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ABILENE, KANSAS, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 6, 1909.

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Superintendent Stacey Re-elected in Abilene

The board of education last night re-elected W. A. Stacey superintendent of the city schools for another year, increasing his salary to \$1500. This is a merited tribute to one of the best school superintendents in Kansas. His excellent work in the Abilene schools has been appreciated by the entire city and it will be pleasing news that he is to be retained another year.

Being the first meeting since election the board reorganized, electing J. S. Engle again as president; H. H. Keel, vice president; C. H. Hill, clerk. The board now is:

First Ward—O. P. Fenton, J. S. Engle.
Second Ward—H. H. Keel, R. M. White.
Third Ward—P. G. Hoffman, J. W. Howe.

Fourth Ward—H. E. Ackers, C. H. Hill.

Added territory—H. E. Snider, E. O. Farrer.

The president appointed these committees:

Ways and Means—Farrer, Hill, Howe.

Buildings and Grounds—Fenton, Hoffman, White.

Schools, rules and regulations—Ackers, Keel, Snider.

It was voted to put in a normal course and manual training, which will add much to the schools' effectiveness.

The ways and means committee was instructed to get bids from the banks for the city depository of funds and report at next meeting.

Adjourned.

Hope Commencement Interesting Occasion

Commencement night at Hope Tuesday evening was enjoyed by an audience that filled the auditorium. The stage was decorated in lilacs and lilies and the program was an excellent one. Three young ladies received diplomas for the full four years high school course, Miss Mary Meull, Miss Laura Davis, Miss Sadie McLaren, and acquitted themselves with much credit in their orations, indicating good training and earnest effort. The program of the evening was:

Invocation—Rev. Dr. F. S. Blayney
Piano Duet—“Qui Vive”
Edna Stauffer, Elsie Hoffman
Salutatory—Mary Meull
Oration—“Over the Hill to Fame”
Laura Davis
Sole—A. C. Bertchinger
Oration—“Breaking the Roads”
Mary Meull
Quartet—“Soldier's Farewell”
Mearns, Munser, Bertchinger,
Harder and Westrup
Oration—“The Power of an Idea”
Sadie McLaren
Valedictory—Sadie McLaren

Principal G. E. Harder, the head of the Hope schools, received many congratulations on the excellence of the commencement arrangements and the fine showing not only at the closing exercises but throughout the year. He has worked hard to build up the schools and has succeeded admirably. Hope enjoys the distinction of having a full four years high school course, of which it is very proud. Prof. Harder has shown his ability as an educator in making the past year one of the best in the school's history. He and his assistants deserve much credit for their work and their accomplishments.

ONE MORE RIGHT UPHELD.

Teams, Autos and Other Things May Be on the Street.

Another inalienable right has been upheld in Abilene—that of occupying the street more or less. It grew out of the large number of cars on automobile row and the city officers wanted the cars moved into a lot or the garage. The street and alley committee produced the ordinance and heard both sides. Then a decision was rendered that if autos are to be ordered off the street there must be a clean up of livery rigs, wheelbarrows, rolls of fence wire, corn shellers, dry goods boxes, grocery barrels, implements, etc., etc. The city fathers thought it was too big a job and nothing was done.

Two More Are Signed.

President Beagle has received two more contracts, one from a pitcher and the other from a second base man. The pitcher, Mattson from Vesper, is a “south paw” and can deliver the goods. Dublett, of Great Bend, is the second baseman and is an all-round good player.

Civil Service Examination.

Civil service examination for the position of clerk-carrier in the Abilene postoffice will be held at the office on May 29th beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. All persons desiring to take or wishing information concerning this examination should apply to H. D. Pocht at the local post-office.

Gave Up the Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Southworth, Miss Eliza Southworth, Mrs. Alexander and Miss McGregor are home from Salina. They were guests of H. D. Lee and intended to take a motor trip to Wichita. They started in three cars Friday but when they reached Lindsay decided it was too cold and returned to Salina. They will make a new start later.

TWO CUPS AND THREE MEDALS.

County High School Boys Made Records at Lawrence.

Chapman, May 4.—Laurence Perrill and Eugene Davis returned Monday evening from Lawrence, where they represented the D. C. H. S. in the inter-high school track meet held there last Saturday. The two boys won first in Class B, the class in which our school was entered, receiving a handsome loving cup as a trophy. Eugene Davis also won the individual cup for making the highest number of points. The boys also brought back three medals.

Stock Car on Fire.

