

Latest Kansas Events.

Oil and Gas Wells Taxed.

Important changes in the taxation of oil and gas property will be made this year if the instruction given the county assessors of the Kansas oil and gas field by the state tax commission are followed. The assessors were instructed to levy taxes upon the wells and also upon the mineral license or lease under which the wells are operated. Heretofore, in most counties at least, the only item which has been taxed has been the fixtures. These, of course, will be levied upon as usual. The wells are to be appraised according to their production. As a basis of valuation Edwin Foster, the county assessor of Montgomery county, said that he had adopted the rule that a gas well is worth \$800 for every million cubic feet it will produce daily and that an oil well is worth \$200 for every barrel of oil it will produce daily.

Murder Not a Bailable Crime.

Frank Schenck and Mrs. Mollie Stewart, accused of the murder of the Schenck family near Ottawa last year, must remain in jail until their case is finally disposed of, according to the decision of the supreme court. Schenck and Mrs. Stewart brought an application for a writ of habeas corpus in the supreme court to obtain their release on bond but the supreme court refused to grant the application. The attorneys for Schenck and Mrs. Stewart argued that since the Kansas legislature had abolished capital punishment that murder in the first degree became a bailable offense.

Says Weights Must Be Full.

Dr. S. J. Crumrine, secretary of the state board of health, is sending out a circular letter to the flouring mills of Kansas, urging and warning them that full weight must be sold. He states that he has found many brands of flour short from eight ounces to three pounds in 49-pound sacks. John Kleinhaus, his chief inspector, has been making a thorough test of the flour sold, and Dr. Crumrine's letter is based upon that.

Miss Howe Got the Prize.

Miss Matee Howe, daughter of E. W. Howe, editor of the Atchison Globe, has been awarded \$500 for an article on Portland, Ore. Prizes were offered by the Portland Commercial club for the best articles on that city, published in outside papers. The first prize was \$1,000 and Miss Howe secured the second prize with an article published in her father's paper.

A Busy Printer.

During the last two months, the state printing office, under the management of T. A. McNeal, has turned out 27,300 volumes of state books, having a total of 7,971,600 pages, or an average of 292 pages to the book.

Died On Road Home.

The war department has been informed of the death at Long Beach, Cal., of Edwin C. Jones, of Emporia, assistant director of printing at Manila, who had come home for the benefit of his health.

Named Sheriff of Barber County.

Gov. Hoch has appointed Charles W. Kidd of Medicine Lodge sheriff of Barber county, to fill the vacancy made by the death of D. L. McCracken, who was killed. Kidd was McCracken's under-sheriff.

Should Do It If They Can.

Finney county is now claiming it can grow finer cantaloupes than the Rocky Ford district can produce. If this is correct the Finney county farmers would be wise to raise them.

A Wildcat Story.

A catamount was killed near Cedarvale recently, and the jokers are saying that it probably escaped from one of the wildcat oil properties which abound in Chautauqua county.

Should Be Considerate.

The town marshal in Wathena should be careful not to vex his prisoners. One man was so provoked that he kicked a hole through the side of the jail and walked out.

Wellington's Chautauqua.

Wellington's first Chautauqua assembly, which will open June 27 and close July 5, promises to immediately take rank as one of the big Chautauquas of Kansas.

Death of Rev. S. B. Fleming.

Rev. S. B. Fleming, D. D., superintendent of home missions for the Presbyterian church in the synod of Kansas, died at his home at Wichita.

Junction City Has 6,800 Population.

The population of Junction City is 6,800. A very careful census of the city made for the new directory shows this number of inhabitants.

Fire At Penitentiary.

A fire which started in the sisal warehouse of the Kansas penitentiary destroyed more than \$25,000 worth of property. Efficient work on the part of the officers and prisoners, the latter helping in a commendable manner, prevented the flames from spreading and burning the binding twine warehouse where more than \$200,000 worth of manufactured twine is now stored ready for shipment. Had there been a high wind and the boiler and power house, new ice plant and manufacturing shops would have been destroyed.

A Conflict of Schools.

Evidently the regrettable condition of affairs at the state agricultural college, which has culminated in the resignation of the president of that institution and several instructors has weighed heavily upon the mind of F. D. Coburn, secretary of the state board of agriculture, as do all things which threaten the interests over which he watches with fatherly solicitude, as he has felt called upon to address a letter to Gov. Hoch upon the subject. A portion of the letter says: "As you are doubtless aware there has been for many years, or practically since their beginning, more or less conflict of opinion and action among the directing forces of the state university, the state agricultural college and the state normal school, as to the lines of work each should follow if an unwise duplication by one or both of the others was to be avoided. But in the minds of the greater unbiased public who support these schools there is no difference of opinion as to what each was really intended for and is expected to do. For example the public, who pay the bills, expects the university to provide an education in literature, and the arts and sciences, as these terms are understood by educators, and the young men and women of the state are sent there, instead of elsewhere, to obtain it. The same public expects the state normal school to especially train and qualify its students in the art and science of teaching—pedagogy, if you please—particularly for the common public schools. The public likewise expects the college at Manhattan to be the school where practical agriculture and the mechanic arts are taught, and for this has generously equipped it with men, lands, vast buildings, herds and flocks, laboratories, machinery and money, and will provide more, as merited. Owing to duplication and overlapping in the work of these schools the purposes indicated are but partially met, while in its zeal, coupled with a spirit of rivalry, each institution biennially besieges the legislature for increased funds for carrying on work which should be or is done by another. In the interests of all, schools, students and public, this is a condition that sooner or later will have to be remedied, and the sooner it is remedied by a proper adjustment the fewer its difficulties and complications. My thought is that you could do an inestimable service by officially bringing the situation (which they all concede is unsatisfactory) to the attention of the heads and boards of regents of the three schools, inviting them to come together, in conference, perhaps wisely including the state superintendent of public instruction, for the purpose, and urging them to work out, agree upon and adopt (or recommend for your approval) a policy which would result in each institution's adhering to its legitimate duties, without conflict with any other, and in a spirit of harmonious cooperation rather than one of rivalry, competition or antagonism." The governor has since stated that he will call a conference as suggested.

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SPRING KIDNEY TROUBLE.

Vividly Described by One Who Has Suffered from It.

Mrs. H. Mutzabaugh, of Duncannon, Pa., says: "I was sick and miserable all last Spring and as I did not know what was the matter I kept going down and down until I was a physical wreck. I had smothering spells, flashes of heat over the kidneys and pain in passing the kidney secretions, which contained sediment. My husband urged me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and at last I did so. They did me much good, and I used in all eight boxes which restored me to perfect health."



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