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## Fair Grounds Not to Be Sold

The stockholders of the Dickinson County Fair association this afternoon turned down all proposals to sell the grounds, cold. That the association has not been a success financially in the past, the members admitted, but a majority favored retaining the grounds and keeping up the fair idea. While no proposal had been made to eliminate the county fair, sentiment among the stockholders was that no part of the grounds should be sold. In the end, it was left to the newly-elected board of directors, but with the sentiment of the members so clearly expressed, it is hardly probable that any sale will be made. It had been suggested that the fair grounds be sold to the city and the grounds used for public play grounds.

### ANSWER FOR DESERTION OF HIS GIRL-WIFE

Captain Elmer Daily of the Salvation Army corps at Salina is in Topeka facing a charge of wife desertion. He was arrested at Salina Saturday afternoon by Sheriff Kiene of Shawnee county. Daily is known in Abilene, having been here on organization work.

When Daily was conducting services for the Salvation Army at Topeka, 12-year-old Ruth Pedrick, blue-eyed and innocent, was one of the "converts." When Daily left Topeka, he took the girl with him. In March of this year he married her at Fremont, Neb. He continued his work of "saving souls" while the girl-wife begged, and turned the money over to Daily. He gave her none. She was poorly clad and almost barefooted. When she awoke one morning in Tecumseh, Neb., her husband was gone. The girl was taken to Topeka by relatives.

### RECOMMEND BOOKS FOR STUDENTS' READING

Acting on the suggestion of Miss Lida Romig, city librarian, the teachers of the public grade schools have arranged lists of books that they recommend students of the various grades should read. These books are classified at the library, and when students wish to read any of the recommended books the classification for that grade is referred to and the students allowed to make their own selection.

"Boys and girls do not always make the best selection," Miss Romig says. "They get into the habit of reading fiction and nothing else. Following the advice of their teachers, they are to be encouraged to read some books that have some value other than that of just being stories. The plan is in operation in many towns, and is helpful in getting boys and girls to read the better literature."

Students who read books recommended by the teachers will be given some added credit for the reading, although no regular system for giving credit has been worked out.

### WILL ATTEND CLERKS' AND REGISTERS' MEET

T. H. Easter, register of deeds; H. W. King, county clerk, and Mrs. King, deputy county clerk, will go to Salina tomorrow to attend the meeting of the county clerks and registers of deeds of the state. The sessions will continue through Wednesday and Thursday.

Secretary of State Charles Sessions will talk to the county clerks about the Massachusetts ballot, with which the county clerks will be concerned at the next election. The state tax commissioners will be there to discuss tax questions also.

**Death of Mrs. Macren.**  
Cora Ellwood Machen, 39 years old, wife of Harvey Machen, died early this morning at her home on East Sixth street. Beside her husband, three children survive. The funeral arrangements have not been made.

### U. P. LINE CLEAR TO DENVER.

First Train from Colorado Early This Morning.

The first train from Denver on the main line of the Union Pacific went through Abilene about 2:30 o'clock this morning. Another train from Denver went through shortly after 7 o'clock. Train No. 102, due early this morning, went through on the time of 104, 11:13. No. 104 went through about 4 o'clock this afternoon. There was snow on top of the coaches.

"The line is clear now," S. H. Paul, Union Pacific agent, says. "Train equipment was tied up in the west and so necessitated annulling No. 101 westbound early morning train, for a few days. No. 101 went through this morning."

### ABILENE MERCHANTS WON'T BITE ON THIS SCHEME

The latest scheme for working the merchants is exposed by a Kansas paper. A smooth solicitor comes into town and arranges with the local paper to print write-ups of the firms at 3 cents a line. Then he goes to the stores and charges 10 cents a line for stories about the firms' business. The profit is 7 cents a line. No, Abilene won't bite. When its merchants want writeups they will patronize their home printers.

### TELEPHONE MEN TO TALK IT UP AT SALINA

The independent telephone men of the state will meet at Salina tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday. A number of the local telephone men will attend the sessions.

