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## The Teachers Association.

Last Saturday the teachers of this county held their second association at the school house. The session lasted during the entire day and the attendance was larger than at any previous association ever held in the county. 88 teachers who are now actually engaged in school work were present together with a large number of visitors including many who were formerly teachers in the county. Much enthusiasm was aroused in the discussion of the various papers and the interest was good.

An excellent paper on "The Value of Time" was read by Merrill Templeton of Logan and was ably discussed by Florence Miner and Myrtle Wilcoxson. Many good thoughts were presented regarding the use of time and the necessity of spending each moment profitably.

Miss Edith Finch gave an outline of her method of conducting Busy Work in the Primary Grades which was very interesting. The subject was discussed by Mrs. Flora Fallas, F. H. Baker, R. C. McCormick and Supt. E. E. Brookens of Smith county. Many valuable suggestions were offered.

The subject of "Current Events" was discussed by F. H. Baker, R. C. McCormick, Supt. Brookens and Supt. Arnold. Each teacher should keep posted on events transpiring at the present time and arouse in her pupils a desire to keep abreast of the times by reading current events.

In the afternoon H. H. Calfee read a paper on "How Keep Pupils Interested During Transitional Period" bringing out some good thoughts on this subject which is a problem most teachers have had to deal with. The subject was thoroughly discussed by Mrs. Ada Dye, H. P. Basquin, W. R. Arthur, F. H. Baker, J. B. Edwards and Rev. G. H. Woodward.

Mrs. C. M. Poe sang a beautiful solo which was well received. Miss Emma Johnson's recitation was quite entertaining and well rendered. "Teaching Physiology in the Lower Grades" was the subject assigned to Ethel Howard and many good thoughts were presented. Cora Riekey and F. H. Baker followed in discussion of the subject.

Reasons why a teacher should attend the N. W. K. T. A. were given by J. B. Edwards, H. H. Gerardy of Smith Center, Supt. Brookens, Prof. Baker and Supt. Arnold.

Rev. G. H. Woodward delivered an excellent address to the teachers full of good thoughts and suggestions.

E. F. Sanders who represents the Cooley Language Series, then gave a presentation of work outlined in this series showing how the teachers can make good use of it in the schools.

The association was quite successful and the county Superintendent is highly gratified with the interest the teachers have taken in this line of work.

## Kansas City Correspondence.

It was midst the quiet of an autumn evening, that we left our cottage home in north Marvin for another sojourn of a few weeks in this grand commercial center of the west.

And as it always, is in this live city we soon found something to talk about, something to see, something to hear. This time our first attraction was in the direction of the First Christian church, 11th and Locust St. on the evening of October 29. Of course we first ascertained the admission fee, and then after consulting the size of our purse we soon found ourselves at head quarters to listen to a lecture by Robert J. Burdette. And to say that the lecture was good would hardly tell the story. Those who have heard Mr. Burdette have some idea as to the fine combination of qualities which gives him the prominence as a public speaker, which he has so long sustained. Mr. Burdette is a smooth talker, a comic and withal possesses the qualities of an orator in no small degree. He is rather a rapid speaker and is not very great favorite with even the most expert reporter. And suffice it to say that he held an audience of about 800 for over two hours, with scarcely a ripple during this time even among the fun-loving fellows who occupied the rear end of the gallery.

We have no doubt but that Mr. Burdette would be in great favor if he could be induced to make a date for a public demonstration at Phillipsburg. Has this gentleman ever lectured in your city? If so we would anticipate no trouble in paving the way. If not then it would be well

to secure his services as an experimenter. Mr. Burdette is not among the highest priced orators, yet he draws the crowd, and when once heard in a place he usually attracts the greatest attention for ever after. We regard him an ideal orator for a western audience.

On last Sunday Morning and evening we listened to some pleasant reflections by Rev. Dr. W. A. Quayle at the M. E. church, corner 9th and Grand Ave. Mr. Quayle entertains one of the most popular congregations of the city, and is deserving all the honor he receives. About one thousand people greeted him on each of these occasions, and seldom, in any city have we ever looked upon a better dressed and finer cultured people. It is well for those who have imagined at any time that Kansas City is made up of an inferior class of people to correct their error which they can readily do by a visit to the city.

And just now extensive preparations are being made for an important gathering of the Board of Bishops and other eminent dignitaries of the M. E. church, who are to come in this week to discuss some of the most important measures connected with the success and financial standing of the church. It is a well known fact that our Methodist friends are right at home when it comes to talk about the money question; and this seems to be very largely the point connected with the great gathering this week.

The exercises begin on Wednesday and Bishop Fowler is announced for the next Sunday at Dr. Quayle's church. We may attempt something more definite for the Herald readers, under this head next week.

