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COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

Presiding Judge Hagood Kept at Home By Illness.

CIRCUIT JURY DRAWN

Most of the Business of the Court Concerned New Roads--Offices to be Redecorated.

The county court met Monday with Judges Klingenberg and Thomas present. Presiding Judge Hagood was kept at home by illness.

Superintendent J. W. Mitchell was ordered to purchase clover seed for the poor farm.

The school loan of James Johns, dated January 1, 1904, was ordered satisfied, since it was paid off. The school loan of Robt. H. Esrey, dated Feb. 23, 1850, was ordered released.

The new road petitioned for by D. G. Johns et al was ordered surveyed by John Walker, county surveyor, and a deed from Louis Weber for a strip of land to be used for the road filed.

Mr. Walker was ordered to survey also the new road petitioned for by C. Alumbaugh et al and a strip of land bought from Mr. Galbreath for a change of road southwest of Waverly.

The Dover and Lexington road and road north of same were transferred from District 23 to District 23.

The damages awarded by a jury some time ago, in the Hy Bauman road case, were ordered paid.

The court ordered Tuesday that F. W. Reeker be given \$25 damages and remove the fence out of the way of the new road recently petitioned for by William Holtcamp et al.

Reports and proof of notice were received in the matter of W. T. Shamel et al, drainage ditch, and fees incident thereto ordered paid.

The court Wednesday made an arrangement with Saline county whereby the boundary roads in Sections 1, 12 and 13 will be divided up. Lafayette will maintain the one in Township 30, Range 24 and Saline the one in Township 48, Range 24. Hereafter both counties have maintained the roads without system.

Ike P. Noyes was appointed abstractor in back tax cases, vice J. O. Lesueur, resigned.

The offices of the county clerk and probate judge were ordered redecorated.

The court drew the following jurors for the April term of Circuit court: Clay Township: J. E. Bryant, J. E. Hannah, John Strodtman.

Davis: Wm. Hickman, J. W. Corbin, John Ostermeyer.

Dover: John G. Rabsall, Hy Rolf, W. J. Littlejohn.

Freedom: John F. Bruns, Wm. Borgeman, Dan Thleman.

Lexington: Geo. Logan, C. P. Young, Jas. Hillock.

Sal-a-bar: Joseph Harris, John Barnett, Thomas Williamson.

Middleton: August Dierker, Hy Bock, J. H. Leach.

The court adjourned for this term.

High School For Higginsville.

At a special election in Higginsville Tuesday the proposition for the erection of a \$25,000 high school building carried by a majority of 183. A separate high school building is something that Higginsville has needed for a long time and its citizens are to be congratulated on the putting through of the measure.

There were many knockers, as is ever the case when there is the consideration of anything that will tend to raise taxes, but the new structure will be a credit to Higginsville and in time everybody there will be proud of it.

F. L. Carter spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

John Worthington was in Higginsville Wednesday.

Chas. Lyons was in Kansas City Wednesday on legal business.

Mrs. Clarence Vivion spent Wednesday in Higginsville.

Mrs. Nannie C. Steele and sister, Mrs. Howard Wilson, spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

Gustav Haerle went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

An Exciting Runaway.

A fear-stricken team of horses hitched to a big, noisy farm wagon, caused considerable excitement in the downtown districts Wednesday afternoon about 4:30 when they dashed pell-mell through the main streets, which were at that time thronged with people. The team, which belonged to W. E. Titus, of near Winton, was hitched on the 11th street side of Barron's store when they became frightened at some girls on roller skates rounding the corner suddenly. The team which was born and reared in the rural districts and was not accustomed to see children flying through the air as if on wings, immediately began its mad stampede, taking in Main street from 11th to 13th, across 13th to South, where they were stopped by the curbing. While turning the corner at 13th and Main, the big wagon hit the rear wheel of a light buggy driven by Miss Laura Smith. The wheel rolled in all directions at once and nothing was left of it when it landed. The young lady was badly scared but uninjured. Some crockery in the wagon was jolted and broken but that was all the loss Mr. Titus suffered. The runaways were brought back to town and safely anchored again.

