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February in Local History.

- 1873—Jas. Baldwin stabbed and killed at a dance near Bigelow, by Wm. McKee and Jno. Craig; they made their escape.
- 1875—Wm. Bannister died from gun shot wound; accident.
- 1875—Jno. Redmon murdered at Craig; George Williams and John Shaw charged with the killing were acquitted.
- 1877—Henry Guyer, Forbes township, killed by premature discharge of his gun; he blew into the muzzle.
- 1877—Will R. Hershberger badly shocked by lightning; teaching the Marion school at the time.
- 1878—Occurred the explosion of the Mound City mills; J. H. Colwell, E. Ackley, Jas. Dawson, J. McWilliams and Wm. Anderson were killed.
- 1880—Bank of Mound City opened for business; Hugh Montgomery, cashier.
- 1880—Track laying on Nodaway Valley railroad began at Bigelow.
- 1883—Holt Lodge, I. O. O. F. at Mound City, revived its charter.
- 1885—Emil Weber bought the Orville Graves interest in the Forest City store.
- 1888—Gladstone hotel at Mound City opened for business; A. B. Case, of Albany, Mo., landlord.
- 1888—Engineers on the K. C., St. Joe. & C. B. road abandoned their engines; no trains.
- 1894—Forest City postoffice was robbed of \$125 in stamps and 12 cents in cash.
- 1900—M. W. A. organized at Forest City; W. H. Alkire, first V. C.
- 1901—Mound City Encampment, I. O. O. F. organized; W. O. Yous, C. P.
- 1901—Victor Beal, of Oregon, was killed by accidental discharge of his gun.
- 1905—It went to 23 degrees below zero.
- 1907—Isaac E. Small, of Falls City, Neb., killed by the cars at Forest City.
- 1907—Lena Kennedy, of Corning, was burned to death; age 4; playing with matches.

Nourishing bread, delicious cakes and palatable pastry are to be made of alfalfa. Meal made from this forage plant is to become first-class food for human beings. Miss Ruth Ingham, of the Kansas Agricultural College, department of domestic science, has made a number of experiments with alfalfa meal in food stuffs and drinks, which she considers very successful, although she has not finished her work.

It is the current report that several cases of small pox have appeared in and about Fairfax.

What They Left Behind.

During the late term of our probate court the wills of Wm. Hsley, Andrew Greiner and Jacob Lovell were filed for probate.

Andrew Greiner whose death occurred February 14th at the age of 89, executed his will June 15, 1908, and was witnessed by C. D. Zook, D. B. Kunkel and A. VanBuskirk. It names Albert Roecker, as executor. He gives to his wife the home farm of 120 acres, together with household effects and \$300. To his daughters Caroline Meyer, Emma Lambert and Bettie Watson, each \$200. The residue of the estate he gives to his six children, in equal parts.

William Hsley, who died February 5th at the age of 74 years, made his will May 21, 1909, and was witnessed by Wm. S. Thomson and Jeremia S. Williams, and names his son-in-law, Charles G. Bostwick, as the executor. He provides that the income from his real and personal property shall go to his wife. At her death the residue to be divided; to son John use and benefit of farm in Atchison county; and at his death, to be divided equally between his children Mrs. Elizabeth Bostwick, Anna Dunnhoo, Mary Bostwick and Wm. Hsley; to his grand children Alice and Belvie Hsley, each \$25; to his grand son Fred Hsley \$100.

Jacob Lovell died January 10th, aged 66 years. He executed his will December 23, 1909, in the presence of Jose G. Wilson and J. A. Radley, naming his wife as executor. He leaves his 27 acres of land and lots 4, 5, 8, 9 in block 33 Mound City to his wife, and at her death, it is to go to his grand children, Mary and Jas. H. Combs.

Give Them To the Counties.

Our state still has within her borders 12,600 acres of public lands. The proper disposal of the tracts, in the estimation of Representative Elvins, of the 13th district, in whose district are 2140 acres of these unappropriated lands, is to donate them to the counties in which they are situated, the proceeds from the sale to be devoted to school and road building. All of these lands are south of the Missouri river and practically all are in the Ozark country.

