.

Return date of the Grace Baird Stock Co. next Friday and Saturday, February 4th and 5th.

## Grace Baird Stock Co

Not within the memory of the Meade theatre goers has a superior of the Grace Baird Stock Company been in our city. A company with no "sticks" is a treat to any community and this certainly is one. It is unusually well balanced and each member does his or her part with ease and grace. The specialties between acts are snappy, up-to-the-minute and above the average. The members of the company are pleasing to meet and have made many friends among our people. Their engagement was opened here Monday night with, "Made in America", Tuesday evening they presented "In the Heart of Maryland" and their closing bill was "A Fatal Coin." Each production brought a packed house, and if any one went away dissatisfied they have not yet made the fact known.

This Company will play a return engagement here on Friday and Saturday, night February 4th and 5th, notice of which appears in to-day's News.

## Resolutions of Respect

Whereas the messenger who cometh sooner or later for us all has called our Brother, Theodore C. Baxter into the eternal presence of God,

And whereas we as a Chapter feel deeply our loss, let us herein acknowledge the sacred ties now severed, the memories tenderly cherished, and our sympathy for loved ones bereaved, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That Webb Chapter O. E. S. extend to our Sister Lydia Baxter, and other friends our sincere sympathy.

May the infinite, ever present love of the Heavenly Father and the tender compassion of Him whose "Star we have seen in the east" both comfort and heal your hearts.

Committee } Wm. Backe  
                  } Anna Fee  
                  } Pearl Wood Smith

## A. O. U. W. Install

The A. O. U. W. installed the following officers at their regular meeting last Monday evening: Master Workman F. C. Judd Foreman R. M. Painter Overseer E. A. Kobs Guide Bro. Bois Recorder H. W. Finkle Financier John Wehrle Outside Watchman

Michael Sullivan Inside Watchman Roy VanGiesen

Mr. Sherman Sinex, of Wichita has been a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. W. S. Gibbons, and family for the past week.

## P. E. O.

Chapter "A" Meade, Kansas will have a Valentine Sale at McGuire's store Feb., 10-14 inc. the proceeds to go to our educational fund, amount at last report being \$35,000, the purpose of which is to help worthy girls who are without means to receive a higher education in order that they may become self supporting.

## For Sale--Automobile

A Buick, Model 35, in first class running order and paint good. Call or address, C. H. Burford, Meade, Kansas.

## The Business Mens'

### Matinee Saturday

Saturday afternoon Feb. 5th a Business Mens' Matinee will be given at Phelps theatre. No admission will be charged. Get as many tickets as you need at any business house in the city, write your name and address on the back of the ticket and present it at the door. The Grace Baird Stock Co. has been engaged and a good show is assured. Don't forget the one requirement—to write your name and address on the back of your ticket—and come to the show.

Special meetings are being held at the Sunny Dell school house, northwest of Meade. Rev. C. J. Spires, of the Baptist Church, assisted by J. E. Reiness is conducting the meetings. Special music each evening. An invitation is extended to the public to attend.

### Married

Mr. Chas Vandevort and Miss Avis Fall, both of Plains, were married Wednesday by Judge Marrs.

Mr. Percy Miller, of Campo, Colorado, and Miss Edna Louthan of Kismet, Kansas were married last Thursday by Probate Judge Marrs, at his office.

Mr. David H. Mitchell, of Quiln, Oklahoma, and Miss Clara Brannan, of this city, were united in marriage Wednesday, at the M. E. Parsonage, Rev. S. M. Hunt officiating. Miss Brannan is well and favorably known to our people. Mr. Mitchell has been here but a few days but has the appearance of being in every way worthy of his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will reside in Meade for the present.

The News extends congratulations to all these newly married people.

## They're Coming Back, Who?

By special request of several prominent show goers Manager H. B. Phelps of the Meade Opera House, has booked the popular Grace Baird Stock company, to play a return date next Friday and Saturday, February 4th and 5th, with two new plays. This company played a three days engagement at the Phelps Opera House the first of this week, and the universal verdict was "The best show ever in Meade." This company is evenly balanced and every member does his or her part to perfection, usually with a stock company there are two or three "good" ones, the others merely "fill in" but with the Grace Baird Company every actor is a star in their respective lines. One of the features with this show is, no waits between acts, the time being filled in with high class vaudeville specialties, and excellent music. This company has made many friends during their short stay here, and will probably be greeted with large crowds next Friday and Saturday nights. Reservations for seats can be made at Marshall's Dry Goods store. The play for Friday night Feb., 4th will be "The Burglar and the Lady" a royalty play in four acts, with new specialties.

