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## THE HOTEL WINDSOR

**SUBSTANTIAL AND COSTLY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NOW BEING MADE**

Not Only to Accommodate the United States Postoffice

But for the Betterment of Hotel Service in the City and the Accommodation of the General Public

The United States Government has secured of the Mulroy Brothers a ten year lease on the North room of the Windsor Hotel which will be used for the Hays Postoffice. The partitions are being torn out, which will make one large room and will be ample for the government as a post-office for probably more than ten years. The front clear across the building is being torn out and in its place will be a full plate glass front. The basement now occupied by F. F. Glassman as a Shoe Shop, will be bricked up and an entrance to the basement will be in the postoffice lobby. Not only the one room will be entirely remodeled and refurnished, but the whole building will receive a thorough going over. Already the back part of the annex has been built up to two stories with basement.

A third story will be added to the present building, which will add thirty-eight new rooms to the present complement of rooms, making seventy in all. Every one with bath and with all modern appliances. This hostelry when fully equipped, will be one of the best in the state. The new improvements will cost approximately \$35,000.

The Postoffice room will include the former hotel lobby, and the present parlor across the hall from the postoffice will be converted into a new lobby for the hotel. The stairway will be torn down and put up in another place and the entrance where the stairs now are will be rented to any person wishing to start a cigar store or any other small business.

With the addition of another story to the Windsor with the additional rooms, the Brunswick, the new Normal Cafeteria and the number of restaurants already here, it would seem that the traveling public will be pretty well provided for without the added expense to the city of a new \$150,000 hotel that is now being contemplated.

Hays has always cared for her visitors and with the addition to the Windsor, Hays will be better able than ever to care for all comers. And in connection with other improvements, the Windsor people are contemplating again opening up the Cafeteria.

## A SERIOUS AUTOMOBILE SMASH

**A Dodge Touring Car Running at High Speed Crashes Into a Ford Injuring Five Persons**

Last Saturday evening, William Dite and wife, who live southwest of Ellis, while going home, were run into by a Dodge car driven by a colored man. The fender of the Ford was damaged and the two right wheels were broken, turning the car over and seriously injuring Mrs. Dite.

There were four others in the car with the Dites, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gillson and two teachers. Four other of the six people in the car were injured. One of the teachers, Miss Elizabeth Gillson, had her nose and three ribs broken. The other teacher suffered a broken collar bone. Both young women are in the Hays hospital. The other two are not seriously injured.

The accident occurred just across the line in Trego county and the negro who was driving the Dodge car that caused the smashup, is in the Trego County jail.

Mrs. Wm. Dite is the mother of Mrs. J. B. Gross, wife of Probate Judge Gross.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reemsnyder left this Thursday morning, for Wichita, where they will visit Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Pruitt. From there they will visit friends in Topeka. They will be absent about two weeks.

Mr. W. F. Czeskleba of the Hays City Drug Store, has rented the Edwin Hill residence on West Normal Avenue, and will take possession about November 1st. The Hill house is in a choice location and one of the finest rental properties in the city.

## A BLACK PAGE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

(By M. H. J.)

Grandma Garfield was the only mother who sat on the rostrum and witnessed the inauguration of her son as President of the United States.

On the evening of that day, at the six o'clock dinner at the White House, Grandma was one of the guests at the table, and naively made the query, "Now we can have a cow, can't we?" While a faint smile rippled across the faces of the guests, the President answered, "Yes, mother, now we can have a cow!"

The prize of Garfield's nomination to the presidency was the result of an awkward contretemps at a Republican convention, which proved a blow to the life-long ambition of John Sherman who deserved the nomination by the so-called political scheme of seniority, that is to say, he was one of our eminent statesmen who could claim by warrant of service the rewards of his country. But he lacked the quality of personal popularity; the scoffer called him an icicle, the recognized opposite of his brother, "Old Tecump," the brilliant general.

He was not a good mixer in the popular sense, like Jim Blaine, and his enemies remembered that he had made a fortune on the rise in whiskey during the civil war.