It is cheaper, in his estimation and in the minds of others of the committee to grant these small areas of public lands to the states in which they lie than to maintain public offices on the pay roll, when the business of the office does not justify the expenditure for salaries and expenses. There has been but one local land office in Missouri for some years, that being located at Springfield.

Lawrence O. Weakly's name has been sent to the senate for confirmation as postmaster of St. Joseph, vice A. W. Brewster, resigned. We regard the appointment as a most excellent one.

PROBATE COURT MATTERS.

Judge Porter Disposes of Much Business, and Many Estates Wound Up.

Judge Porter managed to keep his clerk busy last week, making minutes of the February term of the Probate Court, and to look over the minutes it is evident that the Judge himself didn't have spare time enough to even play one game of chess. There were several estates disposed of for good by final settlements, and a very large volume of other business was disposed.

J. R. Nauman filed his final settlement as guardian of Jennie Deggenger Yount and Mabel Deggenger Feline; a copy was ordered served on these wards. Mr. Nauman also filed his settlement as guardian of Joseph and Charles Deggenger, showing a balance of \$943.01 as due Joseph, and \$1063.20 as due Charles; he was ordered to appropriate \$47.50 for board for Joseph.

There being no balance due the J. W. Haighter, Sr., estate as per final settlement filed, John W. Haighter, Jr., was discharged as administrator.

Robert Kneale in charge of the Mary Dreher estate, showed a balance of \$2140 in his hands, as per his second annual settlement.

P. L. Trapp made his final settlement as guardian of Demas Wyman, showing a balance of \$2041.05, and he was discharged on filing final receipts.

D. G. Gelvin was appointed guardian of Frances V. Gelvin.

Frank Huiatt was appointed guardian of Myrtle and Floyd Huiatt.

The sale of certain real estate belonging to the D. D. Perkins estate was confirmed.

Settlements in the Matilda Baum estate was discontinued, there being no property.

Maggie Morton, as curator of Ernest and Hazel Miller, was authorized to turn back \$20 to the credit of her wards.

The 10th annual settlement as filed showed a balance of \$1896.43 due the minor, Fred E. Burger.

On the filing of the 15th annual settlement, \$116.75 was found to be due Samuel Hoover, and \$80.69 due Berta Hoover, both minors.

George Penny in charge of the Charles Wylie estate, filed his final settlement; no balance was found to be due, and the administrator was discharged.

Joseph Ferguson, executor of the Joseph Groves estate, was granted authority to redeem certain real estate.

Helen McFarland, as guardian of the McFarland heirs, made her third settlement, showing a balance of \$2890.63; \$390.65 was appropriated for wards' support.

The final settlement in the Sarah Wickham estate was filed, and a balance of \$70.10 was found to be due the administrator, Ebenezer Wickham.

O. W. Adams made final settlement in the Amanda Adams estate, showing a balance of \$4.96 due the heirs, which was ordered distributed.

The estate of Jesse Noland was ordered into the hands of M. D. Walker, as public administrator.

Mrs. Emma C. Criswell filed deed of election to take a child's part, and a distribution of \$500 each was ordered for Emma C., George S., Ed. D., David W., Charles R., and Edward M. Criswell, and Nellie Bissett.

Frank Harman in charge of the Lewis Morrow estate, made his final settlement, showing a balance of \$1022, which was ordered distributed, \$811 each to Alethia and Samuel Morrow.

W. H. Richards, in charge of the H. B. Young estate, on final settlement, showed a balance of \$281.28, which was ordered distributed to Martha J. Young, under stipulations.

Charles Herman filed his final settlement in the Jacob Herman estate, showing a balance of \$240, which was ordered distributed to Floyd and Myrtle Huiatt, equally.

Peter Raiser and John Taylor were appointed to appraise real estate purchased for Clara Lusk, by her guardian, W. S. Hodgins.

On final settlement in the Wm. Butler estate, by W. H. Richards, as administrator, no balance was shown, and he was discharged.

