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WORK SOON TO START AGAIN ON THE K. & O.

Shipment of Ties and Rails Expected in Any Day. Then Work Will Start

A car of ties has been unloaded in the local yards and several additional cars of ties and rails are expected to arrive any day, and upon their arrival work on the line west will be resumed.

Chief Engineer Messer informs the Democrat that all plans have been made for building the road to the Morton county line by January 1st, if no more legal entanglements are encountered.

The connections have been made with the Rock Island out of Liberal in both directions and the grade is completed to the city limits on the west. Engineers are setting the grade stakes and as soon as the steel is laid to the city line, a work train will be sent here from Pratt and the work of pushing the line westward across Seward and Stevens counties will start.

Officials of the road are out this afternoon dealing with Mr. Kriebel for land for a station and everything is arranged to facilitate the work of building the road.

Mr. Messer says they expect to have the road to the Cimarron river in Morton county in time to build the bridge across the river during the winter, as that is the best time to build.

It begins to look like the K. & O. would soon be a reality and it will be a big thing for Liberal when this happens.

COUNTRY CLUB MET

The Liberal Country club met Wednesday night and adopted by-laws.

HANDS BADLY BURNED

Mrs. J. W. Moon suffered severe burns on her hands Monday, when the gas in a Ford car became ignited. Mrs. Moon was washing with a power washer when the gasoline in the engine became exhausted. She went to the garage to get some gas out of the tank of their Ford car, and while thus engaged, the gasoline caught fire. Just how, no one knows. Her cries attracted the attention of Chas. Dykes and he succeeded in extinguishing the blaze without serious damage to the car.

THE ELLIS CASE

The Hugoton Hermes last week contained quite an article regarding the Harry Ellis case and asks the public what should be done. It seems that the Beaver county authorities want Ellis to be brought there for trial, while Stevens county also would like to have Ellis tried in that county. According to the Hermes, if Ellis is tried in Kansas, he can be sentenced to the penitentiary, as the Kansas law is different from that of Oklahoma, under whose laws the best he could get would be a reformatory sentence. If this is the case, he should be tried in Kansas. Ellis is a dangerous character. With two cold-blooded murders to his credit, the reformatory is no place for him. The chair would be the thing, but on account of his youth, it is hardly likely that he would receive that severe penalty even though Kansas laws recognized the same.

The Democrat would like to see this criminal tried where he could receive the greatest punishment, and we don't care whether it is Africa or Spain.

Ellis should be punished severely—the more severely the better for society in general.

Miss Bernice Crotts who has been visiting with her sister Miss Fern Crotts, left for her home in Chicago, Wednesday.

Earl Craig returned Wednesday from Amarilla, Texas, where he has been playing with the Clinton, Oklahoma team against Amarillo.

Mrs. I. Greenberg has gone to Great Bend on a short business trip in connection with the store at that place.

Chas. Molter has returned from a business trip to Wichita.

A NEW ONE ON EDITOR OF THE NICHOLS JOURNAL

Asked to Locate Missing Couple by Clarivoyant Powers, For Consideration

Miss Alice Nichols, editor of the Nichols Journal, has received hundreds of letters from all parts of the country containing offers of marriage, partnerships, and the like but the best yet came to the Democrat Sunday. It seemed that the writer thinks Miss Nichols possessed of clarivoyant powers and desires her assistance. The letter addressed to the editor of the Democrat says:

"Dear Sir: In a paper that was a girl editor of a paper in liberal Kansas that could tell anything if so I will paw her if she will give me news about a party that left the 5 day of Aug. and not been seen near heard from if she can tell me where ware both come home I will pay 'the party was a man and a girl.' Very truly yours."

BIG TENT SHOW

Starting Monday, September 19th and lasting all the week, the famous Copeland Bros., and their splendid company of twenty people will play a weeks' engagement in Liberal under the auspices of the American Legion. This company is new to Liberal but comes direct from the larger cities of Texas, where they have played for ten consecutive seasons with flattering success.

The company is made up of such well-known artists as Audress Walsh late leading lady with the Avenue Stock, Detroit, Minnie Wardell, Perry Crandall and Verne Douglas and a well balanced company of artists. The vaudeville is above the average carried with a company of this character, The Four Copelands comedy quartette and Zent, the jail breaker, are two features extraordinary.