The nomination was a tragic event for Garfield, recalled with penetrating anguish to this day.

He was a capable military commander, the trusted confidential adviser of the government at the headquarters of General Rosecranz; he was an eloquent orator, a statesman, a wise and good man, a typical American patriot, of the high-class upon which the government leaned in the heroic days of our history, a man of absolute integrity and purpose, he took up the reins of government, backed by the God-speed of the nation, he richly deserved all that good fortune could bring him.

We remember what manner of man he was; how he grasped the glittering prize and was plunged to the bottom of a frightful abyss; he enjoyed a few brief glorious days when he rode life's topmost wave.

We could confidently claim that he would have proved one of the ablest executives our government has ever had; he laid the foundation of a competent cabinet at the head of which was a brilliant Secretary of State, James G. Blaine.

The opening months of his administration were full of promise, the masses of our people were confident, inspired by a rising industrial prosperity.

And the people wanted to see the new President and become acquainted, and an invitation was extended him to meet the people on a notable occasion and preparations for departure from the White House were made, and with pleasurable anticipations the Executive and his Secretary were conveyed to the Union Station.

President Garfield was an arresting figure physically; a striking presence in any crowd.

I would that it were possible for me to stop short at this point in this narration! But no!

Charles Giteau with premeditated murder in his heart and a gun in his hand, eagerly sought the opportune moment; it came quickly; the President and his Secretary came into the open, in the foyer of the station, and the brutal crime was done.

A thrill of horror passed over the wires of the nation and across the seas to all nations.

The high hopes and worthy ambitions of a great career were suddenly quenched.

The President was borne back to the White House; he questioned the surgeon in attendance; one chance in ten was the answer; with firmness and high courage the President answered, "We will take that chance."

Consulting surgeons, distinguished in their profession, studied the wound and the probabilities of the patient; weary weeks passed, and the nation went down on its knees in supplication; there was no sign of healing by "first intention" as the surgeon's phrase puts it, and the President was removed to the sea shore; the stalwart frame succumbed at last and the nation, clothed in weeds, followed the remains to the rotunda of the Capitol; his old friends and colleagues of the Senate went up to take a farewell look; the ravages of months of suffering had so wrecked the front of Jove that they turned at the threshold, at the first glimpse, overcome by what his mortal frame may suffer in an extremity.

A more shameful scene never occurred in a trial court than was exhibited at the arraignment of Charles Giteau—the insolence with which he disturbed the orderly procedure was unlike anything in the history of our country, accustomed as we are to dallying with high crime and criminals.

Justice prevailed in the end, and we recall now the criminal's face, the pallor of death, as he was literally dragged and carried to the place of execution.

Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Stop! Look! Listen

**WHO IS JAMES T. NOLAN?**

He is the Republican candidate for County Attorney of Ellis County subject to the will of the majority of the voters at the Election in November, next; and he earnestly solicits your vote and support. IS HE QUALIFIED? JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES. What follows may assist you in forming this judgment. He has taught in the Public Schools of Ellis, Rush and Ellsworth counties for fifteen terms, and was an Instructor in the Ellis and Rush County Normal Institutes. He passed the examination and was admitted to the "Bar" in the District Court of Ellis County, at Hays, Kansas, December 10th, 1893; and to the Supreme Court of the State of Kansas, at Topeka, December 5th, 1899, A. D. He has appeared as counsel in person and by "Brief" in a number of cases before the Supreme Court since his admission; and has been successful in a majority of them.

During the World War, he tendered his services at the beginning; but owing to his age was not accepted as appears from the following copies of communications received by him; namely,

(I)

War Department, Headquarters Central Dept., Military Training Division, Chicago, Ill., May 3rd, 1917.

Form: Military Training Division. To Mr. James T. Nolan, Lock Box 271, Ellis, Kansas.

Subject: Officers Reserve Corp., Training Camp.

The Department Commander directs me to return your application herewith and inform you that the maximum age for eligibility for commission in the Officers Reserve Corp is 44 years.