Entertained by Mrs. Farmer.

Mrs. Leroy Farmer entertained on Tuesday with a beautifully appointed luncheon for Miss Norma Steele and her bridal party.

The polished table was set with Cluney lace doilies with a center piece of bride's roses tied with white tulle. At each place was a small cut glass candlestick with burning candles.

The place cards were two Cupids holding between them a heart, Miss Steele's card being a beautiful bride.

A delicious luncheon of five courses was served, during which toasts were given and good wishes extended to Miss Norma, also many regrets were expressed that Lexington was losing one of her fairest daughters.

The guests were: Misses Norma and Nadine Steele, Lillian Moorehead, Nannie China, Carrie Field, Arline Burden, Jo Hinesley, Frances Bowman, Mrs. Ben Gratz and Mrs. Matthew Wilson.

Mollenkamp Open.

E. W. Mollenkamp has opened his implement store and, although most of his stock is yet to come, is selling goods. He will have a complete line of agricultural implements and vehicles. He will also buy and sell all kinds of field seeds. The store will be managed by his son, E. J. Mollenkamp, who, with his wife, will move in a few days into the house next door to the residence of Judge Joseph G. Chinn on Main street.

Old Landmark Gone.

The old log house, which for many years was occupied by the family of Judge Wm. Young on East South str., and which was regarded as one of the oldest houses in the county, is no more. The property was purchased several days ago by Mr. Keller, of the Lexington Press Brick company, and the work of constructing a new two-story brick dwelling will be commenced at once. The change will greatly beautify Lexington.

Mrs. B. C. Drummond spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

M. Ladeson spent Wednesday in Kansas City on business.

Peri Long went to Kansas City Wednesday to look for work.

Mrs. H. C. Ardinger returned from Kansas City Tuesday evening.

Miss Della Bates went to Odessa Wednesday for a short visit.

G. P. Hammer and Frank Robinson visited in Kansas City Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Hofer went to Higginsville Wednesday for brief visit.

Miss Annie Rostagno left Wednesday for a trip to Concordia and Higginsville.

Miss Elliott Todhunter returned Tuesday evening from a brief visit in Kansas City.

Jackson Bradley left Tuesday evening for a business trip to Amarilla, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams returned Tuesday evening from a visit with relatives in Napoleon.

Mrs. Louisa Mehl accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. K. R. Hammer, Misses Minnie and Gussie Mehl, went to Concordia Thursday evening called by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs. Herman Helt.

MAYVIEW NOTES.

Miss Alma Kincheloe spent last Sunday with friends in Higginsville.

Thos. Brock while trimming a tree last Wednesday fell and lit on his left foot and wrenched the tendons in such a manner as to cause him great pain. Dr. Nickell attended him. It will be some time before he can use the foot.

William Monroe came in last week to rest up with his home folks. His right eye was afflicted with a boil which has been lanced. He has been going one eye on the objects around him. He will soon be all O. K.

James F. Smith took in the Gipsy Smith meetings in Kansas City this week. He says he is a wonderful man.

T. D. Williamson transacted business in Kansas City last Thursday.

T. M. Chinn could not resist the temptation of hearing Gipsy Smith. So he went, he heard, and was pleased. He could not see why he could not get a seat on the platform, as he looked somewhat clerical.

S. M. Green went to Marshall, so said, last Saturday as the weather for Sunday was predicted to be mild and balmy. He remained over. Nothing like having dreamy weather. So pleasant for driving when one has a companion that suits his tastes--especially an affinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Serat returned from Kansas City last Wednesday.

Jerry Proctor, one of the pioneers of our town, has concluded to move to Kansas City. He with his family will go this week. We will miss them but hope they will be satisfied with their new home and may realize all they expect by the move.

