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## J. F. Jersey's Store Robbed Monday

### Front of the Store Smashed in and the Thieves Then Helped Themselves.

The gun and notion store of J. F. Jersey was thoroughly burglarized Monday morning. The robbery was evidently committed between five and six o'clock that morning. Mr. Jersey, contrary to his usual custom, had left his windows full of valuable goods over Sunday and it was too much of a temptation for somebody. The thief or thieves as the case may be, smashed both the windows and then all he had to do was to use his best judgment in selecting goods and raking them into a grip. Whoever it was used good discrimination in making his selections, though in his hurry he overlooked a couple of high priced revolvers that were handy. He dropped one revolver on the sidewalk that was picked up by a passerby.

Mr. Jersey figures his loss at from \$150 to \$200, consisting mainly of revolvers, watches and rings.

There was plenty more valuable merchandise in reach but the carrying capacity of the thief seemed limited. Mr. Jersey is offering a reward of \$50 for the capture of the thief and return of the property. Since the robbery was committed so near daylight, the thief had but a short start and it looks like he should be caught.

### A BEAUTIFUL DAY

The weather Sunday was ideal and many took advantage of it to visit the river and creeks in order to locate a fine fishing spot for future pleasure. The road leading to the east river bridge was crowded with people throughout the day and many rode out that we saw walking back. Guess the sun was too hot for riding. Wes Phillips reported everything lovely for something doing in the bass line in the near future, and Wes is a mighty good guesser along that line. At Allen's lake north of town, one man whose name we will not mention, did no good with the hook and line, but seeing a ten pounder swimming around in the shallow water jumped in after him but the fish only gave him a good cold water bath and winked the other eye and went swimming off.

### CLAY EDWARDS WON IN PRELIMINARY

Clay Edwards was selected to represent Chanute in declamation in the contest with the Parsons high school to be held here March 22. His selection was "Connor" the story of an Irishman in America who had made sufficient money to send home for his wife and children only to have his money stolen. When Connor finally earns more money he sends for his family but they die of the cholera on board ship and the shock brings about his own death.

### HAD FAMILY REUNION

Mrs. M. N. Dice and Robt. Wooten of Fredonia returned home Saturday after having attended a surprise birthday dinner on Mrs. Anna Offenbaker on Friday. Mrs. Wooten is a cousin and Mrs. Dice, the mother of Mrs. Offenbaker. A sister of the latter, Mrs. Lizzie Harrison of Iola, was also here for the reunion.

### Contract Let

The council in adjourned meeting Monday evening awarded the contract for the construction of main sewer No. 3 in the north part of the city and the outlet to the same to B. J. Schulte for a total of \$8686.24 for the three sections. The other Chanute contractors competing for the work were C. O. Boyce and Perry Taylor. Five bids from out of town contractors were considered.

According to the previous action of the council the advertisement for the bids required that they be submitted in three divisions. The first part called for the construction of the outlet which extends from the intersection of East Chestnut street and North Ashby avenue to the manhole where main sewers 1 and 2 connect with the main sewer outlet of the city. The second section as planned extends west from the beginning of the outlet to Forest avenue, and the third is the sewer to be laid west of Forest.

Schulte's bid was 69 cents per foot in section 1, 67 cents in section 2, and \$1.04 in section 3. He made the same price for all sizes of drain tile in a given section. He added a rider to his bid which stipulated that he was to receive all or none of the contract. The division of the construction work into three sections had been determined by the council with the idea that the contract might possibly be divided between contractors.

The council in their discussion of the different bids sought to divide the contract so as to secure a lower price for the city than offered by Schulte. Boyce's bid of 66 2/3 cents on section 1 made him the low man for that division amounting to \$1836.66. Perry Taylor's bid of 87 cents on section 2 amounted \$3593.97. His bid for section 3 was 85 cents, \$1.09 and \$1.11 respectively for the lengths of 12, 10 and 8 inch tile for which the city engineer's specifications called. His total bid for section 3 was \$4212.16 which was the lowest for this division.

The total of Boyce's bid on section 1 and Taylor's for 2 and 3 was \$9642.79 which thus was yet \$956.55 higher than that of Schulte to whom the council awarded the contract.

### LOST TO RENO

Our Chanute basket ball team made a good fight at Lawrence, beat three teams but got beat by the Reno club in the final, score being 15 to 17.

The girls after playing three contest games were not in very good shape to meet their old rivals of last year and the year before.

We are informed that three of our girls were suffering with sprained ankles received in the other games and were really not in shape to play the final.

Guess it would be well simply to say we got beat this time but will lick em next time. Our girls have held the championship now for two years and it could not be expected that there would not be a turn in the road some time. They have won two out of three from the Reno girls so they should be recognized as the best team in the state if they did make a little slip this year.