Y. M. Marks,

YMM-H. Captain U. S. A. Ret.

(II)

Headquarters, Central Department Chicago, Ill., Aug. 25th, 1917.

ORIGINAL

The War Department desires that you be informed that the number of applications for the Central Department Series of Training Camps was more than nearly six times the number authorized. The examiners were directed to select those who, from the papers submitted and other evidence available were in their judgment best suited. From the foregoing you will understand the great difficulty the examining boards had in carrying out instructions and making their selections.

It is regretted that you were not selected, but you are assured that your tender of services at the time is appreciated and commended, and entitles you to credit for the patriotic impulse that prompted your desire to attend said camp and serve your country, fully equal to that of the successful candidate. It is hoped, therefore, that you will maintain the same spirit of patriotism and devotion to your country and should future opportunity open that you will be equally ready.

Very respectfully,

Thomas H. Barry, Major General, Commanding.

Later, he served as an Associate Member of the Legal Advisory Board without compensation; and received a letter from General Crowder commending him for such service. He was appointed by Governor Capper as a delegate to the WAR COUNCIL at Topeka in 1918; and served as a FOUR-MINUTE MAN until the close of the War. He was given a CERTIFICATE OF HONOR upon the occasion of his HONORABLE DISCHARGE from the service of the United States in recognition of LOYAL and DEVOTED SERVICE as a FOUR-MINUTE MAN. Such are among some of the things indicating the qualification of the Republican Candidate for County Attorney, James T. Nolan. Don't you think the recommendations good? Put an X after his name on Election Day, and say that you do.

Up in Graham county, J. T. Clifton, the farmer who shot and killed his boy in a moment of rage, because the boy went to the barn, gathered the eggs, and wanted to cook them for breakfast instead of selling them, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and sentenced to the state prison for life.

## THE HAYS RODEO

**A LARGE CROWD ASSEMBLED AT THE FAIR GROUNDS**

The Polo Boys did Themselves Proud and the Fun Was Enjoyed by All Present

The Rodeo staged by the Hays Polo Club, last Thursday, was a success, financially and otherwise. There were over a thousand people present from far and near. The boys put on a show that was appreciated.

The following are the different contests and races put on for the amusement of the crowd.

### BUCKING CONTEST

Bucking Horse—Everett Phelps won first

Bucking Mule—Virgil Stevenson won first

Bucking Steer—Frank McCarth, 1st

" " "—Virgil Stevenson, 2nd

" " "—Geo. Michelson, 3rd

### HORSE RACING

1/2 mile dash—Frank King, 1st

" " "—Ike Hanse, 2nd.

" " "—A. Bender, 3rd

1/2 mile dash—Wilfred Crissman, 1st

" " "—Ike Hanse, 2nd

" " "—Mike Weiner, 3rd

Potato Race—Archie Wineland, 1st

" " "—Wm. Philip, Jr., 2nd

" " "—Wm. Hall, 3rd

In the Hurdle Races the Judges got mixed as to who was the winner and it was called off.

MAVERIC RACE AND ROPING

1st, Racing and Roping—Robt. Hall, 12 1/2 sec.

2nd, Racing and Roping—Wm. Hall, 40 sec.

3rd, Racing and Roping—Wm. Hall, 61 sec.

### BULL BATING CONTEST

Everett Phelps ..... First

Geo. Bickel ..... Second

### RELAY RACE

Joe Montgomery ..... First

Lindsay Clark ..... Second

Everett Phelps ..... Third

### AUTOMOBILE RACE

R. Hollenbush, with a Chevrolet, 1st

Vern Richmond, with a Ford—2nd

All of the Polo ponies had a one-eighth mile dash. No records were made and we cannot give finals.

### COYOTE CHASE

Mr. Schmidt of Catherine took First

The following were the committees who were responsible in a great measure for the excellent results of the affair:

Committee on Advertising—Geo. Philip, L. J. Stein, Hicks Gross, and F. A. Bissing.