## Southwest Automobile Race

February first at 8:30 a. m. car No. 1, will leave Liberal, on the start for the best and most rapid automobile road race ever staged over the smooth, level prairie country of Southwest Kansas. The route will be from Liberal, North to the Cimarron River, thence east passing just north of Plains, through Fowler, and turn north at Minneola, thence to Dodge City, then over the New Santa Fe trail, through Cimarron to Garden City, thence directly south through Santa Fe, to Liberal. The course is about 225 miles, will be a continuous run start to finish, and judging from the time made over this course in the race of December, 1915, when more than seventy miles was made, at times, and an average of over forty for the entire run, it is confidently expected that a terrific pace will be required to win this race, and all the former racers will compete in this some of them with better cars, and all with more experience, each determined to do his utmost to annex the best prizes he can secure. The total of prizes will approximate \$500.00 or more, and will be divided 60 per cent, 30 per cent and 10 per cent.

This is essentially a dealer's race, although others will enter. Stock cars of six cylinders or less, stripped if desired, and run just as fast as the driver cares to. Each car will bear a number, and the number and time of leaving Liberal will be phoned to the principal towns along the route, each car will be checked with its number, and time of passing, at Minneola, Dodge City and Garden City, and the information phoned to Liberal, where it will be shown on the bulletin board. When cars arrive at Liberal, the checking stations will be advised giving the time each car has needed in the race.

The following have entered or notified their intention to do so.

Farmer Corrigan	Liberal	Buick Six
Donley Bros.	Forgan, Ok.	Oakland Four
H. B. Edison	Liberal	Buick Six
John Eden	Liberal	Jackson Four
Billy Orr	Liberal	Buick Four
Durr Bros.	Hutchinson	Chevrolet Four
Joe Trindle	Liberal	Ford Goat

The interest in the race is increasing, and large crowds will visit Liberal, and the towns along the route to witness the race. Mr. M. W. Bailey, the moving picture man of Hutchinson will be in Liberal, and make pictures of the start and finish of the race, the crowds, the strings of freight coming to Liberal, and other objects of interest. A film of much interest will be made and displayed at various picture houses along the route, of the race, after which it will be exhibited in the east.

Mr. O. M. Clouse, formerly of Hutchinson has worked faithfully in promoting this race. He will be official starter, and every time his "Forty-five" cracks, a racer will dash under the wire, and disappear at a sixty mile clip. The staging of this race has been carefully worked out, and will be worth while in interest to all comers. People along the route in the country will find cards posted at various places advising the probable time of passing.

Liberal has declared a holiday, and everybody will be welcome. You are invited, and the show is free.

A pilot car will go over the route to arrange for time limits through the towns, and everything done to help the racers break a record. The competition will be fierce, and a good race is well assured.

## Meade High School Rated

Emporia, Kansas, January 14—Meade county ranks 75 among the 105 counties of Kansas in high school standing. In a series of tests, carried out last year by Professor W. H. Carothers of the Kansas Normal at Emporia, and published in the last number of the Normal magazine, "Teaching" Meade county was found to rank 65 in percentage of school population in high school; it ranked 77 in persistence of high school attendance; in preparation of teachers it was 102; in salaries of teachers 28; in salaries of supervisors 29; in library facilities 77; in breadth of curriculum 58. These seven tests summed up give Meade county a final ranking of 75.

Captain Painter of this city has received a commission as Aide-de-Camp, member of the staff of the Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. There are but nine such commissions in the United States. The honor came unsolicited.

Sheriff Krisle and family have moved into the John Sweet residence.

John Conrad, of Hutchinson, was in Meade a few days the first of this week.

Mrs. Mary Coon is spending this week at the home of her son Harry, and family, southeast of Meade.

Rev. J. M. McArthur left the first of the week for a short stay with relatives at Cimarron.

Homer Graves and wife, of LaJunta, Colorado, are in Meade for a short stay.

Will Schmoker and family, of Nye, Oklanoma, were in the city last Saturday.

Mr. John Dickinson and sister Miss Mary, of Mt. Victory Ohio, were guests at the Curl home a part of last week.

The Meade girls vs. the Liberal girls basket ball game at the school auditorium last Friday evening resulted in a score of 30 to 5 in favor of Liberal.

Mrs. Geo. Greek and little daughter, are at the home of Mrs. Creech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vangiesen. They will return to their home in Liberal the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harper left the first of the week for an extended stay in the west. While absent they will visit in Los Angeles, San Diego, Portland and other points of interest.

There is an interesting little article on the care and feeding of dairy cows in our agricultural columns of to-day's News. It matters not whether you have a herd or only one milker, you will be repaid with good information for the time spent in perusing this matter.

## Births

To Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lockhart, of Howard, Kansas, January 22, a girl. Mrs. Lockhart was formerly Miss Sue Painter.