



ABOUT PEOPLE.

Jake Nichols of Talmage was here on business. Henry Kohman of Dillon spent the day here. Adam Miller of Solomon was in town on business. B. W. Beemer of Hope was in town on business. Tom Scanlan of Chapman was in town on business. Wm. Saigg of Chapman was in town on business. Alex Mustard of Manchester was in town on business. Frank Schwendener of Woodbine was in town on business. Miss Maude Scripser of Buckeye is shopping in town. E. W. Mitch of Woodbine was in town on business. Lawrence Townley of Enterprise spent the day in town. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strode of Manchester were shopping here. Herman Haasler and Gus Leonard are in town from Enterprise. Mrs. D. H. Rogers of Navarre is here on business for the day. Mrs. A. D. Martin and sister of Hope are spending the day here. Clarence and Miss Viola Ducker of Woodbine are visiting friends here. J. M. Odle was up from Chapman on business and called on the Reflector. Guy Tate returned home to McPherson after visiting with his mother. Belvin Swing and Clair Blackwelder of Woodbine were in town on business. J. L. Engle and family leave tomorrow for Pasadena, Cal., to spend the winter. Mrs. Charles Kubach returned home from Missouri to spend the holidays here. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winstow and daughter Ruth of Chapman were here shopping. J. H. Hiff of Talmage was in town on his way to Kansas City where he will buy cattle. E. E. Coulson and family will leave tomorrow for San Jose, Cal., to spend the winter. Mrs. A. B. Roberts of Muskogee,

Okla., came in to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Case.

Robert Long and family are back from a trip to California and will occupy one of the C. Stevens farms east of Abilene the coming year. California didn't look good to them.

Mrs. W. E. Dieffenbaugh went to Abilene to visit relatives. Saturday she and her brother, C. C. Livingston went to Marion to visit their sister, Mrs. D. C. Deatrick.—Manchester Motor.

J. I. Kuter of Herington was in town on business. Mr. Kuter has been a prosperous farmer near Herington for a number of years and has lately sold his farm to enter the mercantile business at Holton.

NEW BAKER FRAT HOUSE COMPLETED.

Abilene Girls Are Members of This Fraternity.

The new chapter house of the Delta Delta sorority of Baker university is just completed at a cost of \$10,000. This building is probably the finest sorority house in the state, and the first one to be built and owned in Baldwin. Delta Delta is the oldest national sorority in Baker, becoming a national organization in '95, and have at present twenty-four active members.

The house is modern in every respect, having a forty foot front on Ninth street, which is one of the nicest streets in Baldwin on which street there is now a total of five fraternity homes.

Miss Gladys Tafts and Miss Mary Balch of Abilene are members of this frat and will move into the house after Christmas.

DR. BLAYNEY TO JUDGE HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE.

The judges have been announced for the Salina-Topeka high school debate in Salina Thursday night. The judges are Dr. F. S. Blayney, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Abilene; Dr. Ernest Pihlblad, president of Bethany college, Lindsborg, and Canon Scratchley, headmaster of St. John's college, Salina.—Union.

LOST THE CONTEST

BUT 58 BALLOTS THROWN OUT WERE LEGAL.

Start Recount of Every Precinct—Will Probably Complete Count in Time for Christmas Dinner, 1913.

The contest board took up the case of Mrs. B. C. Anderson against Tom Easter for the office of register of deeds early today and by noon had completed the count of the ballots returned as void from the precincts of the county. There were 250 of these ballots and of this number 58 were declared to be legal ballots. Mrs. Anderson gained 37 votes and Tom Easter 21 which gave Mrs. Anderson a total gain of 16 in the county. The largest number of legal ballots found among those marked "void" came from Hope and in this precinct Mrs. Anderson had a gain of 13. Herington gave Easter a gain of one. Abilene gave Mrs. Anderson a gain of 1 and many of the precincts of the county remained unchanged. Mrs. Anderson gave up hopes of winning when Center township with 37 void ballots remained unchanged. Mrs. Anderson had counted strongly on this precinct to win her the election.

So far in the count the vote on governor has kept up with that on the register of deeds and gives Capper about 16 more ballots in the county than were counted for him. Most of the ballots counted for Mrs. Anderson today from those marked void were ballots which followed the instructions of the Bull Moose party managers and were thrown out for marks in the circle and other marks after candidates in the same column. The judges have taken up the counting of the whole vote of the precincts and Mr. King said this afternoon that he hoped to be done in time for his Christmas dinner a year from next Wednesday. There have been no changes so far as these ballots have been counted and the judges may give up the count without counting the whole county. There seems to be no chance for Mrs. Anderson to win.

ACCIDENTALLY BURNED TO DEATH

Daughter of E. M. Hoffenel to Be Brought Here for Burial.