### STATE COUNTY ASSESSORS MEETING AT TOPEKA

F. V. Close, county assessor, went to Topeka today. The assessors of the counties of the state are meeting at Topeka with the state tax commission.

### Obituary.

Mrs. Cora Ellwood Machen was born at South Bend, Indiana, June 4, 1874, and died at Abilene, Kan., Dec. 4, 1913, being 39 years and 6 months of age. She was a daughter of John C. and Mrs. Emma Ellwood and soon after birth removed with them to North Manchester, Ind., where she resided until she was married to H. E. Machen, Dec. 21, 1893.

She was the mother of three children, John aged 18, Mary aged 16 and Robert aged 4, all of whom remain along with the husband to mourn the loss of an affectionate mother and devoted wife. She also leaves in sorrow a father, J. C. Ellwood of North Manchester, Ind., two sisters, Miss Blanche Ellwood and Mrs. L. G. Lester of Roanoke, Va., and a brother, Clyde Ellwood of Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Machen early professed her faith in Christ and united with the church and was a consistent Christian woman and calmly met its summons to enter into a higher life.

The funeral was held in the Lutheran church at Abilene, Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Dec. 7th, conducted by the Rev. Dr. F. S. Blayney, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were M. L. Hoffman, Edward Leach, S. M. Shockey, J. E. Keel, H. H. Keel and

## What the Cows Did in November

Accurate records are showing the members of the Dickinson County Cow Testing association just what cows pay and just what cows do not. There are no star boarders in the following directory of cows that produced less than 30 pounds of butter fat during November.

Owner	Name	Breed	Lb. H.	Pct. F.	Lb. Bt.
L. L. Engle	Big Black	Holstein	1002	4.0	40.00
L. L. Engle	Big Blue	Holstein	1488	3.9	58.03
L. L. Engle	Whitey	Holstein	1368	4.9	67.03
L. L. Engle	Peggy	Shorthorn	1245	3.7	46.07
L. L. Engle	Daisy	Holstein	948	3.9	36.97
H. H. Hoffman	Betsy	Red Poll	1137	4.3	48.89
H. H. Hoffman	Jermima	Holstein	864	4.7	40.61
H. H. Hoffman	Dandy	Red Poll	816	4.4	35.90
H. H. Hoffman	Bob	Red Poll	1008	3.5	35.28
H. H. Hoffman	Jessie	Holstein	792	3.8	30.10
H. H. Hoffman	Lady	Holstein	975	3.5	34.13
J. N. Engle	Belle	Red Poll	1143	3.9	44.58
J. N. Engle	Pansy	Holstein	1101	3.6	39.64
J. N. Engle	Lass	Holstein	933	3.4	31.72
D. S. Engle	Molly	Holstein	870	4.1	35.67
Geo. Lenhart	Queen	Holstein	1008	3.5	35.28
Geo. Lenhart	Netherland	Holstein	1071	3.2	34.27
Geo. Lenhart	Jane	Holstein	1185	3.7	43.85
A. B. Wilcox	Belle	Jersey	909	5.6	50.90
A. B. Wilcox	Fatty	Holstein	1089	3.5	38.12
A. B. Wilcox	Cute	Jersey	957	3.5	33.50
A. B. Wilcox	Daisy	Holstein	1275	4.0	51.00
A. B. Wilcox	Ella	Holstein	1395	3.2	44.64
A. B. Wilcox	Rose	Holstein	1038	4.4	45.67
A. B. Wilcox	Dorinda Dekol	Holstein	1147	4.05	46.53
S. Reed	No. 3	Holstein	1305	4.2	54.81
S. Reed	No. 5	Holstein	870	4.9	42.63
R. E. Hershey	Alchie	Holstein	696	4.9	34.10
R. E. Hershey	Rose	Jersey	753	4.2	31.63
R. E. Hershey	Bet	Holstein	795	4.8	38.16
John T. Leshner	Molly	Holstein	828	4.0	33.12
John T. Leshner	Bun	Holstein	1185	4.5	53.32
John T. Leshner	Bet	Short Horn	861	4.6	39.61
John T. Leshner	Fawn	Jersey	723	6.5	47.00
J. R. Sterling	Sammy	Jersey	672	6.4	43.01
J. R. Sterling	Lila	Jersey	570	6.6	37.72
J. R. Sterling	Muley	Jersey	471	6.4	30.14
J. R. Sterling	St. Helen	Jersey	645	5.2	33.54
J. R. Sterling	Kelley	Jersey	603	5.9	35.58
J. R. Sterling	Beauty	Jersey	729	5.68	41.26
J. R. Sterling	Jonts	Jersey	816	5.0	40.80
J. R. Sterling	Janette	Jersey	867	4.91	42.57
J. R. Sterling	Allen	Jersey	1002	4.82	48.80
Q. E. Nichols	Fern's Wonder	Jersey	648	5.1	33.05
S. Oldsmith	Queen	Jersey	687	5.0	34.35
E. S. Engle & Son	Boss	Holstein	846	3.7	31.30
E. S. Engle & Son	Betsy	Holstein	837	3.9	33.64
E. S. Engle & Son	Blacky	Holstein	846	3.7	31.30
E. S. Engle & Son	Mae	Holstein	855	4.2	35.91
E. S. Engle & Son	Nancy	Holstein	774	3.9	30.19
J. H. Kohman	Blossom	Shorthorn	939	3.2	20.05
J. H. Kohman	Jesse	Shorthorn	834	3.7	30.86
Alvin Engle	Daisy	Holstein	1235	3.3	41.09
Alvin Engle	Spot	Holstein	1287	3.4	43.76
Alvin Engle	Belle	Holstein	1056	4.4	46.46
Alvin Engle	Blue Bell	Holstein	564	6.0	33.84
D. S. Engle	Star	Holstein	1152	3.3	38.02
D. S. Engle	Bob	Holstein	1023	3.2	32.73
D. S. Engle	Bess	Holstein	1053	4.0	42.12
D. S. Engle	Lucy	Holstein	1116	3.4	37.94

