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July 4th In Meade

The Fourth, just passed, was the most quiet in Meade in many years. A number of flags, floating at full mast, told the people that it was the 141st anniversary of the Nation's Independence.

At Stalder's grove, east of the city, a union Sunday school picnic was held, and there a large number of our people spent the day. There the usual contests and races, to gether with the big basket dinner, made the day one long to be remembered. A good shower the evening before, made the day cool and pleasant.

To the Haywood grove, north of Fowler, a large representation from Meade, wended their way, and there assisted in the proper observance of the day. Here, Major Harvy, of Topeka, speaker of the day, addressed no less than fifteen hundred people. A picture show, followed by a dance at the opera house, ended the day.

Meade County Crops

Crop conditions, while not the most flattering at the present time, could be worse. There will be some wheat in the county and while the yield will be far below the average, many of the farmers will get back their seed wheat. The corn, considered as a whole, looks fairly well, and with a fair amount of moisture, the yield will not be bad. Other row crops are not faring so well, and their fate rests largely with the weather man. A good rain would give them a fair chance.

R. M. Painter left Tuesday for McPherson Kansas, where on July 4 he attended the unveiling of the monument to General McPherson.

Commissioners Meet

County Commissioners were in session this week. No new business was taken up. The usual bills were allowed.

Monday, a number of representatives from Plains, appeared before the Board and presented claims for a road north out of Plains to connect with Gray county roads.

On Tuesday they sat as a Court of Appeals in the Fowler School District controversy.

It appears that residents of East Fowler district, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Fowler district, desired to organize a separate district. They presented their claims to the County Superintendent who decided in their favor. The fact that the organization of the new district would take in a generous slice of the railroad, and for other reasons, Fowler objected to its being formed, and so the trouble started. Dissatisfied with the decision of the County Superintendent, Fowler district appealed to the Commissioners and the matter came up for hearing Tuesday.

Due to illegalities on both sides led to the case being dismissed. East Fowler, we are advised, intends making a new start.

Dodge City Boosters

The Dodge City Boosters coming in the interest of the Ford county Fair, are billed to arrive in Meade next Monday evening. They will be accompanied on the trip by Beeson's Orchestra and have rented the opera house for the evening.

Meade will do her share to ward making the visitors feel at home.

BEHOLD THE FLAG

BEHOLD the Flag, purest, most puissant emblem of order, law, Christian civilization that ever saluted the dawn.

BEHOLD the Flag, immortalized by Washington, her beauteous folds spread from Gulf to Coast by Jefferson, redeemed by blessed Lincoln in strife, momentous, victorious, that struck the shackle from the slave, and made our country one, preserving every star in the national banner. May Old Glory, in all the flood of time, wave with undimmed radiance and increasing splendor o'er the fairest expanse of God's earth.

BEHOLD the Flag, floating in zephyrs of high Heaven over the eternal capital of the eternal Republic, symbol of Humanity's fondest, dearest hope, forever proclaiming Justice, Human Brotherhood, throughout the land.

BEHOLD the Flag, unstained, untarnished, bejeweled, gleaming in the darkest night, her triumphant progress across the certuries a part of light. Who dare touch with profaning hand this sleepless, majestic Guardian of an ardent people, strong, brave free?

BEHOLD the Flag, inspiration of a mighty race, mingling in sentiment of cherished children, native to her soil undefiled, and lovers of liberty from every clime, seeking naught but the common good, yearning to serve mankind under the sheltering wings of the Red, White and Blue.

BEHOLD the Flag, ne'er drooped in dust of defeat, sired by revered Fathers of the Revolution, their names imperishably written in letters of gold on the pages of Columbia's history, defying the ages.

BEHOLD the Flag, precious, sublime inheritance, benison of America's faith, power, unity, we consecrate anew in overflowing measure our hearts, our souls, our eager, willing service of hand and brain, to thy defense and greater glory. In the sunlight of thy glowing colors in the proud record of the Past, in the brighter promise of the Future, may thou, guided by the heavenly Father, lead the nations to loftier heights, nobler deeds, worthier aims, till the "sword is beaten into the plowshare" and peace,—benign, hallowed peace—dwells among all the sons of men in a world republican.

God save the United States of America.