The two-year-old daughter of E. M. Hoffenel of Salem, Oregon, was accidentally burned to death Tuesday morning at her home in Salem. The body will be brought to Abilene Sunday morning and interment will be made here. The funeral announcement will be made later.

WAGON DELIVERY FOR CITY PARCELS POST.

The Abilene post office will have a wagon delivery service for the city after January 1st. In preparing for the parcels post an appropriation has been made for this city to be expended in the most feasible manner to deliver the incoming parcels. The postmaster will have a light wagon and a driver in service to make probably two deliveries of parcels all over the city daily. It would be impossible for the present force of carriers to handle any considerable amount of extra mail. The maps and rules for the operation of the parcels post have been received and the public will be given full information regarding the system before its going into effect January 1st. During the holiday rush the post office will have extra assistance. Chester Hutchison is on duty as temporary clerk. Jesse Denman and Elmer Elwick will go on duty Saturday as assistant carriers. With this added force greater promptness in delivering Christmas packages will be possible.

Change in Firm.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to firm of Kugler & Teopfer are hereby requested to call at store and settle their accounts before Jan. 1, 1913. KUGLER & TEOPFER. 17d5tw2t

Advertised Mail.

For week ending Dec. 16, 1913: Letters: John Beck, Jess Campbell, Allen DeWitt, Mrs. Martha Grable, Wesley Graves, Mrs. Aite Hopkins, D. Kennedy, T. W. Porter, Sr. Mateo Reyes, Senor Refugio Sandoval, H. R. Weyant. Cards: Master Alfred Bettors, Master Wilson Daniel, Miss Anna Fock, Clyde Fulton (3), T. A. Galvin, Mrs. E. E. Griffin, Miss Kathleen McKinley, Hiram H. Pratz, Miss Ruth Taylor. C. M. HARGR, P. M.

RECENT REFLECTIONS.

Don't forget the big sale of records at the Racket. Sale closes the 25th. wit

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Simmons an 8 1/4 pound boy.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Jeffcoat, Dec. 12th, a daughter.

The Racket's big record sale closes the 25th. wit

—Marriage license was issued to Isaac Berger of Worden, Wash., and Mary Wiemer of Hope.

—J. S. Reed received two cars of cattle from Kansas City and has put them in the lots for feed.

Remember the big sale of phonograph records at the Racket. wit

—A. S. Brenizer is able to be up again. It will be a few weeks before he entirely recovers from the severe fall he experienced.

Music bags, violin cases, music stands of metronomes make acceptable gifts for your musical friends. See the new line at Broughton's Music Store. 14d3twit

—There will be a Christmas tree and program at Walnut Grove school district 35, Saturday evening, December 21.—Addie Thomas, teacher.

Follow the crowds to the Racket for your holiday gifts. wit

—Bert Morgan was in justice court today charged with disturbing the peace of Abner Sauer and family. He entered a plea of not guilty and the hearing was set for Dec. 19. In the meantime he is out on \$200 bond.

—C. C. Hutchison has been appointed justice of the peace for Abilene by Gov. Stubbs. His commission arrived this morning. Abilene is entitled to two justices and J. P. Quinn was the only one elected at the recent election.

Santa Claus will arrive in his big suit Saturday afternoon about 3 o'clock and distribute toys to the children in front of the Racket. w

—At the annual reorganization of the Brethren in Christ Sunday school last night the following persons were chosen to constitute the board for the year: G. Allen Kauffman, superintendent; Rev. M. L. Hoffman, J. A. Kauffman, Harvey Winger and Raymond Eshefman.

The Racket is open evenings now.

ABILENE SALES DAY GETS A BOOST.

The Merchants' Journal of Topeka edited by Paul Lovewell, one of the state's best newspaper men, devotes a page to a write up of the Abilene Sales Day. A reproduction of one of the advertisements used, giving the special bargains, is printed and a full description of how the sales day is conducted appears. The Journal says: Abilene, Kan., famous not only for its Abilene water, but for many other things, in one of the towns of the state which is making a success of its monthly auction and sales day.

Some towns have fallen down on this plan. They say it has not been a success, from any standpoint. The probability is that the success or failure of the auction and sales day depends largely on how the plan is managed, and how thoroughly the merchants cooperate to make the undertaking a winner.

"The success of the auction and sales day," says D. W. Tappen, secretary of the Abilene Commercial club, "depends on the way you advertise the same, and the kind of an auctioneer you have."

Abilene has advertised its sales day thoroughly; the merchants have all helped, and the auctioneer has evidently been the right man for the job.

Abilene is playing the game wisely. It puts on the monthly auction sale as a clearing house for the farmers. While it has the farmers interested, the merchants each get busy and advertise some special bargain for that day. There is just one big drive advertisement from each store, and each merchant is given an equal amount of space to advertise his "drive" on the co-operative handbill issued by the Merchants' association.