J. W. Stroud in charge of the Nora Butrick estate, filed his 9th annual settlement; balance due, \$393.98.

Elizabeth Hoffmann, executrix of the Charles Hoffmann estate, made her final settlement; balance, \$1738.40; ordered distributed to Mrs. Hoffmann as per stipulations.

H. T. Alkire filed his second annual settlement in the Lawson Sipes estate, showing a balance of \$375. A

distribution of \$30 each was ordered to Charles, Richard, W. L., John R., and Edward Sipes, Mrs. Emma Raiser and Mrs. Bush.

M. D. Walker in charge of the Julia Hyer estate, showed a balance of \$24.56. In the Lester Painter estate a balance of \$1136.16 was shown. In the Martha Gillis estate, a balance of \$417.39 was shown. He was granted an order to sell the John Brodbeck 30 acres in 29, 60, 37.

M. B. Thomas as guardian of Jephtha D. Claybrook, a minor, filed his first settlement, showing a balance of \$86.17.

Levi Thompson in charge of the Wilson & Cartwright partnership estate, filed his final settlement, which showed a balance of \$24.66, which was ordered distributed, Mr. Cartwright being dead the distribution to the credit of the heirs was taken charge of by Levi Thompson, guardian of the heirs. Mr. Thompson filed his final settlement as administrator of the W. S. Cartwright estate, showing a balance of \$34.89, which was ordered distributed. As guardian of Melvina Cartwright, a minor, he filed his second annual settlement, which showed a balance of \$3898.01.

Ralph Meyer as curator of Catherine and Frances Terry, was granted an order to sell his wards' interest in the n e 1/4 sw 1/4 and the se ne sw 1/4 and sw nw se in 29, 60, 38.

Citations were ordered to interested parties in the estate of Mary J. Rock, to have administration.

The first annual settlement of Mattison B. Thomas estate, a minor, showed a balance of \$52.64.

Geo. W. Glick filed his final settlement in the Geo. W. Thomas estate, showing a balance of \$655.06.

Inventory of the minors, Hugh L., and Alice M. Pearson, estate, showed a balance of \$46.91, which was ordered turned over to the father, Benj. Pearson, by their guardian, G. W. Glick.

Wm. S. Terry becoming of age on January 10th, his guardian, Ralph Meyer, was ordered to turn over balance in his hands of \$211.82, and the guardian was discharged.

The court allowed the following demands in favor of:

Wm. W. Frazer against the Wash Hutton estate for \$25.91.

W. F. Vance against the Robert Kennish estate for \$19.45.

Opera House Drug Company against the Jacob Dawson estate for \$18.45; Joseph Hatfield against the same estate for \$2359.92.

Mrs. J. A. Payne for \$214.90 against the G. W. Murphy estate; in favor of Edwin A. Welty against the same estate for \$1290.50; N. P. Moore against the same estate for \$15.47.

Citizens' Bank against the John S. Intermill estate for \$605.55.

In favor of Belle Hahn against the Catharine Hahn estate for \$331.13.

The estate of Mary J. Rock was ordered into the hands of Public Administrator, M. D. Walker.

An order of distribution was made in the W. H. Sterrett estate, \$4000 each to Mrs. Cora Burgess and W. H. C. Sterrett.

Bond of Chas. G. Bostwick, executor of the Wm. Hsley estate, was fixed at \$5000.

The third annual settlement in the Jas. Kneale estate, showed a balance of \$4,487.98. The sum of \$825 was ordered distributed.

The first annual settlement in the Fannie Hilsenbeck estate, showed a balance of \$6,632.09 in the hands of Albert Roecker, the executor.

A balance of \$30.05 was shown to be on hand belonging to the Oren & Glenn partnership estate.

The first annual settlement in the Jacob Oren estate, showed a balance of \$1,864.22.

M. D. Walker, in charge of the estate of Wesley Blevins, a minor, made final settlement; balance, \$461.32; the same was ordered turned over to his ward, and guardian discharged.

Final settlement of Henry and Essie Derr, showed a balance of \$152.70.