A Daylight Steal

Wednesday afternoon, while passing the Schumacher residence, M. F. Martin noticed that a man who appeared to be a stranger, entered it. Knowing that the family were not at home and also observing that the man remained in the house some little time, Mr. Martin became suspicious and stopped to see what was detaining him. The intruder showed signs of fight, but his bluff availed him nothing, and in company with Mr. Martin, was soon moving in the direction of the "law." When questioned by the Sheriff he said his name was Gaylen Krewson, and that his home was in Cincinnati, Iowa and that he would soon be twenty years old. When searched two rings, a watch, watch-fob, and \$2.08 were found. The rings he said he drew on a punch board and that his mother had given him the watch. He was locked up in jail and the incident was closed for the day.

Bright and early the next morning F. W. Curl appeared at the County Attorney's office and stated that two of his wife's diamond rings and a gold watch were missing. Then it was that the truth the "punch board" rings came out. The Sheriff was called and presented the articles taken from the man in jail. Mr. Curl identified the rings, and the watch, in all valued at \$400. About that time Mr. Schumacher appeared and identified the fob.

Later Krewson admitted the theft and stated that he had taken the \$2.08 out of a Red Cross box at the Curl home. He will be sentenced to the State Reformatory. A dishonorable discharge from the army was also found.

Mr. Martin is entitled to no little amount of credit for the part he played in the affair, for had it not been for him, there is little chance that the stolen property would have been recovered.

Plenty Seed Wheat

There need be no fear but that there will be sufficient seed wheat available in Kansas to seed the state next fall. This was the report today of W. M. Jardine and J. C. Mohler, member of the agricultural committee to the council of defense at the meeting called by Chairman Waters to lay plans for the big wheat drive.

Some time ago the board of agriculture began making inquiries as to the probable acreage of wheat in each county of the state. On June 16 the board also obtained the full crop report from each county. On the basis of these figures it was shown what the probable acreage of wheat would be in each county and about what the yield of wheat would be which would be harvested this year.

There are forty counties in the state for which seed wheat must be imported this year. These forty counties are all west of Washington, Reno, and Harper counties. Each of these will raise some wheat, but not enough to fill the needs. On the reports of the probable acreage to be sown next fall in these counties it is estimated that not less than 2,500,000 bushels must be brought in from other parts of the state. This is a much smaller amount than was expected. As a matter of fact, the importations will be considerable more than this as much of the wheat which will be harvested will not be used for

Drydale To Be Dry

Topeka, July 2—Drydale, Missouri, the notorious wet spot across the Missouri river from Leavenworth, Kansas is doomed. Orders to close the place were received to-day by O. T. Wood, United States marshal here, in a letter received from Samuel J. Graham, assistant attorney general at Washington.

Marshal Wood was directed to call a conference with the marshal for Missouri, and city officials of Leavenworth. The conference will be held tonight. The letter made it plain that it was up to federal officials of Missouri and Kansas to close the place.

Marshal Wood declared to-day that Drydale could be closed without the necessity of establishing a 10-mile dry zone, as there is a federal law which prohibits the sale of liquor to soldiers.

Light and Ice Plant

Among the busy institutions of the city is numbered the Ice and Light plant. The all night light service is a valuable addition, and with the addition of another big Fairbanks-Morse engine, just installed, Manager Gerow advises that they will gladly add day service, as soon as the demand justifies.

Perhaps the most popular part of the institution these warm days is the Ice plant. Meade ice is rapidly gaining in popularity and is retailing for fifty cents per hundred at the plant or anywhere in the city in 100-pound lots, or sixty cents per hundred in less quantities. A saving of nearly half the amount formerly paid for shipped in ice. A new "Henry" is the important factor in prompt delivery.

The quality of Meade ice is up to that of any in the state. The first had a white appearance caused from air in the water. Machinery has been installed to remove this.

A cooling tower is the only improvement at the plant incomplete at this time.

Open Air Meetings

The first of the union open air meetings was held on the Court House lawn last Sunday evening. The service was a patriotic one, flags and bunting predominating in the decorations. Veterans of '61 who were present were seated on the platform.

