

LOCAL NEWS EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK AS DEPICTED BY PARSONS



Local minister plays a tack-hammer on Billiard and gets few results. Senate spreads eagle feathers, good will and presents to presiding officers. Legislative investigating committee decides Doc. Crumline is not so bad. Topeka gets her regular biennial joint anent the paving claim. Legislators retire to their homes leaving a few of the faithful to conduct funeral services over 35th session. The Beers murder case becomes matter of unfinished legal business.

WORK WILL START

The Commercial Club Has Many New Plans.

One Committee After Interurban Railway Lines.

ANOTHER WANTS UNION DEPOT

Factory Aid Plan Will Be in Operation.

List of Topeka Factories Is Being Prepared.

When the 1913 committees of the Commercial club are announced in the March issue of the Commercial Club Bulletin there will be two new committees in the list. They will be the union depot and the interurban railway committees.

According to the secretary of the club, J. Will Kelley, an effort will be made in the direction of procuring for Topeka interurban lines connecting with outlying districts. The union depot project will also be taken up by the committee which will be appointed for the purpose.

This is the first intimation of an organized move on the part of the Commercial club towards an interurban system. The committee will go thoroughly into the proposition.

Mr. Kelley stated that now that the attention of the business men is not turned towards legislative proceedings the efforts of the Commercial club will be directed towards undertakings that have been mapped out by the organization.

For Factory Aid Plan.

Steps will be taken by the promotion committee for putting the factory air plan into actual operation. An effort will be made to increase materially the fund which is now about \$125,000.

Not long since a branch of the Roswell manufacturing plant, with headquarters in New Mexico, was opened in a portion of the building formerly owned by the Smith Automobile company. A dozen men are employed manufacturing and perfecting orchard heaters or smudge pots. It is the hope of the promotion committee to keep this concern here permanently, and if possible to bring the main factory to Topeka.

Numerous inquiries have been received by Secretary Kelley since the factory aid plan was first agitated by concerns that might be induced to locate in Topeka. If the club lands several factories in the course of the next year they will consider that they have been doing well.

The March issue of the Commercial Club Bulletin will contain a list of manufacturing concerns doing business in Topeka. This list will be run for several months until it is complete. Secretary Kelley requests the management of all firms not included in the list published in this month's issue of the official publication of the club to let him know of the omission.

Will Issue Booklet.

It is also desired to publish a list of all available buildings which could be used for factory purposes, and sites that could be utilized for the erection of factory buildings.

At a later date all this information will be published in booklet form for the benefit of firms contemplating coming to Topeka.

There is at present time a firm that desires a location about 75x25 feet in

size, preferably on the west side of Kansas avenue.

Secretary Kelley requests the members of the Commercial club who have any preference as to what committees serve on, to let him know of the fact. Here is a list of the committees which will be appointed: Membership, civic improvement, promotion, street lighting, conventions roads and bridges, agriculture, parks and playgrounds, transportation, trade extension, state and national legislation, municipal legislation, schools and education, publicity, street railway and telephone, union depot, and interurban railway.

Building Permits.

Weather conditions have not been conducive to great activity in building and realty circles in the last week. As soon as the weather becomes more steady, however, all will be life.

Following is a list of building permits issued this week:

J. W. Thompson, remodel and addition to building, 180 Emmett street, \$2,000

E. A. Warring, one and one-half story dwelling, 75 West Thirteenth street, 2,500

G. W. Wiegels, one story store building, 1131 Kansas avenue, 1,500

Miscellaneous items, 500

Total, \$6,500

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The Vignette club will meet Tuesday with Mrs. John Chaney. Miss Lane, of the State university, will conduct the lesson which will be a study of the last chapter of the "Return of the Druses," and the first chapter of "The Blot on the Scutcheon."

At a meeting of the Good Government club Thursday, the officers who served last year were re-elected for another term. They are: Mrs. Lee Monroe, president; Mrs. Emma Sells Marshall, first vice president; Mrs. J. D. McFarland, second vice president; Mrs. E. E. Roubush, secretary; Miss Gertrude Barnes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lucia O. Cass, auditor, and Mrs. Fred Farnsworth, treasurer.

Most of the candidates for the city election spoke before the club, and about 200 members of the club attended the meeting.

The Thursday Study club met Thursday with Mrs. H. S. Putney at her home, 414 Clay street. Mrs. Putney, who was elected president for next year, was obliged to resign on account of ill health, and Mrs. G. Lawrence was chosen to fill the vacancy. Papers were read at the meeting by Mrs. S. L. Nelson and Mrs. W. S. Amos.

A council meeting of the General Federation of Women's clubs will be held in Washington, D. C., April 21, 22, 23 and 24. Added interest is lent to the occasion because it is the twenty-third anniversary of the formal launching of the general federation. These council meetings have grown to be of immense importance to more than a million women. The council is held in the years between the biennial conventions, and is advisory but non-legislative. It canvasses the affairs of the federation in an intimate confab that is productive of excellent suggestions and plans. It is composed of the board of directors, presidents of state federations, presidents of individual clubs in direct membership with the general federation, chairmen of departments of work, and of general federation state secretaries.

The April meeting takes on special interest on account of being held in the national capital. Today when women are especially alive to public questions and their relation thereto, Washington is alluring as the theater of discussion of matters of public concern. Mrs. P. V. Pennyacker, the president of the federation, will be in attendance. One of the new standards which she has set for the general federation is a closer interrelation of local, state and national bodies, and one

of the ways she is securing it is by a letter written regularly to cover questions of special interest to club women. This letter appears in the general federation magazine.