### SUES FOR RECOVERY ON COLLEGE STOCK

Alleging that he holds 25 shares of stock in the Central Kansas Business college which should have been redeemed in 1909, John D. Freed today filed suit against H. A. Anderson of the college for re-

covery of \$500. H. L. Humphrey represents Mr. Freed.

### DISMISS SUIT FOR RECOVERY OF MONEY

The suit to recover money, filed in district court, Bessie Major vs. Frank Van Vorst, has been dismissed by action of the plaintiff.

## Contract for New Bridges to Stand

The Canton Bridge company refuses to consent to a rescinding of the contracts awarded them by the county commissioners for two concrete bridges. V. E. Schermerhorn of Manhattan, agent for the Canton company, and John E. Hessin, attorney, conferred with the commissioners this morning but refused to relinquish contract claims, thus indicating that the company will fight the case in district court. Attorney General Dawson has said that he would file friendly suit to settle the case, alleging that the bidding was not competitive because insufficient plans were on file. The conference affects the case only as it serves to show the present attitude of the Canton company. The following is taken from the journal of the board of county commissioners: "The attorney for the Canton Bridge company appeared before the board of county commissioners this

morning and after a discussion of the matter the commissioners proposed and offered to rescind the contracts for the erection of two bridges across the Smoky Hill river, to adopt new plans and specifications and re-advertise for bids.

"The attorney for the bridge company claimed that the contract is in every respect legal and binding and absolutely refused to consent to a rescission and insisted that the bridges should be built and paid for according to the contract.

"The assistant county attorney, G. W. Hurd, who was present, advised the county commissioners that the contract could not be rescinded without the consent of the bridge company and the county clerk was directed to report to the attorney general and request him to take such action as he deems advisable without delay so that the court may pass upon the legality of the contract as soon as possible."

### TALK TO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS ABOUT VOCATIONS

When a young man is just out of high school and decides to enter some business or profession very likely he does not have his mind made up and doesn't know just what training is required and what opportunities there are in that work. Most boys just out of school do not know. A series of vocational talks that will deal with just this thing is planned by Superintendent Stacey and H. T. Steeper, principal of the high school. The series of talks has been arranged so that the boys may learn the needs for men in certain business and the requirements for success.