The ten theatre is the largest and finest traveling, the plays all new, late royalty releases, the prices within the reach of all.

The opening play on Monday night will be the famous home play, "The Tie That Binds," featuring Alverna Copeland in the role of the little mother.

On Monday night only, the ladies will be admitted free if with escort holding a paid adult ticket, by paying five cents war tax.

HOME SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Marguerite Thrapp was in the city last week in the interest of Home Service work of the Red Cross. Miss Thrapp is of Topeka, and is representing the Southwest Division of the Red Cross at St. Louis. The following disabled soldiers went from Liberal to meet the Clean-Up Squad at Garden City to be examined and have their needs looked after: Virgil Harrison, John Lust and Mr. Richardson of Beaver county, Oklahoma. They report fine treatment and everything possible done to meet their requirements. Theo. B. Moore and J. B. Miller, secretary, were active in making these arrangements.

FRED LUNT COMING BACK TO LIBERAL

Fred Lunt, who has been prominently connected with the oil game here since the start, has written a Liberal man that he will return here within a few days.

Whether his return has any special significance cannot be learned but it is known that he has been working on a proposition of considerable magnitude and the impression is that he may be ready to start something upon his return.

AIRPLANES HERE SAT. AND SUNDAY FOR STUNTS

Otis Turner informs the Democrat that Chas. Mayse will be here Saturday and Sunday with two airplanes and a parachute jumper, and that they will give some stunt flights and take up passengers.

Mayse has been here before and is known as a careful, competent pilot. Watch for the planes Saturday and Sunday and see the stunts.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen on September 12th, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gentler returned Thursday from an extended trip in the eastern part of the state.

Harold Sutton has returned to Lawrence to resume his studies at the state university. Jimmie Woods has taken his place in the Wiley drug store.

FRANK MILLER NOT GUILTY IN MURDER

Stevens County Justice Frees Man Charged With Complicity With Smith Murder

Frank Miller, charged as an accessory after the fact in the killing of Henry Smith, is a free man and will not have to face a jury in the district court in Stevens county.

A preliminary hearing was held at Hugoton the first of the week before Justice Bayles and the justice could not see sufficient grounds for holding Miller for the district court.

Several went from Liberal to attend the hearing and they are not at all pleased at the outcome of the case. According to reports, there was ample evidence to warrant the case being taken to the district court and they were amazed when the court rendered its verdict.

Miller seemed to be very friendly with Harry Ellis, self-confessed murderer of Smith, and it is thought by those close to the inside that Miller knew more about the case than has been brought out. Detective Proper, who worked on the case, advised holding Miller for trial and said that there was sufficient evidence to warrant him being held.

Of course, Miller may be entirely innocent of any connection with the crime, but the majority of people would have preferred to let a jury decide rather than one man. There is a general dissatisfaction here over the outcome of the case.

ATTENTION EX-SERVICE MEN

All ex-service men who desire to attend the National Convention at Kansas City, must belong to the American Legion to get the benefit of the one cent per mile fare. If you wish to attend this big convention see one of the officers of the local post, and get your membership receipt before buying your ticket.

—TOBY.

LAYING UP STRENGTH

Some day, dear readers, you will meet a temptation or undergo a trial but you will come through triumphantly, for all through the years you have been gaining strength for that experience from the bread of moral life which is broken for you at the church services which you constantly attend.

Attend church next Sunday at the Presbyterian church and lay up some moral strength.

Divine worship at 11:00; theme: "Jesus and the Will of God." The Sunday school meets at 9:45. A good attendance is urged in order to make final preparations for rally day, September 25th.

The Christian Endeavor meets at 7:00. Topic: "Sins of the Tongue," James 3: 1-5. Leader, Harvey Burns. Evening worship at 8:00. Subject: "Jesus and Temptation." A welcome and a worshipful atmosphere awaits you.

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CONDITIONS BETTER AT NORTH OIL TEST

Baler Has Been Taken From Hole and Crew is Now Baling Out Sand

The outlook at the Seward County Oil & Gas Company test on the Sealey farm, north of Liberal, is considerably brighter this week. The drillers have finally succeeded in getting the baler which was buried by quicksand, and are now baling the sand from the hole. The 10-inch casing has been run to 1200 feet, and indications are that they are about through the sand.