M. Bruckner of Higginsville was here last Monday on business.

Miss Lydia Belle Butt spent a few days in Kansas City last week visiting relatives and took in the Gipsy Smith meeting.

Chub McCaully of Odessa was here last Monday.

Chas. Wilson came in last Monday for a short lay off.

Joe Herr spent last Saturday and Sunday in Kansas City. He saw the big crowd at the Convention hall. He says "Smith is a wonderful man."

Pack Beamer, J. S. Vickers and James Sanders attended the Finley sale in Higginsville last Monday.

T. B. Benning and wife went to Kansas City last Saturday for a few days' stay.

Mrs. Wm. P. Keith went to Lexington last Monday to visit her son, C. A. Keith.

It seems to us if our preachers would talk Christ with as much zeal as some are talking Gipsy Smith, their work would be lasting. Especially when we realize that He is the great and loving mediator that stands between man and God.

Buck Mitchell, commonly known as Buckshot, has bought the Wekking property, paying \$750 for it, and will move to town. We welcome him and hope he will soon learn town ways and be one of us. It does not take long to learn to sit well on a nail keg.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Norfeet in Kansas City March 1st, and left a boy. So it is Grandpa Williamson now.

Tree trimming is the order of the day with our town people now. Trees neatly trimmed add much to the looks of one's home.

Mrs. Tapmeyer visited several days this week with friends in Kansas City.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. Will Jennings last Wednesday evening. They had a pleasant meeting. Refreshments were served.

On last Sunday the Christian church set apart Chas. L. Simpson as an Elder and Joe Simpson as Deacon of the congregation. They made splendid selections.

Paul Proctor of Kansas City was here last Sunday with homefolks.

Ike P. Noyes of Higginsville has made arrangements to move his abstract business to Lexington and will bring his family up here in a few days. His business has kept him in Lexington a great deal of the time, so that he is well acquainted here. He will be welcomed as a citizen of this city by many friends.

President G. M. Gibson of Central college, went to Kansas City Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Presidents of Women's Colleges of the state.

CORDER ITEMS.

Milton Hetter was in Alma Monday.

Rev. Bowman was in Alma Monday.

Clarence Bell went to Warrensburg last Thursday to visit his sister, Miss Jessie, who is there in the Normal.

Clarence Bell and Willie Webb left the first of the week for a trip to Nebraska.

Mrs. K. P. Kramer was a passenger to Higginsville Friday evening.

Mrs. Wm. Kidd is on the sick list this week but is improving.

Denver Neimeler, Walter Schultz and Everett Morgan were in Higginsville Sunday evening and returned on the pig.

Miss Edith Sebastiana of Higginsville spent Saturday and Sunday with the family of Fred Morgan.

Mrs. Hugh Hackley and sister attended the play last Friday night and also visited with the family of Mrs. Bettie Hackley.

Miss Edna Corder spent Sunday in Corder.

B. E. Hetter transacted business in Lexington Monday and Tuesday.

Joe Bassett spent Saturday and Sunday in Sweet Springs.

Mrs. R. L. Bishop was shopping in Higginsville Monday.

Mrs. K. P. Kramer and little daughter went to Kansas City Sunday for a week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. Everett Bassett was shopping in Higginsville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hank and family of Higginsville spent Sunday with Corder friends.

Richard Knight and Willie Riley left Sunday for Parsons, Kansas.

Miss Etta See was shopping in Higginsville one day this week.

Miss Edna Earnestmyer left Monday evening for Kansas City where she will visit.

Ira Hackett of north C. town took the train Wednesday morning for Springfield, Mo., where he will visit.

Miss Laura Heisler received a message announcing the death of her cousin at Odessa Monday. She took the evening for that place where she attended the funeral.

Miss Bertha Bishop was substitute in school Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Miller was shopping in Higginsville one day this week.

Master Charles Hugg was the guest of Corder friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry See spent Monday near Dover as the guests of their cousin.