L. C. CHASE.

## \$390 For Letters to Encourage Emigration.

The Rock Island System offers twenty prizes, of the aggregate value of \$390, for letters relative to the Territory along its lines in Arkansas, Kansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Letters should deal with the writers, experiences since he settled in the Southwest. They should tell how much money he had when he first came, what measure of success has since rewarded his efforts, and what he thinks of that portion of the country in which he is located. Letters should not be less than 300 nor more than 1,500 words in length, and will be used for the purpose of advertising the Southwest.

Letters are desired, not only from farmers and farmers' wives, but also from merchants, school-teachers, clergymen; from everyone, in brief, who has a story to tell, and who knows how to tell it.

For circular giving details write JOHN SEBASTIAN, Passenger Traffic Manager Rock Island System, Chicago, Ill.

In the matter of contempt the Supreme court of Kansas has ruled very differently from that of Missouri which recently imposed a heavy fine for a contempt editorial. In an opinion rendered in 1887 Justice Brewer said: "No judge, no court, high or low is beyond the reach of public and individual criticism. After a case is disposed of, a court or judge has no power to compel the public, or any individual thereof, attorney or otherwise, to consider his rulings correct, his conduct proper, or even his integrity free from stain, or to punish for contempt any mere criticism or animadversion thereon, no matter how severe or unjust. Nor do we wish to be understood as expressing any opinion as to the power to punish others than attorneys and officers of the court, for language or conduct even while the matter is pending and undetermined. Whether the same rules and considerations apply to them or not, we do not care to inquire. Such is not the case before us; and to this case alone do our remarks apply."

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## THAT ALLEGED AGREEMENT.

Frank Statement Showing It to be a Tale for Political Effect.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PHILLIPS COUNTY: In the Phillipsburg Dispatch of Oct. 15, the editor of that paper at some length sets forth unjust and untruthful statements in regard to the Herald and its editor, then shifts off to Crystal and brings in myself and family charging that the first meeting of the democratic candidates was held at my home to map out the campaign for work in the Republican columns, and that some very prominent Republicans from Phillipsburg were present etc.

Now I want to say that I have lived in this county for over thirty years. The latch string to my first humble log cabin and of late years to my bed-dwelling has always hung out. Our doors open to everyone, rich or poor, Republican or Democrat, Jew or Gentile. Everyone that knows me knows that I am a Republican, never claimed anything else, never was anything else and no one has any doubts as to how I stand. When I have anything to say I say it without any quibbling. I never have been mixed up in any political intrigues and hold in disgust and despite such disreputable, un-republican, rotten work as was done by the Leland whifets in this county a year ago.

The Sunday following the publication of the Dispatch, a friend brought me a copy of that paper so that I could see the libelous matter printed therein. On the 20 of October I wrote and mailed the following letter:

Dana, Kansas, October, 1903.  
John Q. Royce,  
Phillipsburg, Kansas,

Dear Sir—In your last week's issue of the Dispatch you say you were informed that there was a meeting at my house last fall of Democrats and Republicans, etc. etc. You are still further informed that there was no boodle or beer there.

Respectfully,  
J. D. MATTESON.

In his issue of October 22 he comes out under big heading:

INFORMATION WAS CORRECT.

The following letter which we received from J. D. Matteson this morning shows that our information to the effect that the political rebellion in this county last fall, had its inception at his home seems to have been correct. Nobody disputes the fact, Mr. Matteson, that you had a right to do this, but the republicans who have repeatedly supported you for office in this county have a right to know it, and we are glad that you have written a letter acknowledging the whole thing.

We have a complete roster of the meeting at your house, Mr. Matteson, and a copy of the contract entered into between you and other ex-republicans and democratic candidates there assembled, and we may decide to publish them later.

To this I respectfully submitted the following letter which as yet remains unnoticed:

Dana, Kansas, October, 28, 1903.  
J. Q. Royce Esq.,

Dear Sir—You have me arraigned in your Court for indictment, for giving aid and comfort to the enemy etc. Let no guilty man escape. Now please publish the list of my co-conspirators, and the agreement entered into. Then I will file a demurrer plea in abatement, or something. Please give this same publicity as my former letter.

Respectfully Yours,  
J. D. MATTESON.

In the Herald of October 29, the editor of that paper being my son as Royce has previously told you, appears the following challenge:

"In a lengthy editorial the Dispatch of last week intimates that some diabolical scheme was concocted at the Matteson home in Crystal last fall, that its editor is in possession of a copy of the contract made at that time, that he has a complete roster of parties thereto and those attending the meeting in which it was made, and that he may decide to publish all of these things later. The Herald challenges the suggested publication. Any evasion, or failure to publish in FULL will be taken as an admission of the falsity of the editorial in question and the charges therein contained. If the charges are TRUE the public is entitled to a full knowledge of them and will thank Mr. Royce for exposing the conspirators."

