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THE CITY TICKET

GLUCK MADE A GOOD SHOWING IN THE CITY CONVENTION

NO OTHER CONTEST SHOWS UP

Other City Officers Were Nominated to Succeed Themselves Another Term

The city convention held Monday night at the court house was one of the best attended that has been held in many years. Apparently there were no candidates working for the places, but there seemed to be something doing for certain. During the day some one prevailed upon Fred Gardner to allow his name used as a candidate for mayor, and it was understood for some time before that A. Gluck's name would be presented for that office. During the afternoon things got stirred up amazingly and the result was a full house when the convention was called to order.

The cause of most of the agitation seems to have been a fight that was being made on the city marshal. Mr. Gluck was sent for but he refused to be "seen". Mr. Gardner no doubt consented to run in good faith, and not as a candidate in favor of any certain city marshal. In fact it is learned upon pretty good authority since, that Mr. Gardner and Mr. Gluck have about the same views on the city marshal question. A great many when the convention began did not know that Mr. Gardner was to be a candidate, and it proved that the majority present had gone to support Mr. Gluck, and carried out their intentions.

When the house was filled, Mr. Lillis, who had been noticeably busy during the day, raised his hand and silenced the multitude, and the convention began. Mr. Hoover was made chairman of the meeting, Mr. Schall secretary, a form of rules and order of business was adopted, assistants were chosen to help handle the fusillade of ballots, and the meeting was ready to nominate a candidate for mayor. Mr. Kirkpatrick presented the name of Fred Gardner and L. A. Madison put Adolph Gluck into the running.

The court house was jammed by this time. It was perhaps impossible for everybody to vote, but after long drilling the greater part of the crowd had deposited a ballot. In all 266 ballots were cast, and of these Mr. Gluck received 164 and Mr. Gardner 102. Mr. Gluck was called in and made a very short talk.

There was no excitement over the rest of the ticket the present officers being nominated to succeed themselves, as follows: R. W. Evans Jr., for Police Judge; Henry Kinkaid, for City treasurer; and Chas. States, for treasurer of the School Board.

The different wards held caucuses following, and nominated the following tickets: First ward, Peter Mools for councilman; R. S. Robinson and Ed Gingrich, members School Board. Second ward: J. W. Sidlow, councilman; D. H. Jones member of School Board.

Third ward: J. Miller, member council; Chas. Argabright, member board Education.

Fourth ward: Frank Martin, councilman; A. W. Reudy, member School Board.

Seed Potatoes

Fine seed potatoes for sale at Shephard's Farm on Five Mile creek. Early Ohio at \$1.30 per bushel and Eureka's at \$1.50 per bushel, all smooth potatoes. Eureka's mature quicker than Ohio and eating quality fine. Grew three pecks from four small potatoes first year. Some weigh over a pound. Almost sure crop. Can deliver them at Dodge on Saturdays if ordered. Write to M. A. SHEPHARD, Dodge City.

NEW PARTNERSHIP

L. L. Taylor and B. M. Murphy Form a Strong Real Estate Firm, With Offices in Opera House Block.

Arrangements were made this week by two of the leading real estate firms of Dodge City for a partnership. Mr. Murphy, who has had offices in the Hoover Block for the past two years has entered a partnership with L. L. Taylor, and the business will be carried on at Mr. Taylor's old location in the Opera House Block. The firm will occupy all of the office rooms of the opera house building, and the place is being fixed into fine office rooms. The new firm will be one of the strongest Real Estate firms in Western Kansas. It is understood that C. P. Markley will also be a member of the new firm.

NEW ELECTRIC THEATER

A Very Pretty Show Room, Well Ventilated, Plenty of Exits, and Starts with a fine Patronage

The New Electric Theater has been well patronized, since its opening, and it is as well arranged, as comfortable and above all, as a site as any five cent show room yet will find any where. There are two exits at the south of the room and ample room at the north for the house to unload on short notice. The "New Electric" opened with a free matinee to the school children entertained between two hundred and three hundred small children. It was one of the most interesting audiences ever seen in the town. The children were nicely handled by the management and the show was enjoyed immensely.

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETINGS

New Law Makes Some Changes in the Annual School District Meetings.

