

# THE HAYS FREE PRESS

## Six inches of Rain in 3 weeks! Not so bad for a dry state after all, is it?

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### Printer's Devil Saves the Day.

Tuesday evening's Topeka State Journal hands a nice little bunch of posies to Hoisington on their reception of J. L. Bristow last Monday. A State Journal reporter went clear to Hoisington to get the speech and when he arrived he found that the residents lived so far "in the backwoods" that they hadn't even heard of Bristow's coming. This seemed rather queer to the reporter, as Mr. Bristow is a man of considerable prominence politically throughout the United States having served as fourth assistant postmaster general and commissioner of Panama, as well as being a very promising candidate for the United States Senate.

On finding his meeting had not been advertised Mr. Bristow was much incensed, but, being a newspaper man himself, he at once looked up Hoisington's only print shop to get some dodgers struck. The reporter writes it up in this graphic style:

"When they went up to the sole printing office of the town, they found that the 'boss' had gone over to 'the Bend,' which is the county seat, to get a marriage license. A ten-year old devil was in charge of the office. 'Can you set up a job?' asked Mr. Bristow.

"I never did," replied the boy, "but I think I can. I'll try."  
"Good," said Bristow, as he wrote out half a dozen lines of "copy" for the dodger. The boy did nobly. In fact, it might be said he saved the day. Had the boy erred his form, or failed in his manly efforts to lock it up in the chase, or not known what to do when the paper stuck to the type and rolled off into the ink rollers, Mr. Bristow might have been unable to speak after all. The boy printed 250 handbills without wrecking the office."

### County Assessor Makes Report.

The county assessor has now summarized his work in his report to the tax commission at Topeka and we get the following figures which are official:

Total amount of Real Estate, exclusive of town lots	\$7,689,375.
Total amount of town lots	1,071,720.
Personal Property	2,930,989.
Total	\$11,692,114.

This amount represents a little over five and one-half times last years assessment. The county assessor has had the best opportunity to study taxation at close range and came to the conclusion that the new tax law is a make-shift, having but a few redeeming features. While aware of the fact, that "something had to be done," he is convinced that there will be no uniformity of taxation until the law is so amended that a county assessor will be empowered to fix values all over the county instead of leaving this work to from five to twenty deputies, every one of whom although strictly honest, may have his own standard of fixing values. If left in full charge the county assessor could proceed to do his work on business principles rather than work along political lines or allow any friendly considerations to interfere with this most important work. The county assessor should be put under a heavy bond for the faithful performance of his duty.

Before buying your fireworks for July 4 see our stock and get our prices.  
J. H. SPRATT. 31-tf

If you want some good horses or cattle attend the Ed. L. Wood sale next Tuesday.

### A New One.

An Irishman was walking along the street, when a man fell at his feet. It turned out to be his friend, Pat O'Hennessey. "What's the trouble, Pat?" the Irishman inquired. "I was up in the sixth story, playing poker with five fellows," Pat replied "and when I won their money, they threw me out. You keep count and see that I get all of them." Pat hurried away, and his friend waited. Presently a man fell at the watcher's feet. "One," said the watcher "Don't count that," replied Pat; "that's me again."—Downs Times.

### Verdict Against Palmer.

The first of the week the Court and jury were busy trying the case of George Palmer against the U. P. Ry. Co. for damages for four horses killed on the track. On motion of the attorney for the railroad company the case was taken from the hands of the jury and the judge gave verdict for the defendant, the railroad company, against Mr. Palmer.

### Saline Valley Mineral Leases.

This week the district court ordered cancelled the mineral leases given by farmers King, Hopper, Russell, Thurston and Gunther on their farms ten years ago to Stegner & Chapman. These leases were given these men under a promise to prospect for minerals and if not found then the leases would be cancelled. Instead the leases were recorded and as they run ninety-nine years became a perpetual lien on the farms and clouded the title. About twenty-five more farms along the Saline valley have their titles still clouded by these mineral leases.

### Court Proceedings at Hays.

In the whiskey case against Alois Staab he was found guilty on two counts for selling liquor and was fined \$200 and costs and given three months in jail on one case and six months on the other and given a \$500 peace bond to stop selling liquor for two years.

In the Saline river mineral lease cases in our court, the court cancelled the leases sued on, as having been obtained under fraudulent pretenses.

Court adjourned on Thursday till next Monday.

### Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends, neighbors and citizens, generally who were so tireless in their efforts to assist us in the sickness and death of our beloved father, George Bannister, with loving words of comfort, kindly spoken and also for the many beautiful flowers, we return our heartfelt thanks. It is by actions like these on occasions of grief and sorrow that we realize that all the world is akin. THE FAMILY. 31-1t

**HARKNESS' for Fireworks.** 31-4t  
Miss Dottie Graham returned to her home near Russell Friday morning.

Mrs. Alex Philip visited friends in Bunker Hill the fore part of the week.

Public sale at Early's farm, 2 miles north and 4 miles west of Hays, Monday June 22. 31-2tx

The least said about the Messick Bros. entertainment Thursday evening, the better. Only three or four selections in the entire concert were of a commendable nature.

### Institute Notes.

The civics class was disappointed Wednesday as all were prepared for courting and had "to walk right in and turn around and walk right out again." They then stepped into Mr. Grabbe's office and were told the story of the little chickens who were going to roost and the "old hen with them." He then took his departure after this broad hint and by the "process of deduction," we are of the opinion that socially the civics class is a failure. We are young however and for most of us it was our first "courting." (Hope you will not mention it.)

Mrs. Clarence Kingsley visited us Friday.

A large majority of the students wanted to recite on the same subject during News Report Wednesday morning. Four out every five wanted to tell about "Not Prepared."

Does Mr. Christiansen need an ear trumpet? Nelle can tell you.

Miss Simpson is with us representing Flanagan & Co. She wishes also to organize an afternoon class in paper folding, weaving and cutting.

Mr. Light says we "hadn't ought to" say "abbrooft."

A number of the ladies wish to inquire of what nationality Mr. Schmidt is.

Miss Dottie Graham of Russell and Miss Grace Tobin of Wilson who are visiting the Johnsons were at the institute Tuesday and were so impressed with the good looks of the members that Miss Tobin took a snap-shot of all who could stand still.

The enrollment of Miss Anna Reed, Mr. Louis Christiansen and Etta J. Simpson swells our ranks to eighty-three.

Quite a number missed some of their classes Monday on account of high water.

The students were entertained at the general hour last Thursday by a talk from Mr. Swisher ex-president of the Salina Normal University.

Miss Susie Kippes was so well pleased with the Normal Tuesday that she returned Wednesday.

Supt. Grabbe is a visitor every day (nearly) and has kindly condescended to pose for a picture in the same group as all the rest of us.

Ex-county Supt. Meier visited us a short time on Monday.

Miss Anngel Carl has had to learn to distinguish between 34 and 43 especially for roll call.

Mr. Ford is not as considerate about warning the folks to wear their heavy shoes as is Mr. Light consequently some have very sore toes the last few days.

Mrs. Wilson of Hill City, a candidate for county superintendent of Graham county, was with us a short time on last Friday.

Mr. Light was in darkness as to the situation on the stairs but he heroically came to the rescue "O Joy!"

If you borrow a rain-coat let Mr. Ford return it.

We were glad to see Misses Ellen Brumitt and Belle Sutton Wednesday.

To go the "horse story" of last week one better a buggy was frightened this week and broke away from its garage.

The literature class is four lessons behind schedule.

John Brumitt brought his illuminating smile to Normal Tuesday.

### For Sale.

One Huber Threshing Machine; 18 horse-power engine and 36-60 Separator. Run one season. At ranch ten miles northwest of Ellis. Call on J. S. RUNYON, Hays, Kansas. 31-2tx

Many of our stores are already displaying their stock of fireworks.

If you want a good grade of lumber see Schrenkler. His prices are right. Walker, Kansas. 31-2tx

R. B. Thomas is building a house to rent on his lots in the south part of town.

Frank Payne and Frank Moore had windmills put up on their farms this week.

A precipitation of one-fourth inch was registered at the Station this Friday morning.

Ed L. Wood will hold a public sale at his farm next Tuesday, June 16. All horses, cattle and farm implements will be sold at auction. 31-1t

Farmers meeting at court house Wednesday June 17 at ten o'clock a.m. All farmers interested in securing for the farmers the new grain elevator should attend. 31-1t

### Bryan on Advertising.

It is the lot of the wise man to be asked fool questions. In fact, the asking is an acknowledgment of the wisdom of the man of whom the inquiry is made. Nobody ever asks a fool question of a fool, for a fool answers a fool according to his folly, and there is no question whereto the asker so honestly wants a wise answer as a fool question.