### FOSTER-EWEN

Miss Edna Foster and John Ewen both of Urbe were married Friday afternoon by Rev. Chambers of Earlton at the home of the groom's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hellman in Earlton. They went immediately to their home on Mr. Ewen's large and well equipped farm near Urbana. Both bride and groom are natives of Neosho county and are well and favorably known by many people in their home community.

## Seeks Co-Operation in Road Dragging

### Auto Club Committee Will Talk With Farmers and Township Officers.

"Put Chanute in the center of the best system of dragged roads in Southeastern Kansas" was the sentiment of the members of Good Roads committee of the Chanute Auto Club in their conference with the chairman, Dr. T. R. Edwards Thursday evening. H. H. McCall, W. W. Gardner, F. B. Burris and Watson Stewart who have special supervision of the work in the different directions discussed plans together. E. A. Colaw a member of the committee who lives southeast of town phoned in to be counted for the work though he could not get in for the meeting.

The committeemen plan at once to get in touch with the township trustees, road overseers and farmer friends in their respective districts to ascertain the extent of the cooperation which may be secured. A state law obligates the road overseers to designate certain main lines of road on which they shall hire dragging at the rate of 50 cents a mile for single and 75 cents a mile for double dragging. The maximum expense per year for such dragging is however to be \$5 and \$7 respectively.

As some farmers are willing to drag roads if a drag is furnished them, the Auto Club will be ready to furnish the drag provided the work done is upon a mile or more of continuous dragged road. The committeeman or some autoist designated by him would inspect the work done after each rain. Not only is the Club willing to furnish the drag but also to pay the men who drag the roads in addition to what they receive from the county provided the farmers truly cooperate.

The Auto Club feels that good roads are a distinct advantage to the farmers who drive buggies and wagons and to the business men who profit by the easier access to Chanute. The committee prefers to pay a flat rate for dragging a certain amount of road throughout the years at times when the roads are in a proper condition. The arrangements would thus be virtually by contract but they would necessarily be largely made through the road overseers.

The plan contemplates having the roads dragged to the north county line, to Shaw, near to Thayer, and towards Rest and Buffalo on the west, but always with the idea of securing the cooperation of the good roads advocates in these towns and beyond which are reached by the main lines. Furthermore the township officers must meet the committee half way in its projects if a continuous system of good roads is to be secured.

The Auto Club committee plans to meet with the similar committee of the Commercial Club to plan for enlisting actively the merchants of Chanute. The latter are to be asked to offer merchandise prizes to create an emulation for the best dragged miles of road in the different directions.

### ANOTHER SALE

Another firm got rich and quit. Messrs. Roswall and Hambricht have sold their Variety Store to Mr. Nethaway and son of Belton, Mo. who have taken charge. The Nethaways are very pleasant people and we wish them success.

We understand Messrs. Roswall and Hambricht will not rush away from Chanute.

## Examinations For Common Schools

### Dates and Place of Holding Are Announced by Superintendent Willis.

County Superintendent W. R. Willis has set Friday and Saturday, April 5th and 6th as the time for holding the regular common school examinations this year. As the questions have not yet been received from the state superintendent, the arrangement of the branches can not yet be given.

It is recommended that no pupil be admitted to the examination who shall have not finished the eighth or ninth grade work; provided that the seventh grade pupils may be admitted to the examination in reading and physiology. An average grade of 75 per cent, with no grade below 60 per cent shall be required for graduation. Agriculture and both reading and classics shall be required for graduation.

In order to receive a diploma, pupils who pass the examination will be required to take part in the graduating exercises, which will be arranged later, and to pay the usual fee of \$1. For the examination itself a fee of 25 cents will be required of each applicant, which fee is to be retained by the examiners to be used in payment of any expenses that may be incurred.

Pupils may attend the examination nearest them, especially if they live in one township and attend school in another. The schoolhouses in which the examinations will be conducted, and the teachers who will be in charge, which are the nearest to Chanute are announced by superintendent Willis as follows: Neosho Valley, Hazel Gough and Ira D. Mollet; Earlton, E. E. O'Connor and Kate Hogan; Big Creek, Charly Martin and Mrs. J. M. Hand; Snaw, Jennie Adamson and C. S. Nation; Trayer, O. E. Breuer and Myrtle Conrad; and Galesburg, Z. A. Eiton and Brookie M. Chrisman.