Entertainment Committee—Jerry Glathart, H. L. Felten and Dr. K. J. Moye.

Music Committee—Chas. Bissing and Hicks Gross.

Ticket Committee—K. R. Hinse, L. J. Stein, and P. F. Felten.

Concession Committee—K. R. Hinse, L. J. Stein, and P. F. Felten.

While all the above committees contributed their share, loyally, to the success of the exhibition, the entertainment committee had the hardest task. They were all hustlers. Hustle is what it requires to put over any undertaking. A trio of such hustlers, with Harry Felten at the head, would make a grand success of the Golden Belt Fair next Fall. Will they get the job?

### DOES ADVERTISING PAY?

To prove that advertising pays you would only have to see the crowd that stood on the sidewalk Saturday morning, waiting for nine o'clock, the advertised opening of A. A. Wiesner & Son's big sale. There were more than a hundred, mostly women, waiting. They began gathering about eight o'clock and every moment the crowd was augmented by substantial additions. At nine o'clock the doors were thrown open and the crowd rushed in. The help were swamped. The doors had to be closed until the crowd could be waited on and there was room for more. We will venture to say that that was the largest crowd that ever attended a sale's opening in Hays, which should prove conclusively that advertising pays. We understand that sales for the day approximated \$5,000.

Mrs. Margaret Soemann, aged 82 years, mother of Chas. F. Soemann and sister of John Schlyer, both of Hays, Kansas, died October 18, 1922, after a brief illness, at her home in Lancaster, New York. John Schlyer was present at his sister's funeral.

Fred N. Dreiling is up from Wichita, this week, looking after matters political in Ellis county.

## BISSING-BENJAMIN

Miss Clara Bissing and Mr. Harold Benjamin were united in marriage, Friday, October 20, at two o'clock, in Fort Morgan, Colo., in St. Helena church by Rev. C. J. Vaughan. The witnesses were Mrs. Mary A. Walsh and Mr. Patrick McCabe. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin left for Denver the same day, returning to McCook, Sunday morning on No. 2. Mr. Benjamin left for Alliance, Sunday night, where he is employed by the Burlington R. Co. Mrs. Benjamin will join him about Thanksgiving. Mrs. Benjamin has been employed as linotypist in this office for the last three years; is a capable young lady of excellent qualities; is a sister of Mrs. Adam Bahl. Harold is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benjamin; has lived in McCook most of his life; attended McCook high school; for some time has been employed by the Burlington at Alliance. The Tribune joins in hearty congratulations and well wishes for the happiness and success of these excellent young folks.—McCook Tribune.

Clara was an employee of the Free Press for several years and learned to successfully operate the Free Press linotype. She was exceptionally proficient, and if she makes her young husband hustle like she did the No. 14 linotype in this office, he will have to go some. The Free Press with her many friends in Hays, extends congratulations.

The genius who presides over the destination of the Cash Grocery Store on North Main street, is still on the job at the old stand and is ready, at all times, to wait on his customers.

## HAYS B. WHITE MAKES GOOD

For three years I have been in Washington and, as a newspaper man in constant observations of the doings of Congress and Congressmen, naturally I have been chiefly interested in the Kansas Congressmen, and I am glad to bear testimony that, in my judgment, Kansas has never before been represented so well in either house of Congress.

I have been particularly interested and impressed with the good work done by Hays B. White, representative from the Sixth Kansas district. From the first day Mr. White began making friends, and now that his fourth year of service is approaching an end I am sure I can truthfully say no man stands higher in the esteem of his colleagues than the farmer Congressman, Mr. White.

It is not necessary that a Congressman have his name attached in order to have had an important part in its formulation. A brief but timely speech frequently accomplishes a vast deal in shaping a policy, and Mr. White has become noted for his short pithy speeches. The immigration restriction law, which is one of the most important achievements of the Republican Congress, bears the imprint of his thoughtful consideration. The soldiers bonus bill, which the President unhappily vetoed, was a much better measure than it would have been but for Mr. White's sturdy and effective opposition to its ruinous land-settlement features. When a soldier bonus bill is enacted it will be free of these absurd features so effectively opposed by Mr. White.

