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## COMMERCIAL CLUB IS INVESTIGATING GRAIN PRICES.

[From Saturday's Daily.]  
The commercial club met last night to discuss matters of interest to the town. A large amount of time was spent talking over matters but no much definite action was taken. C. C. Wyandt, vice president, presided.  
J. B. Case moved that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to investigate the freight rates on wheat, corn and general rates from Salina to Junction City, also investigate the price that has been paid for wheat in the last ten days at all stations between Junction City and Salina and all stations in this county and report at the next commercial club meeting. The chair appointed R. M. White, J. W. Brooks, H. J. Hodge and J. T. Prendergast.  
The chair appointed S. Shearer, F. B. Glimp and M. H. Malott as apportionment committee on finances; and G. S. Upshaw and J. A. Flack to go with H. A. Anderson to solicit funds for the commercial college. The club partially agreed to accept Prof. Anderson's proposition to establish a commercial college for \$250 in cash and \$250 to be applied on rent on some future date.

C. S. Crooks moved that a meeting of club be called for Monday night at 8:00. Carried. Adjourned.  
[From Monday's Daily.]  
The commercial club meeting last night had about 30 in attendance. The committees appointed at a previous meeting were not ready to report.  
The matter of inducing people to come to Abilene by special efforts, fare rebates, etc., was discussed and this committee appointed to prepare a plan for the club: C. A. Case, G. C. Sterl, J. T. Prendergast, C. S. Crooks, H. C. Litts.  
H. K. Humphrey made a talk on the price paid for grain. Junction City has a better freight rate than Abilene and hence pays more but other towns paid on Saturday, March 25, for the highest grade of wheat, 59 pound test, as follows: Abilene 94, Solomon 88, Salina 90, Dillon 89. For the lowest grade, 54 pound test: Abilene 83, Solomon 82, Salina 84, Dillon 83. Mr. Humphrey said that, freight considered, Abilene pays the best price for grain of any town around here.

## ROAD OVERSEERS ARE ALL OUT OF JOBS NOW.

County Attorney Towner has been asked by a good many township officers regarding the new road law, and at the request of some has gotten the opinion of the attorney general on the subject.  
The attorney general gives it as his opinion that the new law vacates the office of road overseer and makes it the duty of the township boards, acting as Commissioners of Highways to redistrict townships and appoint road overseers for same.  
Under the direction of the Commissioners of Highways the poll tax should then be worked out under the supervision of the new road overseer.

The following is the opinion of the attorney general as far as applicable to this matter:  
"I beg leave to say that in my opinion the new road law abolishes the office of road overseer under the old law and authorizes the township board to redistrict the township into not more than four road districts and appoint road overseers for such new districts. I think it would then be the duty of the commissioners of Roads and Highways to see that the poll tax was worked out under the supervision of the proper road overseer."

## TEACHERS ENJOYED IT.

Over 250 Educators from Three Counties Met.  
HERINGTON, March 27.—The meeting of the Tri-County Teachers Association Saturday was a very successful one. About 250 teachers from Dickinson, Morris and Marion counties were present. The program as published was carried out nearly in full.  
Prof. H. S. Myers of the Dickinson county high school was elected president. Prof. Jones of this city was made chairman of executive committee, the county superintendents of Marion and Morris being the other members. The meeting next year will be in Herington.

## LOCK ISLAND OFFICIALS.

President Winchell and Party to Be Here Thursday.  
President Winchell, Vice President Biddle, Traffic Manager Holden and General Freight Agent Embry of the Rock Island who are making a tour of the western lines will visit Abilene Thursday.  
A meeting is called for Thursday at 10 a. m. at the Abilene National bank office to arrange for their reception.  
Made Fortune in Nome.  
It is reported that Dr. O. F. Searl of Solomon who has been at Cape Nome for three years and who has interests in several mines there has struck it rich. One of the mines is producing gold in remarkably large quantities. We hope it is true.

## Died at Portland, Oregon.

A telegram was received today saying that George W. Young died last night at Portland, Oregon, where he has been ill for some time. His father, William Young, and his brother from this county were with him and will start home with the body at once. Mr. Young visited here a few months ago and had many friends in this county.

## CLEVE CULBERTSON ESCAPED.

Abilene Reformatory Inmate Got Out but Was Caught.  
HERINGTON, March 28.—Three inmates of the reformatory made their escape this morning but were recaptured this afternoon. They belonged to the kitchen gang and were taken up to get breakfast and when the guard was out of the room, they slipped out of a window from which they had sawed a bar and made their escape. They were recaptured this afternoon, concealed in an old salt plant. The names of the men who escaped are Cleve Culbertson, sent up from Dickinson county; Arthur Kooz, of Wyandotte county and Roy Harvey of Bourbon county. They were at liberty about eight hours.