Rev. Dingham of Sweet Springs delivered two able sermons at the Methodist church here last Sunday.

John Lee, Fred Lyod and John Kelley were in Alma Saturday.

E. S. Willis' sale Tuesday was a success. A large crowd was present and the proceeds of the sale amounted to be about \$2,800. At noon a lunch consisting of bread, bologna and coffee and soup was served and everyone enjoyed the meal. The sale began at 11 o'clock and lasted until 4 o'clock. Wm. Wilson was the auctioneer. Mr. Willis and family moved to Corder Wednesday, where they will make their future home.

Fritz Honoman moved on the farm left by E. S. Willis Wednesday.

Mrs. Anna Bell Corder and family, who have been living in Kansas City for the past year, arrived here last Tuesday evening. Their goods will follow in a few days and they will again take up their place of residence among us. We are glad to welcome old friends into this community.

Miss Myrtle Alt is visiting in Independence this week.

The play given last Friday night by home talent was just fine. All seats were sold and the curtain rose at 8:15. The play consisted of three acts and the crowd was more than pleased. About \$10 was cleared and donated to the new seats.

Mrs. H. O. Harper of Kansas City arrived Tuesday evening for a visit with the family of T. C. Sawyer.

Thomas Hare, Sr., returned to his home in Independence Tuesday evening after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. E. E. Forster returned to Lexington Junction Wednesday after a visit of several days with her son, J. F. Forster, in this city.

Hix Brothers opened for business in their new location Thursday.

Mrs. Oscar Thomas and Miss Della Crowder visited in Kansas City Thursday.

Notice to Farmer Subscribers of the Lafayette Telephone Company.

Commencing with the date hereof all farmer subscribers to Lafayette Telephone Company on lines terminating at Lexington or Higginsville shall have free connection with Lexington, the County Seat.

All farmer subscribers to said company on lines terminating at Lexington shall have free connection through Higginsville with all farmer subscribers to said company on lines terminating at Higginsville including connection with the Higginsville Exchange, and all farmer subscribers to said company on lines terminating at Higginsville shall have free connection through Lexington with all farmer subscribers to said company on lines terminating at Lexington including the Lexington Exchange of 700 subscribers.

The above applies to all farmer subscribers to Lafayette Telephone Company on lines terminating at Lexington or Higginsville including such of said subscribers as live beyond Higginsville and Lexington or between the two cities providing they are subscribers to Lafayette Telephone Company and are on party lines terminating at either of said cities.

The maintenance of our lines is expensive and the above concession is made at great sacrifice to the company for which reason the time limit for such conversations will be five minutes at any one conversation.

The above does not apply to subscribers in either of said cities, but they will be expected to pay the usual and regular charges heretofore made. The city subscribers have access to the telephone the entire 24 hours of the day, and their use of the telephone is constant, but the farmer is away from his telephone a great part of the day, seldom uses it and is on party lines for which reason we feel that concession such as the above should be made to him.

Calls from city subscribers will not be reversed to avoid usual toll rates nor will farmers be permitted to use above privilege for city subscribers to avoid the city subscriber's toll. We do not believe that any of our subscribers would so use the privilege but refer to the matter to define the limitation.

We have also been induced to make the above concession that farmer subscribers connected with the Higginsville and Lexington Exchanges as neighbors, may converse with one another and that our farmer subscribers in all parts of the county connected with party lines terminating at one or the other of said cities may have the opportunity to call up the county seat without extra charge therefor.

We believe the above will prove to be a great convenience to our farmer subscribers and hope it will be appreciated.

We have two full metallic circuits between Lexington and Higginsville and feel that this service can be comfortably taken care of if properly managed and with reasonable limitations and in order to do so have limited the time for all conversations at any one time to five minutes, the excess to be charged for at the usual and regular rates.

Very respectfully,
Lafayette Telephone Co.

March 4th, 1909, by E. D. Graham, manager.