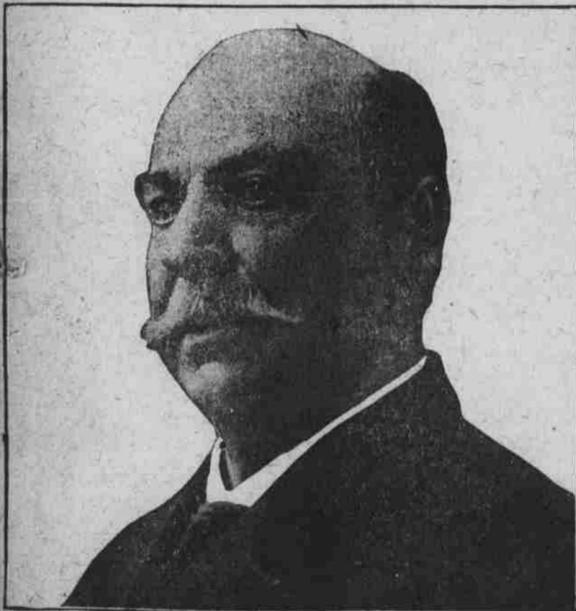
Next Sunday evening a Conquest service will be held by the churches of the community. A special musical program is in progress.

seed on account of its quality. Wheat which will yield only three to six bushels an acre, while useful for flour of the poorer grades could not be used profitably for seed. The estimate of 2,500,000 bushels was on what wheat would be needed in addition to that grown in each county. The importations will probably be around 5,000,000 bushels.

The experts from the agricultural college, who have been visiting the hard winter wheat fields in all parts of the state now estimate that they have found not less than 5,000 bushels of really good hard Red Turkey winter wheat seed, of such fine quality that there could be no mistake in sowing it. It is the best quality that could be obtained in Kansas.

Alf Taylor, of Tennessee, Coming

Noted Orator and Statesman at Chautauqua



Chautauquans will doubtless look forward to the coming of Hon. Alf Taylor with keen enjoyment. The distinguished Tennessean is to speak at the Chautauqua on the night of the Second Day.

Many will recall in this connection "The War of the Roses," which designation was given to the remarkable campaign for the Governorship of Tennessee in which the opposing candidates were the brothers, Alf and Bob Taylor. Bob became Governor while Alf went to Congress. Both became nationally famous as public speakers, resulting in their making a part of the largest cities of the coun-

try in a joint lecture—Bob taking as his subject, "Dixie," and Alf taking as his, "Yankee Doodle."

Hon. Alf Taylor's ability as a speaker has been demonstrated at some of the greatest public occasions in the country for the past quarter of a century. While not the entertainer that "Fiddling Bob" was, his great talents are none the less marked. His oratory needs no accessories because it is clothed in its own natural hearty, majesty and power. A man of great intellectual capacity and ability, charm of manner and nobility of soul, his appearance here will make him many new friends and add new luster to the Taylor name.

Hear him on the Second Night of Chautauqua.

FOR SALE

Lots 6 to 13 inclusive Block 4, Wichita Addition
Lots 2 to 6 inc. Block 1, Brown & Bigger's Addition
Lots 2 to 11 inc. Block 2, Brown & Bigger's Addition
All under fence. Good well, mill and reservoir. Number of trees. Will make ideal poultry or truck farm. Good deed. For further particulars call at The News office. No agents.

Manino Commits Suicide

Leavenworth, Kas.,—June 29, Joe Manino, an Italian serving a life sentence in the Kansas prison at Lansing for the first degree murder, committed suicide at noon today by pouring gasoline over his naked body and setting fire to it. He died a few hours later in the prison hospital. A few moments before dying he recovered consciousness and said he became tired of living. Officials say he was insane. Manino murdered a wealthy cattleman in Meade County, Kansas, February 17, 1917. The sheriff was forced to secretly take him from the county jail to the state reformatory at Hutchinson as protection against a mob of citizens aroused by the brutality of the crime.

Rev. Phillipps To Meade

Rev. H. G. Phillipps, of Pratt, arrived in Meade Wednesday and will take charge of the Baptist church next Sunday. Rev. Phillipps has filled the pulpit at this place quite frequently since the departure of Rev. Spiers and it seems that he has been so well pleased with the congregation and the place, that he has decided to accept the call to this charge. For the past two years he has been pastor of Baptist church at Pratt. His wife and five children will accompany him to Meade. The News welcomes them.

It is easier to keep account of you ice bill if you have an ice book. Get one at the Light Co. office, \$2.50 or \$5.00.