This being so, the man who asked William Jennings Bryan whether he really believed in advertising paid Mr. Bryan a compliment. It happened in Reading, Pennsylvania, last winter, and the modern Commoner indeed showed that he was a wise man by the reply he made. It was:

"The fellow who tries to attract business without advertising is like the fellow who throws his sweetheart a silent kiss in the dark. He knows what he is doing—but nobody else does."—The Saturday Evening Post.

### Ladies' Exchange.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold an exchange at Nickles store Saturday afternoon.

**HARKNESS' for Fireworks.** 31-4t  
Don't forget E. L. Wood's public sale next Tuesday. 31-1t

Wm. Schrenkler of Walker was a Hays visitor on Tuesday

Attend the farmers' meeting at the court house Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. 31-1t

Lawrence Cole arrived safely in Silverton, Colorado and found it snowing there.

Prof. R. J. Kinzer of the State Agricultural College spent Sunday on the Experiment Station here inspecting the work.

No meat being shipped in from Kansas City our butchers have been forced to go out among the farmers to buy their beef.

George Bear, the Normal baseball pitcher, returned to his home in Russell Friday morning. He was accompanied by his sister from Collyer.

Roscoe Stubbs of Lawrence, candidate for governor, arrived in Hays this Friday morning and speaks this afternoon in the G. A. R. Hall.

Mrs. B. E. Ford and daughter came down from Ellis this Friday morning to visit with Prof. Ford who is conducting the Ellis Co. Institute.

Mrs. George Hubbard will return to her home at Kansas City this Saturday morning. She will be accompanied by Miss Retta Freese who will visit for a few weeks.

Mr. C. W. Miller and son John leave for Illinois this Saturday morning. Mr. Miller will attend the convention at Chicago and John will visit with his aunt at Sycamore.

Word comes that Gove county south of Grinnell had a heavy hail storm this week and many wheat farms were hailed out among them Mrs. Geo. Wilson, formerly of this city.

The cement mill at Yocemento has been forced to shut down temporarily as they ran out of fuel. Crude oil is being used for this purpose and as freight traffic has been blocked this week on account of high water at Manhattan and Topeka, it will probably be some days before operations were taken.

Mrs. John Schlyer was taken to Buffalo, New York, on Monday morning to undergo hospital treatment there. Mrs. Schlyer has been in very poor health for the past year and during the last couple weeks she has been worse than usual. Her sister is also in the Buffalo hospital with a similar complaint. She was accompanied by Mr. Schlyer and daughter Agnes.

With the heavy rains and growing wheat our farmers are claiming this county will need 2500 good outside men to help harvest the crop this year there being an average of three to six farm while many will require six. Smokey Hill in neighborhood of Freshour's will need full 100, Buckeys over 300. The first wheat will be ready to cut about the 25th of June and harvest will be in full blast by July 1.

The Luray Herald says: "There is some talk that there will be a great deal of challenging this year in central Kansas at the primary election to test the right to vote on part of young men who were born in Europe and whose fathers have never been fully, finally and completely naturalized." The Russians and Austrians in our county who have not been naturalized should make their applications for first papers at once.

## Don't Sweat Keep Cool

Call and see my

Hot Weather Suitings.

Coat and Pants to order from \$13.00 up.

VERY SPECIAL

Single Coat made of Drap D'ete, only

\$6.00

Single Coat made of Sicilian, only

6.50

A. M. McKIE

PHONE NO. 90

THE HAYS TAILOR

### LOCAL NEWS.

Go to SCHRENKLER for lumber, shingles, lime, cement and coal. 31-2tx

Tuesday evening's rainfall registered one-half inch at the Experiment Station.

For a bargain in farm implements attend the E. L. Wood public sale next Tuesday. 31-1t

Henry Schultz and George King will go to Chicago, to-day and stop with Cleve Schultz.

Miss Lucy Snyder returned home Tuesday morning from her school work at Lawrence.

The picnic at Victoria on Monday drew a big crowd and those present report a good time.

The floods in eastern Kansas this week badly demoralized the train service on the U. P. railway.

John Troth left Wednesday morning for Quinter where he will work in the interest of the A. O. U. W.

Parties from many different parts of the United States are writing in to secure employment through the harvest.