Does Royce publish my letter No. 2 and give the names of the parties to his alleged meeting at my house? Does he make any explanation whatever? No he is as mum as an oyster. How about the written agreement, agreement that he claimed he had. What has come of that, Mr. Royce? It seems to me that you have gone so far that now you must do as you said you would, or could do, or own up that you have wantonly, willfully lied from start to finish. Read my letter that you printed, again and see if I admitted that your statements were correct. Now Mr. Royce everybody knows

how you left Smith county and how glad those people over there were to get rid of you.

In the political upheaval in our last election you and your helpers were the cause. A great majority of the people of this county are disgusted with your political intrigues and the sooner you step down and out the better.

I have many friends in this county and I prize and value their friendship. They are in all the political parties and all know me as a republican. I joined the republican party when a boy in my teens, under fire in Virginia, a soldier boy in Battery G 1st N. Y. light Art'y. army of Potomac, and I will not take a back seat for any one in my fidelity, to that party more especially to a debaucher of politics and a debaucher of character.

Now Mr. Royce again I ask you to print the names of the republicans and democrats you said were at the meeting at my home and then you will find out what those gentlemen have to say about it. In the Dispatch of October 22nd you say this:

"This Dispatch gives you all the news and when it tells you anything its so." Prove that statement true if you can.

Now Mr. Royce if the editor of the Herald, my son of whom I am justly proud, whose honor, integrity and scholarly attainments rank A No. 1, gets the better of you in your arguments pro and con, why then jump on the old farmer, his father.

It is my wish that the people of this county know the whole facts and truth in this matter.

Respectfully Yours,  
J. D. MATTESON.

## Educational Notes.

Pupils in the seventh and eighth grades should begin to prepare for the spelling contests.

It is economy to preserve the school building by the use of a liberal coat of paint.

Parents will find the little book, "Phelps and His Teachers" to be very profitable reading.

Copies of the new school laws can now be obtained at the superintendent's office by members of the school boards.

We are entering an era where character building will be more carefully studied by the teacher and greater prominence given to her duty in this line.

A member of one school board was present during the discussions last Saturday. We extend an earnest invitation to all school officers to attend these meetings.

Edwin E. Brookens, County Superintendent of Smith county and H. H. Gerardy, City Superintendent of the Smith Center schools were visitors at the Association.

Over fifty teachers at the association last Saturday expressed their intention of attending the North-West Teachers Association at Norton during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Patrons should not criticize the teacher until they have visited the school. They will usually have a better opinion of the teacher if they become better acquainted with her and the work she is doing for their children.

Owing to the fact that a number of rural mail routes have been recently established in the county, many teachers and officers have had their addresses changed. If any such are not receiving their mail from the superintendent's office, they will know he has not been informed of the change in address.

## To School Boards.

This week I gave my endorsement to the "Cooley Language Series" and I understand that copies of the same will be sent to each school officer in the county.

It is not my purpose to use the influence of my office to assist any publishing house and no endorsement will be given unless I am fully satisfied of the exceptional value of the work. This is the only language series approved by the State Text Book Commission.

I carefully examined this work which aside from its value as a work in Language, contains excellent information and instruction in Natural History, Geography and Nature Study. I am fully satisfied that it will be an excellent aid to the teacher in her work. Special instruction will be given the teachers at the next institute with regard to teaching this language work. I fully believe that every teacher can make use of this series.

Very Respectfully,  
C. M. ARNOLD, Co. Supt.

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Special Attention Given to Commercial Trade.....

## JAMES BUCKLEW.

### Special to Rural Route Patrons.

The Kansas City Star is making a special offer to rural route patrons, so that the Herald is authorized to give the Times which is printed every morning and Star which is printed every evening, with Sunday Star and the Phillipsburg Herald, all for \$4.00. This is the best combination offer that will be made this season. Send your orders to the Herald, Phillipsburg, Kansas.

One-half section of good land 1/2 mile from Mingo, Thomas county, Kansas, that has a 3-room house (not extra good), good well, windmill and pump, a granary that will hold 800 bushel of wheat two miles of wire fence, one mile from school, 300 acres of it is as level as a floor and the title is perfect. Price, with possession in 30 days is \$1,600. Time will be given on \$400. This is a snap and you'll have to hurry if you want this half section. Inquire or address this office.

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The Rooks County Record is rejoicing over the prospect for a north and south railroad which is proposed to be constructed from Hutchinson, Kansas through Ellinwood, Clifton, Russell, Stockton, Oberlin and westward to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Shares are to be issued at a cost of \$10.00 each, payable in installments and farmers are to be given a chance to pay for stock in labor on the right-of-way. Now, this road will probably be a good thing if constructed, but a serious mistake will be made if it does not pass through Phillipsburg, the coming railroad center of western Kansas.

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