On all the farm legislation, from the emergency tariff down through the list, Mr. White's position was that of his farmer constituents. He consistently and vigorously supported the revival of the War Finance corporation, which placed a billion dollars into farm credits and the moving of farm crops and livestock, the enlargement of the capital of the farm loan banks to \$50,000,000 which brought about the lower interest rates on farm loans, the co-operative marketing bill, the Capper-Tincher bill to prevent gambling in grain futures, the bill to control and regulate the stockyards, and the measure to put a dirt farmer on the federal reserve board. All these laws are beneficial to the agricultural industry and all of them are championed by Mr. White.

Not one of them can be termed Class Legislation, but all are calculated to benefit the country at large.

Hays White is right now at the zenith of his Congressional career. He can do even more for Kansas and for the people of his district in the succeeding years than he has already done. It would be a great mistake to retire him, and I have not the slightest notion that the people of his district have any such purpose in view. I believe he will be, as he ought to be, overwhelmingly re-elected.—Walter A. Johnson, Washington Correspondent, Topeka Daily Capital.



ALEX J. DREILING  
Sup. Sergt. 36th Co. 164th D. B. Camp Funston, 1918.  
Republican Candidate for County Treasurer of Ellis County, 1922  
Your Vote will be Appreciated

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Since I am without opposition for the office of representative from this county to the state legislature, I desire to say that I shall appreciate a large complimentary vote from all without regard to party. I also want to say that I realize that the legislative needs of this county are more important than the demands of any party or faction, and when elected I shall devote myself wholly to the needs of all of the interests of Ellis County without reference to party lines. I shall appreciate your vote.

Yours for service,  
John O'oughlin.

## ANCIENT HISTORY

One of the interesting characters of the old days in Dodge City was "Uncle Charley," and the mystery just who he was has never been fully solved. It was believed that he was of a wealthy and notable family in France. Members of the family in France advertised in the newspapers of this country for a long period in the hope of finding him. He often saw those advertisements and at times showed them to friends but he never responded to any of them.

He was a gunsmith, and it was his business to keep the six-shooters in repair for all the many men who carried those weapons at that time.

"Uncle Charley" was a native of France and had been educated for a clergyman, but ran away and came to America about the time the civil war began, and served in the army as a blacksmith. After the war he lived at Hays for a time and while there married the daughter of a prominent Indian chief. When he left there for Dodge he neglected to take his wife along, but later she made the trip there and somehow one morning was found asleep on "Uncle Charley's" doorstep. She remained there for a time, but finally other members of her tribe went for her and took her back to the Indian village near Hays.—McCracken Enterprise.

## D. O. M'CRAY BURNED

Topeka Newspaper Man Suffering from Oil Burner Accident

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 23.—D. O. McCray, assistant secretary of state, is confined to his home by burns about the face and arms sustained while extinguishing a fire in the basement of his house yesterday. His injuries are not serious and he is resting easily, it was reported at his home this afternoon. The fire started from a new oil burning device recently installed in the furnace.

"Misfortunes do not come singly!" Mr. McCray was recently defeated for the nomination for Secretary of State (by his friends?) Now a new oil burner, supposed to be a sure remedy for the high price of coal and the poor man's friend, gives him a hard jolt. A few months ago he had a serious tussle with Kansas City surgeons but came out winner and we hope he will win out against that treacherous coal oil burner.

Hays Chapter of the P. E. O. went down to Wilson, Monday, the 16th, where they were most royally entertained by the Wilson Chapter. After an elegant luncheon had been served, the business meeting was held and then a fine program was rendered by the Wilson Chapter. After further partaking of a delicious buffet supper, the Hays guests reluctantly departed on the evening train, unanimously voting their Wilson Sisters most delightful hostesses.

Archie Fellers who has been book-keeper for the Citizens Loaner Company, the past three years, has resigned his position and will leave for a coal oil lamp concern.