One talk will be by a doctor, one by a lawyer, one by a newspaper man, one by a merchant and so on. The talks will be given on Friday nights at the school. Superintendent Stacey gave one talk last Friday night on "Education."

There will be a series for the girls, also. The subjects of nursing, stenography, and other work that girls undertake will be discussed by those who have been successful in the different businesses.

### TALMAGE YOUNG WOMAN DIES IN TOPEKA HOSPITAL

Mrs. Martin Whitney of Talmage died in a Topeka hospital this morning. She went there for an operation and was thought to be doing well, but complications ensued which caused death. She was a daughter of Mrs. R. A. Scott of Talmage and a niece of Joe Laney. The body will be brought home for burial, announcements will be made later.

### LEFT HORSE STANDING ALL DAY IN THE RAIN

A Walters boy, living north of town, rode to Abilene Saturday and allowed his horse to stand all day out in the rain on a vacant Cedar street lot. That night people in the neighborhood resented the unsympathetic treatment of the animal and telephoned to the city hall. Marshal Henry Engle took the horse to a livery barn and told the liveryman to charge the boy a dollar when he came for the horse.

Late in the evening, the boy called the city hall to learn if anyone knew anything about his horse; it was gone, he said. Marshal Engle named the barn where the horse was, and told the boy that he could get the horse there by paying the liveryman \$1. The boy asked where the marshal got in the game.

Either the \$1 to a liveryman or a chance of paying \$13.75 in police court, the marshal told him. The boy decided the \$1 proposition was the best.

"Too many persons neglect their horses in this cold weather," Marshal Engle said this morning. "Saturday night one horse stood on Broadway for a long time without any blanket. In the buggy was a big heavy blanket. So I put it on the horse."

Kansans can rightly be thankful that their lot is cast in a commonwealth so enviable, and where nature is so prodigal with all that tends to the prosperity and well-being of a progressive civilization. Where just laws prevail, alike for women and men, and have impartial enforcement, regardless of nationality, color, creed, sex or situation. Where the individual finds his true measure and is rated by his worth rather than by his pretensions or ancestry; and where every avenue to advancement is open even to the humblest, through which rank and fortune are attainable to each according to his deserts.

### BURNING FLUES CAUSE 2 NIGHT FIRE SCARES

The necessity of keeping flues in the best of condition was emphasized Saturday night when two fire scares were caused by sparks in flues. An alarm was turned in from the P. O. Lucier home on West Second street about 8 o'clock. The fire company made the run in good time, but found that fire in a flue was the danger. There was no damage.

While the firemen were at the Lucier home a report was turned in that the Dave Walters home on South West Second was on fire. People at the Walters home were carrying furniture out into the yard, when they found that a flue was causing the scare.

This is the first time, Chief Engle said this morning, that the fire company has been out on a run when a second alarm has been turned in.

Al Hauserman was at Junction City. "When I go out of town," he says, "there always will be a fire here. If I go to Junction City there will be a fire there as there was Saturday night."

### Services for Mrs. Harvey Machen.

Many friends gathered at the Lutheran church yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Harvey Machen. The services were in charge of Rev. Dr. F. S. Blayney. He delivered the funeral sermon. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent. Burial was in Abilene cemetery.

### HERE'S HARRY THAW AGAIN; ASKS RAIL

Concord, Dec. 9.—Harry K. Thaw, who is resisting efforts to extradite him on charges of conspiracy in connection with escaping from Matteawan, has applied for bail.

### Probe Cab Driver's Death.

Wichita, Dec. 9.—The death of James H. Stuart, a cab driver who was shot through the heart, puzzles the authorities. After the police had decided it was a suicide, Coroner McCallister took up the case on the theory that Stuart was murdered.

## BEWARE

of little expenses, your ship is not too great too sink. People will not tell you to save your money and not spend it foolishly because that is your business, but they have

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