A brilliant general program will be given, and there will be a trip to Mt. Vernon, a day in Baltimore, and other attractive features of entertainment.

Upon a call issued by the presidents of sixteen state suffrage associations, the suffragists of the Mississippi valley states attended a conference in Chicago in May, and the conference decided to hold another session in 1913. The committee on arrangements announces that the conference will be held in the Buckingham hotel in St. Louis, March 2, 3 and 4. The general topic of the conference will be "Campaign Methods." The St. Louis suffragists will furnish entertainment of lodging and breakfasts for those who wish it. Those who desire such entertainment should send their names to Mrs. Willard Bartlett, 4257 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis. The states represented in the conference will be: Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Louisiana, South Dakota and Missouri.

A delegation of Kansas women, including a number of Topeka people, will go to St. Louis for the conference.

The W. T. K. club will meet Tuesday, March 18, with Mrs. W. E. Scotton, 611 Clay street.

Some Topeka women who were in Washington at the time of the inauguration and who saw the suffrage marchers when they arrived in the city, report that the condition of the suffragists has been much misrepresented; that their shoes were not worn to tatters, and that they did not have the appearance of fanatical frumps at all, as many of the reports would lead one to believe. Miss Rosalie Jones, the leader, is young and handsome and wealthy. She is socially prominent in her city and is much admired in many ways. Last summer Mrs. Jonathan Thomas, of Topeka, spent the season at a summer resort in the east, and became well acquainted with Miss Jones, who was living at the same place. Miss Jones was at that time much interested in suffrage and the campaign in Kansas in particular which was as yet undecided.

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"And you'll go home to your mother!"

"I will."

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"Certainly."

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"And that's all. After three or four years you can marry someone who'll run your house to suit your ideas."

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MRS. BOWSER TELLS IT.

The Evening Began Wrong, but Turned Out Happily.

I knew that I was in for it.

If Mr. Bowser came home feeling good-natured there might be only a few "humphs" of disgust, but if things at the office had gone wrong then he would break loose.

I had three hours in which to make up my mind, and when he arrived I had decided what to do.



"I WONDER WHAT HER MOTHER-IN-LAW WILL SAY ABOUT IT?"

You see, the other afternoon a messenger boy brought our cook a telegram to the effect that her sister, living ten miles away, was very ill and wanted to see her at once. She was ready to leave in half an hour, and I took half of the work and had a good dinner awaiting Mr. Bowser when he reached home. He entered the house in a pleasant mood, but no sooner had I broken the news to him about the cook than he said:

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some good points about her, but it will have to be—have to be."

He grumbled away below his breath while he was taking down the roller towel to use as a dish towel, and then I heard him say:

"Wonder what the mother-in-law will say about it? I know, however. She'll give me an awful roast. Shouldn't wonder if she'd come right down here and do her song and dance act and make it bad for me. She's got a way about her to make a fellow's hair stand up. Mebbe I was a little hasty—mebbe if Mrs. Bowser hadn't walked off and left me to wash these dishes—"

I had to go up to the sitting room to avoid discovery, and 20 minutes later he found me there.

Neither of us spoke.

Both sat down and stared in vacancy.

A woman can beat a man at a waiting game, and after a quarter of an hour I tired Mr. Bowser out. He began to shuffle his feet and twiddle his thumbs and at length got up and went into the library. I listened at the keyhole and as he walked to and fro I heard him say:

"She sits there like a bump on a log and says nothing. If she expects me to speak first, she'll get badly left."

He was quiet for a moment, during which he kicked the dictionary across the floor and banged a chair about, and then he resumed:

"Mrs. Bowser has got her trunk packed and will want to go in the morning, and I don't know what in thunder I'm going to do. I can't get a housekeeper in here, and I'll be hanged if I go to a hotel or boarding house. What did she want to fire up the way she did for? She knows my little ways and she always put up with them all this time, but the minute I began to talk she said she'd been packing her trunk to go home. Never was so astonished in my life. Of course, I had to tell her to trot along. By gun! By gun!"

I heard him approaching the door and I got back into the sitting room. He came in after a moment, trying hard to look careless, and after pacing up and down he took a chair and remarked that it was snowing outdoors.

I replied that it was possible.

He said that we'd had very little snow thus far this winter.

I replied that I hadn't been interested.

He then took the cat on his lap and asked if I thought her eyesight was falling.

He then skipped from cat to mother-in-law and hoped she was well.

She is well, thank you.

Then Mr. Bowser began to shuffle and twiddle again, and in another minute he rose up and returned to the library. I took up my former position just in time to hear him say:

"The old girl's got her back up for fair this time. She ought to see that I'm doing my best to make up with her, but she won't have it. Wonder if she expects me to get down on my knees to her. I won't do it if I die for it, but I'll put me in a hole just the same. What in the old Harry is going to become of me if she goes?"

Then he got mad and kicked that poor old lady back again, and back and forth the other way, and it was two minutes before he went on:

"Bowser, you are an old crank! Put your cats, but why do you jump on anybody with both feet the way you do? You come home and find that the cook has been called away by sickness—legitimate sickness—and you immediately begin to blow and bluster and walk around on Mrs. Bowser. Yes, you are an old crank, and you've got yourself into a nice fix

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A large cartoon illustration depicting a domestic scene. A woman is in the kitchen, and a man is sitting at a table. The man is looking at a cat on the table. The woman is looking at the man. The man is saying 'I WONDER WHAT HER MOTHER-IN-LAW WILL SAY ABOUT IT?'. The woman is saying 'I HEARD HIM SAY: "/>