In addition to this each merchant has the right to take all the space he wants in the local papers to boost his game. The result is that for a week or more before the monthly sales day, the Abilene newspapers carry a lot of extra advertising for sales day bargains, and nearly all the ads talk about the advantages of coming to town on sales day. Thus the sales day is boosted both by the Merchants' association and by the individual members.

Advertisement for Hoosier Cabinet. Features an illustration of a large wooden cabinet with multiple drawers and doors. Text: 'Twenty Thousand Husbands will give "Her" a Hoosier Cabinet. One of the great Christmas gifts of the world is the Hoosier Cabinet. American men know better than those of any other nation the value of a machine that saves steps. Every year the number of Hoosier Cabinets for Christmas has increased. More men have discovered in it "the greatest labor-saving machine for women the world has ever seen." Christmas is a fitting time to give her a Hoosier Cabinet, for at Christmas you want to make your gift supreme. SHOCKEY & LANDES'

Advertisement for Kansas Bull Moosers. Text: 'Kansas Bull Moosers Have Started Formation of Party of Their Own. Topeka, Dec. 18.—The Kansas Progressive party was organized here yesterday afternoon at a conference called by William Allen White, which met in representative hall. About 175 men and fifteen women attended. Blank sheets sent down the aisles for signatures brought back 123 names, of which twenty-eight were from Topeka. U. S. Sartin of Kansas City, Kan., was elected provisional chairman; Miss Helen Eacker of Lawrence; secretary, and A. W. Rice of Abilene treasurer. Officers were selected by a committee from the eight districts and two at large and ratified by the conference as follows: First district, T. A. McNeal, Topeka; Second, J. K. Atkinson, Kansas City; Third, S. H. Piper, Independence; Fourth, C. A. Stannard, Emporia; Fifth, S. M. Smith, Herington; Sixth, J. K. Mitchell, Osborne; Seventh, G. M. Martin, Medicine Lodge; Eighth, C. C. Mack, Newton; at large, Miss Helen Eacker, Lawrence, and Mrs. Eugene Polham, Atchison. No motion was made to start a Progressive league instead of a party. Two persons at the conference spoke against organizing a new party at this time, and counseled delay, but they had a hard time to make themselves heard. The crowd was in no temper for anything but a new party at once, and it got its wish. After speeches and the provisional organization, White moved that work be started at once in the various precincts and counties of the state for the organization of a Progressive party, that precinct committeemen and county chairmen be chosen and that progress be reported at the Lincoln day banquet in Topeka, where the final organization is to be completed. The motion carried after considerable debate. E. H. Souders of Wichita counseled caution and delay. He declared he had worked for Roosevelt and the Progressive cause, but that there were many in his county whose desire was for the conference to make haste slowly. "Many a party," he declared, "was born in a rush and in enthusiasm, and died. I simply ask you to proceed slowly. I want you to remember that the principles which we are now advocating carried the Republican party from 1855 to now." "Were you not president of the Curtis club in Wichita during the recent campaign?" Dave Leahy asked of Souders. "I was," replied Souders. "And may God wither my hand if I fail to help a man who all his life has been helping me." W. E. Brodie of Edwards got the floor and opposed the White motion for a new party. He favored fighting out the matter in the Republican party. Brodie declared that La Follette is the logical man for president four years hence. Attorney General Dawson raised loudly but very loud cheers at the mention of La Follette's name. Brodie could scarcely be heard in the tumult. The crowd wanted to vote, and bring the new party into being. G. H. Anderson of Atchison insisted upon the previous question and finally the vote was taken. Almost the entire conference rose up and put the new party into existence. But four or five voted against the motion.

Advertisement for Eicholtz Racket. Text: 'Changed Hands. H. H. Eicholtz has purchased R. F. Brammer's Racket Store. and is now ready to serve you and desires you to call and see him. Call and see our full line of Holiday Goods and Racket supplies. We will solicit your trade. EICHOLTZ RACKET'

Advertisement for Special Holiday Piano Sale. Features a large five-pointed star graphic. Text: 'Special Holiday Piano Sale. Baldwin, Bush & Gerts. Jesse French. Ellington, Hamilton Howard and Carl Pianos and Player Pianos. Also a few good Second Hand Pianos taken in exchange on Player Pianos which I am very anxious to close out by the first of the year and will give exceptionally close prices. Your old organ or piano taken in exchange, also cattle, horses and mules. Christmas is a fine time to buy a Piano, Victrola or Graphanola as it will please the family as much or more as a Christmas gift as any other present, and will last for a life time. Sold on easy terms if desired. W. H. BROUGHTON'