A stock car on the east bound freight was set on fire by a spark from the engine west of town about seven thirty yesterday evening. It was speedily brought into the yards and put under the engine hydrant where the flames were extinguished. Very little damage was done except that a few of the cattle were slightly scorched. Almost all the population of Abilene turned out to see the fire team make the run.

A Pleasant Surprise.

A surprise party was given last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Peatling by about 25 of the young people coming in bringing oysters, cakes, fruit, etc. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The young folks departed at a late hour.

Celebrated Her Birthday.

Mrs. A. Heindel celebrated her 55th birthday anniversary with a dinner party at her home on North Cedar Saturday evening, entertaining the following friends and old neighbors: Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sommers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. David Sommers, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kirk, Mrs. E. H. Sommers of Ellsworth. The occasion was delightful for all and will long be remembered. Many good wishes were extended to the hostess for happy returns.

MAP OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND ENVIRONS.



The foreign embassies and residences of foreigners are in Pera quarter. It was on the outer parts of this division of Constantinople and between it and the Yildiz Kiosk that the fighting occurred. The distance between the walls of Pera and the gate of Yildiz Kiosk is only a mile and a half. The arrow points to the palace.

Manchester Schools Close Successful Year

of the county. All of the pupils of Miss Woolverton and Miss Dakin completed an eight months term of school at Manchester last Friday. The ladies of the district had tables in the upper room spread with virtually everything good to eat. The throng of old and young, big and small appeared to enjoy the repast immensely and ate till they could eat no more and still not only fragments were left to be taken up but tempting pies and cakes, etc. A platform equipped in theatrical style had been placed in the lower room and in the afternoon Miss Dakin's pupils rendered a very interesting and amusing program. Everything performed by Miss Dakin's pupils was good and very many things were simply beautiful. In the evening Miss Woolverton had her pupils present a program which was pronounced to be one of the very best entertainments of the kind ever enjoyed by the people of this part

both rooms especially the little tots enjoyed the day immensely and appeared quite dignified in being able to interest and amuse the older folks. This would be a dreary world indeed if everything funny was eliminated. There are people however who appear to consider that not even children are entitled to have a little harmless fun. Miss Dakin is a home product. We are proud of her and want to keep her at home. Miss Woolverton has taught her grades strictly as prescribed in the course of study. Her ninth grade pupils have completed their books and have reached finals. If they want to get a better education they must now go to high school or college. Eight of her pupils were successful at the high school examination and some of them have certificates that entitles them to sophomores when they enter high school.—John Trot, director.

Several Things

There are several things to be considered in selecting your bank.

- 1st Strength—financial strength.
- 2nd The care with which the bank is managed.
- 3rd The courtesy and spirit of accommodation displayed by the officers and employees.
- 4th The banking experience of its officers.
- 5th The ability of the bank to properly and promptly handle all your business.

To those wishing desirable banking relations, we offer our services as an old established, permanent, conservative and accommodating bank, promising courteous treatment and careful attention to all business intrusted to our care.

The Abilene National Bank

Methodists Meet in Abilene Next Fall

Junction City, May 4.—Rev. W. C. Coleman, of Abilene, opened the M. E. district conference in session here with an able sermon last evening. A large number of delegates are present. Today's program was: 8:30 a. m.—Devotions and Organization—J. R. Madison 10:00—“Baker University”—J. A. Mott 10:15—W. F. M. S. 10:30—Miss Viola Troutman 10:45—Mrs. E. L. Knostman 10:55—“Bethany Hospital”—J. F. St. Clair

11:00—Benevolence and Discussion, led by—S. A. Bright 1:45—Devotions—B. F. Dice 2:00—District Steward's Meeting. 3:00—Evangelism, Discussion, led by—G. W. Braden 4:00—“The Minister as Seen Through a Layman's Eyes”—W. S. Heuser 4:30—“The Layman as Seen Through Ministerial Eyes”—J. W. Reed 8:00—Sermon—P. C. Wyatt The next session of the conference will be held in Abilene next September.

KEEPING BOYS ON THE FARM.

How Mayor Kirtland of Salina Has Accomplished it.

The following story is printed in several western papers and has a good lesson:

Charles Kirtland, of Salina, Kansas, has solved the much-discussed problem of keeping boys on the farm. Mr. Kirtland owns 250 acres six miles from Salina. He has three boys—Fred, aged sixteen; John, fourteen and Chester, six. There are three girls.

In the winter Mr. Kirtland's family lives in Salina on account of school facilities and to enjoy the social life. So much is the family in love with the country, however, that before the snow has fairly gone all are begging to go back to the farm.