The Lexington Historical Society is indebted to Mrs. Richard Field for two catalogues of Masonic College for the years ending 1851 and 1856. The society now has catalogues for years ending 1851, '52, '55, '56 and '58. Catalogues for the years ending 1849, '50, '53, '54, '57 and '59 are still lacking. It is probable that no catalogue was printed at the end of the school year 1859 as this was the last year of the college. In acknowledging its gratitude to Mrs. Field for this courtesy, an appeal is made to the public for the remaining catalogues necessary to complete the file.

Corder Steele went to Kansas City Thursday for a short stay.

Misses Jean Meng and Cora Long returned from Kansas City Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Oscar Andreen returned Wednesday evening from a few days' visit in Higginsville.

Mrs. Joseph McDermott went to Kansas City Wednesday evening, called by the serious illness of her son, Virgil McDermott.

H. B. Henry returned Wednesday evening from Olathe, where he was called by the death of his grandfather, William Henry.

LAST DAY OF CITY CONTEST

Will Miss Graves or Miss Goodloe Get the Handsome Piano?

CLOSE AT 6 P. M.

Interest is Now at High White Heat--Outcome Depends Upon Today's Work--Balloting is Secret.

Promptly at six o'clock this evening the ballot boxes will be closed and the winner of the piano offered to the Lexington girl turning in the most subscriptions to the INTELLIGENCER will be determined. Miss Grace Honor Goodloe and Miss Elizabeth Graves have worked diligently, conscientiously and unceasingly. Whichever proves the winner will be deserving a handsome prize. Both have been helped a great deal by their friends and these friends will all be interested in knowing who is the fortunate one this evening.

There are now two ballot boxes--one in the office of the INTELLIGENCER and one in the Lexington Savings bank. Votes may be deposited in either of them and by means of envelopes and blanks, which may be obtained at this office or from either of the young ladies, it will be possible to cast votes without informing anyone as to their number.

Those who intend to help out either of the young ladies had better attend to it early today and not forget about it until after supper, when it will be too late.

IN THE COUNTY.

The county girls have been enabled to do better work during the past week on account of the improved weather. Early in the week Miss Blanche Barlett of Wellington jumped into the lead again; but Miss Martin of Higginsville turned in enough yesterday to get back into first position. From every indication this race promises to be exceedingly close. The date of its closing will probably be announced next week.

Sill and Slusher.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an advertisement of Sill & Slusher, who since July, 1907, have been in the horse and mule business. The need of a good horse and mule barn, such as has been established by these gentlemen is shown by the growth of the business which has increased from \$17,000 the last half of 1907, to \$70,000 in 1908.

Last week Mr. Probst purchased a load of mules and shipped them to Texas. Last Monday the firm sold 17 head to the retail trade. They bring to Lexington men from all parts of Ray and Lafayette counties and when men come to Lexington and see the magnificent stores, the paved streets, concrete walks, public schools, female colleges and the academy they are sure to come again and when they come they bring business to town and help the city.

Messrs. Sill and Slusher hope soon to secure more room, that they may be thereby enabled to handle their increasing business.

Mrs. J. R. Davis, daughter, Julia, and Mrs. Ed Davis, returned Tuesday evening from Baldwin, Kan., where they went to attend the wedding of Mrs. Davis' son, W. R., of Scotts Bluff, Neb., to Miss Pearl Lewis of Baldwin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Graham Wednesday evening a boy. Mrs. Graham was formerly Miss Hattie Waddell and is the daughter of W. H. Waddell. Mr. Graham put on his Sunday clothes Thursday and blacked his shoes. The boy has red hair and the father has a right to be proud.

J. F. Forster was in Kansas City Thursday.

D. P. Groves spent Thursday in Higginsville.

Frank Stewart returned from Sedalia Thursday morning.

Capt. Ryland Tolhunter was in Sedalia Thursday on business.

Miss Mayme Johnson spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Poole visited in Kansas City today.

Frank Hofer went to Higginsville Thursday for a short stay.