It is hoped to have the 10-inch set and drilling resumed early next and this is possible should no further trouble develop.

A Democrat reporter interviewed Ezra Shorb this morning and found him feeling a great deal more optimistic than for several weeks past. Mr. Shorb says that if they can begin drilling early in the week and nothing happens to stop the drill, the shallow sand, which is supposed to exist between fourteen and sixteen hundred feet, can be penetrated within the next two weeks.

Officers of the company are setting a great deal of store on finding something in this sand, and the opinion is shared by others familiar with the oil game, and all are anxious to see the drill reach this depth. Two towers will be run as soon as drilling starts again, and every effort made to complete a well before cold weather starts in.

There are many rumors concerning the financial status of the company, but Mr. Shorb laughs at these rumors. He says the company has always been able to raise the money to keep the work going, and that while the available funds have been used pretty closely, he is not in the least concerned over the money matters, and that there is no grounds whatever for anyone to spread adverse rumors.

Conditions in the oil business are such that there is little likelihood of immediate development by any of the big companies, and it now looks as if the Seward County Oil & Gas company test was going to be the only chance of getting something right away. For this reason the test is being watched with a great deal of interest by both the stockholders and the public.

NOTICE—We have marked our wall paper stock down 25 to 30 per cent.—Wiley Drug Co.

The small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weishaor of Hooker, Oklahoma, had her tonsils removed Tuesday, at a local hospital.

E. P. Frantz of Balko Oklahoma was in the city Wednesday on his way to Hillsboro Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, who have been visiting at the T. M. Smith home, south of town, returned to their home in Texhoma yesterday.

DEMOCRAT ADVERTISING PAYS

O. D. Nickel was minus a mule the first of last week. He hunted almost everywhere for the animal and came in Thursday and put a want ad in the Democrat. Friday a neighbor called and told him the mule was at his place. O. D. says Democrat want ads not only do the business, but do it quickly.

O. W. Spradling advertised some full blood Holsteins in the Democrat last Thursday. "Let the cow ad run again," said Mr. Spradling to the Democrat solicitor, "I sold one of the bunch advertised, Friday," as soon as the paper was out.

It pays to advertise in a paper with the circulation.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS VERY SATISFACTORY

Merchants Report Good Trade and Building Proceeding in the City—Boost Your Own

Despite dreadful conditions said to prevail in the East, Southwest Kansas is not taking any backward step this year, and Liberal in particular, is in condition to make a healthy growth.

A drive over town shows many new homes being built, new sidewalks and other improvements being made, and the scene gives one a cheerful feeling, indeed.

Business men report trade increasing and traveling men say that the southwest corner of Kansas is the good territory this year.

The fact that this section raised a big crop this season is helping to tide over a bad time in good shape, and Southwest Kansas is more fortunate than many sections in this respect.

From over the country comes the report of falling property values, but this is not in evidence here, and while buying is not fast, there is a steady change of property at good prices and those best posted look for an increase rather than a slump. Their reason for this is that Liberal is just entering an era of advancement, and the demand will always be good. Close in property will never see the former price level on account of the ever-increasing demand for good rentals, and while rents are higher in Liberal than in surrounding towns, the importance of the city from a commercial standpoint justifies the difference.

Liberal is a town of good salaries, substantial businesses and high rents. The three go hand in hand and while rents are high those who rent are paid sufficiently to enable them to meet the cost.

Liberal is growing right along and the next few years are going to see some big changes in the town.

Oil development, while a trifle slow now, will eventually proceed full blast. The Byers road will be a big thing for Liberal, the new high school, the city park and the new library will each be a factor in bringing this condition.

If everyone will take off their overcoat and thaw out and do a religious job of boosting, Liberal will never know the meaning of hard times. Stagnation is the one and only cause of hard times and the town which forges ahead is not affected by any dummy nightmare like hard times of business depression.

Do your share of the boosting. Build if you can scrape up enough to start; buy what you need and you'll be helping to keep Liberal on the map.