Will Educate on Dairying.  
The Blue Valley Creamery Co., of which L. G. Humbarger is one of the managers, will on April 10 run a special dairy instruction train through Nebraska stopping at every station. Instructors aboard will give lectures on best methods in dairying, etc. It is a good idea.

## Entertained for Miss Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. A. W. Hiner and Miss Alice Sterl entertained about 50 young people Saturday evening at the home of the former in honor of Miss Alice Kirkpatrick of Oklahoma City who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hiner. The principal feature of the evening was a musical program that was greatly enjoyed. Piano solos by Miss Cooper and Miss Johnson; vocal solos by Miss Kirkpatrick, Miss Lower, Miss Nieper and Miss Giles; violin solos by Thad Hoffman of Enterprise and some original jingles by Miss Warfield made a most entertaining list of attractions and all were heartily applauded. Miss Sterl and Miss Daisy Hoffman were accompanists.  
Following the program was served a dainty lunch at which Misses Mabel and Gracella Fuller assisted.



## LIBRARY TAX IS GOOD THING FOR THE CITY.

At the coming election will be submitted to the voters of the city a proposition to levy a tax of one mill for the maintenance of the public library. Many do not understand all the benefits that will accrue to the city from the adoption of the plan.  
The present library is maintained by the women of the city who give rummage sales, entertainments, etc., for the purpose. Each person who takes a book home pays \$1 a year for the privilege. About \$210 is raised in this way. It costs \$550 to run the library, including rent, coal, light, janitor, librarian, insurance, etc. After the women have raised the necessary amount above the \$210 received from library cards, they have very little left with which to buy new books. Last year they had only \$143. This does not keep a library up with the times.  
The levying of a library tax of one mill will raise about \$600 a year. Every person who pays taxes on \$1,000 worth of property at assessed valuation will pay \$1. Nine-tenths of the people of town will pay much less than that. The railroads, telegraph and telephone companies will pay \$50 of the total amount. Under the law the library, if such tax is levied, must be absolutely free—that is, there will be no charge for books to take home. Every family of the city who has suitable references will be allowed to take books home free. Any person who now pays less than

\$60 taxes and takes out a library card will save money. His library tax will be less than the one dollar which he now pays for his book and the books will be free. Hundreds of people who cannot afford to get books now will then be able to obtain good reading matter free. The tax will just pay for the expense of keeping up the library, paying rent, etc. With this burden out of the way the money raised by the women will be used for new books and will amount to probably \$300 to \$500 a year. This will make the library worth a great deal to the city. As it now is its usefulness is limited because scarcely any additions can be made to it and the books are worn out rapidly as well as grow familiar to the readers of the city.  
When the city helps support a library it becomes the manager and a board of 15 of whom the mayor is chairman will have charge of it. The mayor appoints the members, representing all parties in his selection. Abilene should vote for the library tax without a dissenting vote. It is a step in the direction of progress and will be a great benefit to the city and its interests. This is the first time that the city has attempted to help such a movement; let every voter give it a boost and show the women who have labored unselfishly to start a library here that their efforts are appreciated.  
It is both good business and good morals to vote for the library tax.

## SEE'S A HUMMER.

Edith Smedley Used to Visit Abilene in Old Days.  
Mrs. Edith Smedley, arrested at Colorado Springs because she got the heart and cash of Joseph Wells, a Lincoln, Neb., bachelor, is a Kansas girl, with a Blue Beard record. She used to come to Abilene when she lived at Lindsborg, and was here once with the "husband" she possessed at that time. Her history is something lively. Edith Simmons, a country girl living near Perry, Kansas, married Emory Willits. They have a little daughter several years old. She persuaded her husband to send her to college at Lindsborg, Kas., to study music. Here she passed off as an unmarried woman, and J. W. Bundy, the Union Pacific agent, attempted suicide because of love for her. The next day was J. H. James, of Salina, who paid her expenses for some months, and was getting ready to marry her, when he found out about her husband. A traveling man named Elliot got his wings caught next, and was so badly fooled that he gave the woman all he had and married her, but left her three days later. Mrs. Willits then went back to her husband at Perry, being tired out with her traffic in hearts, and there met Scott Smedley. She ran off with him to Lincoln, Neb., and while living with him got \$15,000 from a bachelor