The recent session of the Legislature made a change in the general law relating to annual meetings in school districts in which a city of the third class is located. The change provides that the annual meetings in such districts shall be held on the second Friday in April in each year, at 2 o'clock p. m., and that notice shall be given by the clerk by posting notices in three public places within the district at least ten days before the meeting. Spearville, Ford City, and possibly Bucklin, districts are the only ones wherein the change is effective. All other districts outside of Dodge City will hold their meetings on the third Thursday of July as usual. The new law further provides that the school district meetings shall vote the necessary amounts to run the schools and liquidate floating debts, that the same shall be certified to the county commissioners on or before the 25th day of July, and that the county commissioners shall not later than the first Monday in August make the necessary levies to raise the amounts certified.

Notice

Bids will be received at the City Clerk's office in the City Building until 6:00 o'clock, p. m., April 5th, 1909, for furnishing street signs and placing same in position on the streets of Dodge City. Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Clerk. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Dodge City, Ka. PEARL I. TREBILCOCK City Clerk. March 16, 1909.

The Philo-Christos club's Misstress show, given Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week was quite a success from the entertainment standpoint, but through bad weather and a "generally chilly atmosphere" the proceeds did not reach as high a mark as might have been hoped for. There was good singing, nice orchestra accompaniments, funny sketches, novelty acts and in fact it was altogether a very creditable home talent performance. It meant quite a lot of work for the Philo-Christos club and the friends who assisted them. Mr. Will Martin of the club, was the general manager and financial backer of the undertaking and after all of the ups and downs, and trials and tribulations that heaped upon him, came out alive, still wearing the smile that won't come off. Some new local talent was discovered and brought out by the Philo-Christos show.

EARLY CATTLE DRIVES

Reminiscences of the Early Cattle Trail and the Cow Boy by N. B. Keane

IN THE DAYS of the cattle drive from the breeding ranches of Texas, the trail lay along the western part of Texas and Oklahoma into Kansas, various points in Kansas being the rendezvous until the settlements in Kansas forced the drive to the western part of the state, and Dodge City became the end of the drive, where buyers congregated and made purchases of cattle to stock permanent ranches located north, south and west.

The end of the trail remained at Dodge City until settlements forced the cattle drive to points still further west, when the whole system of plains driving became broken up and cattle were shipped by rail to Colorado and other states west and north.

The driving usually began from the breeding ranches in Texas in February and reached Dodge City in the early summer months. The preparation for the drive was always attended with some anxiety, into which risk and danger was to be taken into account. Necessarily there was required abundant provision for the several months on the trail, with an equipment of cow boys and ponies. The cattle subsisted on the grass of the plains, the march sometimes being impeded by the backwardness of grazing, or the swollen streams. The Red, Canadian and Cimarron rivers, and the lesser tributaries were dangerous to cross at certain times, owing to high water and treacherous quick sands. Often herds were detained for weeks on account of high waters and yet the peril was not always avoided, for cattle to the number of hundreds perished in the swiftly running water and men lost their lives and camp equipment was buried in the shifting sands in the changing currents of the streams. Old cattle drivers frequently refer to the hazardous undertaking of the cattle drives in the 70's and 80's, when losses frequently equaled the value of the profits of the herd at the market point. Even the system of branding did not always insure against a loss in the early days, for a disregard of ownership, where roundups were not close was made by many in recouping their own losses, out of straggling bunches of cattle. The "maverick", an unbranded animal found common ownership, by reason of an unwritten custom, and was usually picked up and placed with a passing herd. It has been stated that in the early days of cattle driving there was a class in the gang of drovers, who would begin the drive in Texas with a small bunch of cattle and reach their destination with a drove numbering hundreds if not thousands. For this reason honest drovers employed cowboys who were skilful in the use of the gun, and who were fearless in warding off the cattle rustler or hostile Indian.