Eastern Kansas is suffering disastrous floods again, in Topeka their U. P. depot and city park is under water.

Word has been received from Chat Picken that he has secured employment in New Mexico and will not go to California for some time yet.

Miss Anna Keller, who is teaching the model district school at the Normal this summer reports the attendance at thirty. This is the full number which can be enrolled.

On Wednesday the Co. Commissioners received the bids for the new iron bridges to be erected in this county and gave the contract to the lowest bidder, the Illinois Bridge Co.

Johnny Wright who has been employed in Bach's restaurant has made a contract with Geo. McIntosh of Bantam, whereby John will do the cooking for the harvester next month.

Misses Hubbard of Luray came up Tuesday evening and have enrolled at the summer term of Normal. They are sisters of Clarence Hubbard, former catcher of the baseball team.

Miss Alice Freese returned to Hays City Tuesday evening after a visit of several days with Mrs. Queenie Wilson. Miss Freese and Mrs. Wilson were childhood chums.—Grinnell Record.

Ed Wood who lives ten miles west of the Experiment Station will have a public sale of all his farm property next Tuesday. Mr. Wood expects to move back to Hays and will buy property here.

Miss Presson and Miss Stella Kelley arrived Monday morning and are guests at the home of the former's sister Mrs. J. L. Pelham on east Normal Avenue. Miss Presson will spend the summer with her sister.

All trains are way behind their schedules this week on account of the flooded condition of eastern Kansas. No freight whatever has been received from Kansas City or other points east of the flooded district.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran church have arranged with the Red Cross Pharmacy whereby the young ladies of the society will have charge of their soda fountain next Wednesday. They desire the people of Hays to patronize them as much as possible.

Go to SPRATT's book store for your fireworks. 31-tf

Wheat has had a decline in price and now brings 82 and 83 in this market.

The Annual school meeting comes off this year Thursday June 16 at 2 p. m.

Ed Yost had the bad luck to step on a nail Monday and now walks on crutches.

Miss Hazel Rea visited friends in Wakeney the first of the week, returning Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Molly Glathardt of Lawrence came up Wednesday morning to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Maden.

Conductor B. E. Ford of the County Institute says this year's institute is the largest and best Ellis county has ever had.

If you intend to build granary, houses, barns, header boxes see SCHRENKLER. He is making prices that you can't help but notice. 31-2tx

The Russian boys went down to Victoria Monday morning where they played the college team of that place. The Victoria boys took an easy victory 19 to 4.

The Eastern Star will entertain in a social way in their rooms this Saturday evening. Each member has the privilege of asking in one outsider for the social part of the program.

Dave Nickles returned last Thursday from a five weeks' tour of the west. He saw the battleship fleet in San Francisco harbor and also visited several days with Fred and Frank Havemann in Idaho.

Tuesday evening's storm is reported to have taken off the roof of the mill and turned over several small buildings at Russell. No other damage was done. A small "twister" was responsible for the damage.

All horses, cattle and farm implements of E. L. Wood will be sold at public auction at his farm ten miles west of the Experiment Station next Tuesday the 16th. Attend this sale if you want to get some good property cheap. 31-1t

Mrs. G. A. Lester has been up from Russell this week visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Yost at Yocemento. An epidemic of scarlet fever which struck Wilson a few weeks ago has practically subsided and Mrs. Lester will return to her home.

Fred Statler was here this week shaking hands with old friends. Fred is now located in Chicago with the United States Civil Service. He says the ten years has made a great improvement in Hays. He will leave the last part of this week for Denver to visit his brother Ed.

C. M. Wann, H. J. Penney and C. W. Miller are among the staunch republicans who will represent Hays City at the National Convention at Chicago next week. They expect to leave this Saturday morning. Mr. Penney and Mr. Miller both have appointments as assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. H. E. Scannell and daughter Miss Hattie of St. Francis, Cheyenne Co., are here attending the summer school at the Normal. Mrs. Scannell is quite well acquainted in Hays, having attended the first county institute ever held here, twenty-nine years ago. She taught in the Brosius district the following winter and received therefor the stupendous amount of \$12 per month and "boarded around." She is still a very successful teacher and has had her salary increased many times. Her daughter is also a school teacher of no small ability.

## \$75,000 TO LOAN

Farmers if you need any money

for

## Harvest Expenses

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HAYS, KANSAS.