named Wells, on a promise that she would go to Colorado Springs, secure a divorce, and return and marry him. While in Colorado Springs, she was arranging to marry E. W. Hooker, a young attorney from Texas, who was going to marry her next week.  
Two Tickets at Enterprise.  
ENTERPRISE, March 27.—Two tickets are in the field for the city election. The joint issue is as usual prominent in the campaign. The nominees are: Citizens—Mayor, Oscar Latta; councilmen, Emmet V. Hoffman, G. W. Froelich, Theo. Sandquist, J. J. King, E. E. Krebbel; police judge, J. W. Fleming.  
People's—Mayor, J. E. Pontius; councilmen, F. A. Conant, L. E. Steigleman, John Fell, W. G. Froelich, Theo. Sandquist; police judge, J. W. Fleming.  
Livery Stock at Auction.  
I will sell my livery stock consisting of horses, carriages, harnesses, buggies, etc., etc., at auction on Saturday, April 8, at the barn on Spruce street, commencing at 1 p. m. sharp. J. N. Burton, auctioneer.  
78-Gladstone JOSEPH BADGER.  
White Rock Cockerels.  
For sale, farm-raised, large boned few cockerels from "Dude," one of the winning cock birds at Topeka, January, 1905. Eggs for hatching. Mrs. Ada M. Jones, Abilene, Kas. 25-5"

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## FATHER HAYDEN'S DEATH TOOK AWAY POPULAR PRIEST.

Funeral services of the late Father Bernard Hayden were held at Leavenworth at 10 o'clock this morning. Father D. Horgan and Father Perrier of this city as well as a large number of people from Solomon attended. Every priest in the state who could possibly be there was present. Solomon high mass was said by the bishop and the priests chanted the office. As is always the case, the remains were dressed in the purple vestments in which the deceased so often said mass. Father Maher preached the funeral sermon.  
Father Hayden had been stationed at Solomon, permanently, for over twenty years. He was born in Roscommon, Ireland, 58 years ago and in the year 1870 was ordained a priest at Topeka, Kas. His first pastorate was at Newman and from there, he went to Solomon—thirty-five years ago. Shortly afterward he returned

to Ireland where he remained for eleven years when he again came to Kansas going to Solomon about the year 1883 where he has been ever since.  
Though called the Solomon church, the building in which Father Hayden so long officiated is located in Saline county, just the other side of the dividing line. His parish was a large one composed mostly of residents of Solomon and Dayton township, Saline county. Father Hayden was an active worker and several years ago built what was at that time the finest church building in Saline county. An addition has since been added to the structure.  
To the members of the Solomon parish one of the best friends they ever had is lost for a time and his going will leave a vacant place that will be very hard to fill.

Shifting Soil.  
Real Estate Transfers Reported by Mak in a Middleton Abstracters.  
J Kelley et al to T U Stafford ne 1/4 sec 19-12-4, \$9000.  
A J Hoff to F Isell w 1/2 sec 8-11-8, \$1300.  
N S Walker to same et ne 8-11-8, \$1300.  
J Weckel to Flora A Keel its 8 9 10 bk 24 Fairview ad Abilene, \$30.  
J L Jones to G Hadlock its 1 its 14 16 bk 103 Herington, \$550.  
W C Silvey to A H Glinder its 1 5 11 12 14 16 18, 120 6th St Solomon, \$1.  
Sarah E. Silvey to same, same, \$975.  
H A Cowan to Ellen Knapp its 36 n 4th at T & M ad Abilene, \$975.  
W H Albers to J T Murphy sec 15-14-4, \$3700.  
J L Whitney to M E Whitney w 1/2 sec 11-12-1, \$1600.  
E K Davidson to Charlotte Tate its 3 bk 1 Abilene, \$250.  
Hattie Elwick to Josephine Waste ne 1/4 w 1/2 1-12-1 Ex Ry, \$2900.  
F Schwendener to Sarah E Silvey its 49 51 53 4th at Solomon, \$1000.  
A Wagoner to Iona Wagoner its 10 34 at Solomon, \$5.  
C E Littlefield to C H VanDewater 300x340 ft bk 187 L & W ad Herington, \$300.  
H S Hamfield to A Rusch sw 1/4 28-14-4, \$5000.  
Same to same ne 1/4 28-14-4, \$2500.  
E H Forney to A E Martin its 5 bk 3 J M Fisher's ad Abilene, \$1875.  
H E Matteson to Edith M Savers 50x200 ft sec 16-13-2, \$25.  
A Saylor to W D Fulton its 12 bk 8 Talmage, \$25.  
W Payne to Hattie E Faulkner bk 1 J M Fisher's ad ex 100x140 ft, \$3300.

## KEEPING HIM IN THE DARK.