A drive occupying the time required was eventful in many particulars, not alone for the hardships or dangers which were incident, but for the reason that several months on the trail hardened the character of the old time cow-boy, who eventually became more or less of a desperado. He was not only skilful with the lasso and quirt, but was a convincing marksman with the six-shooter, had the courage for any undertaking, and held his life at little value. He was a picturesque human being, this companion of the "long horn" with his high heeled boots, clanking spurs, sombrero and frizzled leather breeches. His companionship among the wild herds, over a vast and dreary plain for months, made him as stubborn and unruly as the wild cattle. It was during these long drives that they used to conceive that they would "take the town" when they reached it, and they did and the town "took them in" with outstretched arms, sometimes into hospitable graves. The allurements of the western cattle town of those days left the early cow-boy with many sore spots and an empty purse. The character of the cow-boy changed

for the better with the decrease of the numbers of cattle, and the increase of the smaller ranches in the country traversed by the old trails. Now there is not a vestige of the former scenes or character of the old trails, either in cow boy or cattle.

The number of cattle in the old drives ordinarily reached 200,000 head, of the long horns, in twos, threes, fours, cows and steers. It was a fruitful source of revenue to Dodge City in the old days, while it lasted, a harvest of a few months bringing together drover and purchaser, and the army of cow-boys. The progress of the drive was always attended with some anxiety on the part of the citizen traders in Dodge City for it meant business as well as hilarity. The trading began long before the cattle reached town. A fore runner of the drive used to be Capt. Dick Head, who would get in many days ahead of the cattle, and his information was always useful, and would occupy a column or two in the town papers.

The rapid transformation of the cattle range into farms, and of the cow camps into beautiful cities may suggest that "old things are passing away", and is an interesting chapter in the history of progressive civilization and industrial enterprise. Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma once desolate plains, have succumbed to the industry and activity of an over-flowing population with greater strides in wealth and population than other states of the west.

N. B. KEANE.

FOR SALE—Twenty-five H. P. Buffalo Pitts Traction engine. Will give all time desired on approved security. Price will be made satisfactory. Engine is in the Rock Island yard in Dodge City Kansas. For particulars, call on Charles Wortman D. C., or address me at Billings Christian Co., Mo. WARD COMBS. '1'

ANNOUNCEMENT

On account of the demand for more and better automobile facilities in the vicinity of Dodge City, we have decided to install a new and up-to-date automobile garage and repair shop, which is now under construction and will be equipped and ready for business on April 1, 1909.

We handle a full line of supplies and repairs, such as tires, tools, speedometers, spark plugs, lamps, clocks, Pres o Light tanks, jacks, oils, gasoline, batteries, carbide, cup greases, patches, cements, goggles, etc., in fact, most everything used for the automobile is on hand.

We recharge storage batteries, do vulcanizing and brazing. We buy and sell new and second hand cars. We are best prepared to do automobile livery work of any garage in western Kansas. Our prices and rates are very reasonable on livery work.

Repairing and supplies and first class service guaranteed in all lines.

We earnestly ask your cooperation in the upbuilding of a business of this kind by all automobile owners calling on us for a liberal share of their wants for the automobile.

Yours very truly,

Dodge City Auto Supply and Livery Co. E. L. Stanfield S. W. Sturgeon. 217 Chestnut St. West Phone 16. Dodge City, Kas.

WHEAT IN GREAT SHAPE

Snow and Rain Have Furnished All Moisture Needed For the Fields of Ford County.

The snow of last week, and the snow and rain since that time has put the fields in Ford county in great shape. The last fall of moisture which came after the fields were in good shape amounted to .49 of an inch at Dodge City. Further east in the county the shower was much heavier. Reports from all parts of the county show the wheat in the best of condition.

FOR SALE—Horse, harness and buggy. Horse city broke. See Dr. E. H. Ballou.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION

Notice is hereby given that the regular election for city officers for the city of Dodge City in the State of Kansas, will be held in said city on Tuesday, April 6, 1909, at which time the following officers will be elected: Mayor, police judge and city treasurer; treasurer of school board; also one member of the city council and one member of the board of education for each of the four wards of said city; also one member of the board of education for the district attached to said city for school purposes.

The places of election will be as follows, to-wit:

First ward, City Hall building.

Second ward, at Mrs. W. H. Lybrands on Military avenue.

Third ward, at the rink on Second avenue.

Fourth ward, Gluck property on south west corner of Fourth avenue and Chestnut street.

In attached territory at residence of Chris Behl.

Polls will open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 6 o'clock p. m.

A. B. REEVES,

Mayor.

PEARL TREBILCOCK, City Clerk.

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