The first annual settlement of Roy Anselment, by guardian, Chas. Anselment, showed a balance of \$825.

The court approved the purchase of certain property in Forbes for Carrie Lusk, by her guardian, W. S. Hodgins.

The following demands were allowed against the John Intermill estate: In favor of Zook & Roecker for \$553.61; Dr. Walter Keese, \$83.60; M. Anderson, \$100; G. L. Cummins, \$510.25; Bert Intermill, \$109.31.

Ruley & Kunkel against the N. F. Murray estate, \$45.84.

Harvey Kunkel and family, who have been residing in the New Liberty district, have moved to the Curtis Whitmer place near this city.

HOG PRICES MAKE RECORD.

Sensational Advance in Swine Values Floats the Top to the Highest Pinnacle in Forty Years.

The chief sensation in live stock circles the past week was the spectacular advance in hogs. Prices moved up to the highest level since the Civil war. The top reached \$9.40 in Chicago, which is the highest price paid in that market's history, being 5 cents higher than the limit made in 1882. This boost in prices proves that the demand for pork is unusually strong in the East and that buyers are being put to the test to get enough hogs to supply the current demand. Packers have given up all hope of depressing the market and are now sullenly following the lead made by outside buyers. It is confidently believed that the \$10 hog will be in circulation by the middle of March, and if the shortage of swine asserts itself as strongly as generally anticipated by general traders, there is no telling how high hog values will soar before a crop is produced.

In the cattle market this week there was a good, healthy uplift all along the line. Prices the past week showed a gain of 10 to 20 cents over the values current the week previous.

That this condition should occur in the face of liberal and increased receipts is strong evidence that the demand is more than normal and that this end of the market is trying to keep pace with the progress made in other departments. As a matter of fact, cattle are selling relatively lower than either hogs or sheep, and beef products on the open market are but little higher than they were a year ago at this time. On that account it is the consensus of opinion that a boost in cattle prices is due and later developments will show not only a better demand for beef, but a distinct shortage in the supply. Not nearly as many cattle have been taken out for feeding purposes during the past three months as during the same period a year ago, which it seems to us indicates that the country lacks confidence in the future and farmers are not inclined to invest in something that has an uncertain outcome. This will naturally spell shortage later on, but at the present time there seems a sufficient number of light and medium cattle to supply the necessary demand for beef. Strictly prime, well finished steers are scarce and are likely to be as long as corn is high and the country is in a conservative mood. The highest price paid at Chicago for cattle last week was \$7.90, though there were a goodly number sold at \$7.25 to \$7.50; but the bulk ranged from \$5.40 to \$7.00, which was about 25c above the level of a year ago.

Thus it appears that the whole live stock situation has a bullish tone and that the tendency of values will be sharply upward before a supply can be produced large enough to have any material effect in checking the upward flight of prices. While consumers are justified in making a serious protest against high values it begins to look evident that they will have to pay still higher prices before the pendulum starts to swing the other way. Many things have caused discouragement of live stock in the last few years and that is the principal reason the supply is short of the normal at the present time. It is logical however, that these high values prevailing now will stimulate a greater production later on, but it will take at least a year or two to get enough material to have any serious effect on prices.

Investments in Real Estate.

Real estate investments are nearly always good, especially in a country devoted to agriculture, where the yield of all farm crops is ever abundant.

During financial troubles, such as was experienced in 1907, stocks and securities are usually the first to shrink in value. At such times the desirability of holding real estate, either farm property or town property, in prosperous communities, becomes apparent. The returns may not be as large as in some lines, but they are more steady and can be depended upon at just such times that the money is needed most.

The banker's scare of 1907 has not hurt the price of land in this section of our state, or the surrounding sections of neighboring states.