Birthday Party

Opal Fuller entertained a number of her little girl friends Saturday evening in honor of her fourteenth birthday. The girls spent the evening in playing various games, after which ice cream and cake were served. Many beautiful presents were received by the little hostess. Those present were: Leulla Sturdivent, Murriell and Lucile Zimmerman, Mildred Davis, Margaret Daugherty, Elwina Ellis, Helen Ruth Farmer, Mary Alice Armstrong, Mildred Chittiden, Louise Meridith, Fern McCollough and Irene Fuller.

FOOD SALE

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will hold a food sale at the George Grocery Saturday, September 17th, at 2 o'clock.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

WILL USE ROTARY IN STEVENS CO. TEST

Egerly and Associates Are Building The Rig and Will Start Work Soon

Egerly and Associates on the Terwilliger farm in Stevens county, four miles east and three north of Hugoton, will complete their derrick Friday, and those who have seen it say that it is one of the best and most substantial in this part of the country.

As soon as the derrick is finished a rotary outfit will be installed and drilling started. Just how long this will take cannot be stated, but Mr. Egerly is anxious to get the hole made and will lose no time in making the arrangements.

With the rotary, unless trouble occurs, can make the hole the required depth in a few months time, and if everything goes along smoothly, Stevens county will have a real test at an early date.

The geology of that territory is equal to anything in the state and those interested with Mr. Egerly are enthusiastic over the prospect of developing something good.

Machinist C. W. Brown is driving a new Ford car these days.

The small son of F. M. Fry got his arm broken Wednesday.

The Winfrey sisters of Grange, Oklahoma, had their tonsils removed Tuesday at a local hospital.

H. Riggle has had a neat porch constructed in the rear of his new residence on North Kansas.

T. M. Ellis purchased a new Buick Six of the Liberal Buick company today. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will go to Hutchinson Friday and attend the state fair.

LIBERAL "LIONS" HOLD FIRST SOCIAL MEETING

The first social meeting of the Lions Club of Liberal was held at the Cimarron hotel, Monday evening, September 12th, at 8 p. m. when the Cubs entertained the Cublets. It was truly Ladies evening and a very enjoyable time was had. Chairman for the evening was G. L. Light, and after a sumptuous meal the following short program was enjoyed.

Piano, Miss Fern Crotts. The welcome to the ladies was given by Mr. H. A. Gaskill, and replied to by Mrs. Herbert Hobbie. The next was a musical number by the Lions Trio, consisting of Ed Donnelly, H. A. Gaskill and Ray Kennedy. This was much appreciated, as the singers are well trained, and their execution was fine, in fact, by the time they were half through everyone was in favor of it. These artists sing songs backwards as well as correctly.

The roll was called in a novel way. Every member was asked to answer roll call by giving his wife's correct age. Some of the smaller, weaker members preferred to be checked absent rather than answer the call, and the remainder of the members must have married their better halves when exceedingly young, as it was "Eighteen", he sure did "Raub" the cradle.

An interesting talk was made by H. Hobbie defining the purposes and intentions of the Lions club.

Short talks were made by Dr. F. M. Beatty, C. M. Light and Chas. Summers.

After this program two applications for membership were presented and referred to Chairman Raub of the membership committee. The evening closed by all standing and singing "America."

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Light, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. D. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Beatty, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Light, Mr. and Mrs. John Moss, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Yocum, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hobbie, Mr. and Mrs. John Leou, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fortna, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaskill, J. H. Salley and Mrs. W. E. Salley, E. E. Stouffer and the Misses Crotts, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McKiernan, Miss Pearl Thompson.

The Call To Fellowship

In a nobler sense, the Churches of Liberal are the greatest social centers of our city.

Within their influence meet more persons than are brought together by social clubs, secret societies, dance halls, labor unions, society functions or any other agency.

Anybody who will look squarely at life knows that the Church is a social agency of unmeasured influence.

Some social sets are exclusive. The Church's social life is inclusive. She placard her door with the invitation: "ALL WELCOME."

To go to the Church next Sunday may mean for you to enter into a large, beautiful and happy life of friendship and activity.

And better than all—it may mean the beginning of Fellowship with Him, who, yhen on earth was the friend of the friendless.

In case of illness, death or other trouble, any Pastor in the city will be glad to help.

Attend the Church of Your Choice Sunday