The secret of it? Co-operation, partnership.

The Kirtland family is a pure democracy in which every member is a citizen, with the rights and the privileges of citizenship.

Ever since they have been old enough to be interested in any way the children have had some share, however small, in the farm. Each has something that he can call his own.

Mr. Kirtland has “toted fair” with the children. If they were not old enough to exercise judgment as to money or property, they were properly credited on the books. It is interesting to note how the boys are getting on.

For instance—

Last year Fred and John, having accumulated some capital, rented an adjoining forty acres. They used the family teams to break the ground, paying a stipulated sum per day for the use. They bought seed wheat and paid for the threshing.

The two boys made a profit of \$450 on the venture. Next year they say they will do better. And they did this without neglecting their home duties or their schooling.

Do you wonder that these boys are content and happy on the farm?

Chester, the little one of six years, determined to acquire some property. He bought with his little savings a couple of orphan pigs, baby pigs. That was a year ago. Twice daily he filled his little pail from the milk separator and fed the orphans.

The pigs thrived, and a short time ago, when the father sold a bunch of hogs, Chester's orphans brought \$15. Every cent went on Chester's bank book.

The girls also have their own property. But that is another story.

The Kansas farmer has simply treated his children as intelligent units of the little republic family. He has supplied the motive—so lacking to most farm boys—of intelligent self-interest.

After the Delinquents.

Postmaster Waring of Abilene has received instructions from the department at Washington to ascertain the names of all patrons on the rural delivery routes whose mail boxes cannot be reached without leaving the road, dismounting, or driving on steep inclines or without special inconvenience to the carrier. This information must be forwarded to the postoffice department, and all such persons will be required to so arrange their mail boxes as to comply with the regulations, if they desire to take advantage of the rural delivery.

Vehicle For Sale Cheap.

Two seated Studebaker vehicle in fair condition. See H. W. Wilson at Reflector office. 1212

TOPEKA SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION WILL BE GREAT MEETING

Secretary Engle Says Everything Is Ready for Visitors.

Secretary J. H. Engle returned from a pre-convention trip of inspection to Topeka. The city is prepared to receive 2500 delegates at the state Sunday School convention which opens there tomorrow. Indications are that her hospitality will be taxed to the limit. Reception and entertainment committees are well organized. Automobiles and pages are at the disposal of the committees for the location of delegates. Topeka representatives will meet incoming trains on the main lines. A chorus of 500 voices will be led by Tullar of New York City; pipe organ recitals, profitable conferences and inspirational platform address and lectures are among the features.

Eight years ago Topeka was overwhelmed with a state Sunday School convention crowd. They are determined not to repeat this experience. They are prepared. The exhibit which was planned by Miss Bayless, the director, will be in the immediate charge of Mrs. H. A. Tice of the state committee.—Mr. W. D. Stem will direct the adult class features.

Many are going from Dickinson county. A coachload over the Rock Island and one on the Union Pacific. This is the largest delegation this county has ever sent. Special trains and coaches are coming from various portions of the state.

One of the chief convention speakers, Dr. E. F. Rhoads, of Ohio, will speak to men in Abilene next Sunday afternoon.

The local training class which will take its final examination on the Bible section of the course will hold another session next Monday night instead of Friday night as usual. At this meeting Dr. Blayney will give a brief lecture on the manuscripts of the Bible in addition to the usual 45 minutes drill period conducted by Mr. Engle.

The special car for the Sunday school convention delegates will be attached to the 11:30 U. P. train tomorrow. A number of delegates went today and the remainder go tomorrow.

A special car will also be attached to the Rock Island morning train. Dickinson will send a large delegation.

SHIFTING SOIL.

Real Estate Transfers Reported by J. E. Keel, Abstractor.

Paris G. Hoffman and wife et al to James Blagg, e 1/4 s e 1/4 33-14-3, \$1000.

Michael Senn and wife to Nicholas Bjorkander, lots 4, 6, blk 7, Senn's add to city of Enterprise, \$200.

Harrison Flora and wife to Mary V. Beach, lot 4, blk 6, town of Manchester, \$700.

George W. Garton and wife to Charles E. Davidson, a tract of land com. at n w cor s 1/4 n e 1/4, 19-13-2, metes and bounds, \$3600.

For Sale.

My property at 1114 North Cedar street, good 5 room house, good barn, chicken house and other out buildings. Two acres of ground all fenced chicken tight, over half in alfalfa. Good well, cistern, and city water. Call upon or write J. A. Kauffman. 2444w31