Farming lands in our opinion will never be lower in this part of the state than they are now. In fact, the value has been rising steadily and continues to go up. It has only been

within the last decade that the real worth of a chunk of Platte Purchase fertility has been realized. As a result, prices have gone from \$50 and \$60 an acre to \$100 and \$125 and even higher prices are not uncommon. In few sections of the country are the farm improvements more substantial. Fine country homes have taken the place of the log huts of 30 and 40 years ago; equipped with light, heat, water and bath, the equal of the modern city homes. The live stock is housed in great barns of modern construction and farms are fenced with the best material obtainable. Modern farm machinery is used; the farmers have the telephone and rural mail delivery, and the automobile; better roads are being constructed. It is safe to say that fully \$929,000 of the \$1,690,265 of the deposits in the banks of Holt county in November last, belonged to the Holt county farmers, and what will apply to the farmers of Holt will doubtless apply to the farmers in the Platte purchase.

Progress is noted all along the line and it will continue. This section of the country, the Eden of the American continent was not built by boomers. Its growth has not been as that of the mushroom, but rather like the sturdy forest trees which are still found in large numbers—slow but sure, with the knowledge that it will continue to grow on account of a soil which is practically inexhaustible in its richness, where crops are rotated in a scientific manner, and where the raising of fine live stock of all kinds has become a leading industry.

In our issue of February 11th, will be found our annual review of the real estate transactions in Holt county for the year 1909, and when one stops to give thought to the figures contained in these deals, averaging nearly \$5,000 for each of the 446 transfers, he cannot but feel that Holt county dirt is going some.

Among the conspicuous sales during the past few weeks were:

Clota and Rebecca Beeler to Jno. C. Hickman, 160 acres in 33-61, 38 for \$10,000.

Ed. Burge to Mary E. Alkire, 150 acres in 62, 39 at \$12,481.

C. W. Proud to Jno. Markt, 80 acres in 62, 38 at \$10,000.

Cora Burgess and W. H. C. Sterrett to Charles Markt, 160 acres in 60, 38 for \$10,500.

C. D. Butterfield to A. R. Gregory, 360 acres in 61, 39 for \$30,000.

Jno. Pew to Roy Meyer, 103 acres, for \$10,300.

I. F. Tyson 120 acres to W. G. Andes, and 40 acres to Godfrey Marti for \$16,000.

Wm. Sipes to Jno. F. Meade, 90 acres in 59, 37 for \$13,704.

Wm. Bragg to Elias Bender, 126 1/2 acres in 61, 37 for \$15,000.

Mary A. Mavity heirs to Jas. S. Mavity, 240 acres in 63, 40 for \$12,000.

H. G. Nauman to I. F. Tyson, 244 acres in 62, 38, \$24,400.

Isaac F. Tyson to H. G. Nauman, 400 acres in 62, 39, \$44,400.

P. L. Lower to D. Lower, Jr., 80 acres in 63, 38, \$8,000.

Made a Good Profit.

Charley Meyer was all smiles Friday last when he met the reporter of this paper, he told us that he had just received information of the sale by his agent, of 1,040 acres of land in the Judith Basin, Montana section, at \$27.50 per acre, which netted him a profit of \$5,200, over and above commissions. Mr. Meyer still has 7,000 acres out there, and with the coming of April, he and family expects to go out there and spend the summer, to look after his large interests. He says his large holdings are near Standford. We see from the Mound City News that W. Dunbar, John Walker, J. W. Caton, Geo. Noll, J. S. Parker, I. F. Tyson, John, Joseph and Henry Fries, all left for that country last week; they go we understand with the view of investing.

Word was received last week of the death of Hiram D. Coberly at his home in Tacoma, Wash., of consumption. Mr. Coberly was widely known in this locality. He lived here many years and was highly esteemed by all. He is survived by his widow and his sons, Carleton Coberly, of Portland, Ore., and Vernon Coberly, of Tacoma, and one brother, J. R. Coberly, of Anacortes. Mr. Coberly had been a resident of Tacoma nine years. He was a member of Burton lodge No. 207, I. O. O. F. The funeral was held from the C. L. Hoska chapel, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.—Maitland Herald, Feb. 17.

Miss Fannie Meyer last week, sold the residence property known as the Albert Seeman residence, to Harry Hassness, consideration \$2,300. She also sold the west Hornecker lot to Ben Hayes, for \$225.