### WELCOMED PASTOR WITH BANQUET

Approximately one hundred and fifty people enjoyed the banquet and reception accorded by the membership of the First Baptist church Saturday evening in the church parlors to their new pastor, W. W. Searcy and family. W. M. Gray presided as toastmaster at the excellent two course luncheon which was served in the attractively decorated rooms. Rev. A. H. Coffield returned thanks. Responses were made by other pastors of the city who were able to be present, as follows: "The Relation of Pastor and Church," Rev. C. A. Wilson; "The Pastor's Relation to Young People," Rev. W. M. Berkeley; "The Pastor's Relation to the community," Rev. L. G. Fourier. A musical number was given by a male quartet composed of Clark Dickinson, Mr. Gardner, Justice James, and J. L. Dodson. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. E. Bayless.

### ENDORSES THE ELM TREE

Chanute city has bought 1,000 elm trees to set out in its parks. They are to be eight feet in height and will cost \$300 or 30c each. The elm is far superior as a shade tree to anything that grows in Kansas or is adapted to our climate, soil and natural conditions. The Citizen has been an advocate of the elm for more than thirty years, from the day Fredonia was young and small, and its publisher has always individually favored this tree. The Chanute authorities have made the right selection.—Wilson County Citizen.

G. H. Brooks who is employed with the Santa Fe at Newton visited at home Sunday.

## Bank to Buy Park Bond Issue

The bid the First National Bank of Chanute, the only local bidder, was accepted by the council Monday evening over that of eleven bond companies for the purchase of the \$25,000 issue of bonds authorized for the purpose of purchasing and improving two park sites by the vote of the citizens of Chanute in January. The bank's offer was 1.9-16 percent premium or \$390.625.

This bid was not the highest submitted but was accepted by the council after considerable discussion pro and con on the ground that there was much less danger of delay in doing business with local parties or that negotiations would be held up through misunderstandings or technicalities. The question whether the outside companies understood the requirement that the 20 year bonds might be paid after 10 years entered into the consideration. A motion to accept the bid of L. D. Laning of Kansas City for a premium of \$476 was eventually voted down for these causes. A motion to reject all bids was also made at one time. The bids ranged in amount of premium from \$312.50 to \$597.50. The bids were submitted by Chicago firms and one from Toledo, Ohio as well as from Kansas City.

The city in accepting the bid of the local bank will be to the expense of the printing of the bonds between \$30 and \$40. The bond ordinance which is to be introduced on first reading next Monday will include the requirement that the purchaser pay the accrued interest on the bonds from their date or February 1. When the bonds are properly signed by the city's representatives and registered with the state auditor the city should immediately receive the purchase price as agreed.

### TO IMPROVE SOCIETY WORK

A pleasant social and banquet was held by the membership of the Presbyterian church Christian Endeavor society in the church parlors Monday evening. The occasion was planned by the lookout and social committees to increase interest in the society work. C. P. Traxel presided as toastmaster and called upon others present for responses as follows: "The Business Man and Christian Endeavor," Bodle; "St. Patrick, Rev. C. A. Wilson; "Efficiency in our Society" Miss Bess Johnson. Greetings from the Methodist church young people and from the Christian Endeavor society of the Christian church were given respectively by Frank Wickstrom and P. E. Taylor.

### JUDGE FINLEY UPHELD ROAD TAX

Judge J. W. Finley on Monday gave a decision upholding the city in the case of Dr. J. J. Means for violation of the city ordinance in regard to the payment of road tax which had been appealed from the police court to the district court. The case had been argued before him by the attorneys a few weeks ago. Judge Finley gave his decision on the ground that the state statute did not necessarily require an ordinance. He granted a stay of execution for ten days and it is understood that the defendant will ask for a rehearing of the case.

### WORKS FOR TROLLEY CO.

T. A. Casey who has charge of the bridge construction work of the J. E. Wear Construction Co. of St. Louis was in Chanute on business Friday. He stated that his company has the contract for the construction of the trolley between Coffeyville and Parsons via Altamont. He maintained the larger company might be able to extend its service to Chanute when it had built 50 miles of trolley and thus was able to float its bonds. Mr. Casey formerly lived at Walnut.

## Sunday Was a Day of Drunks Here

### The Whiskey Demon Seemed to be Loose--Seven or Eight Victims Are in Limbo.

From some cause demon alcohol seemed to break out afresh Sunday. We do not know whether the bright sunshine had the effect of thawing out the latent Devil in the hearts of man or had the effect of livening up the activities of the imps of his satanic majesty who make it a business to peddle Hell broth to poor week mortals, any way the glorious bright Lordsday was desecrated by the cursing and ribald talk of the inebriated.

The police got busy and brought in seven of the poor deluded men who either can't control their appetites or think it makes men of them to make fools of themselves.

Personally we never could understand why men do these things, but we suppose they get a great deal of fun out of it and think the little matter of lying in jail a night or two and putting up \$8 or \$9 is cheap.

The offenders were called up before Police Judge Wilfong and took their medicine. W. M. Sherman \$5.00 and \$3.00 costs. Mr. Sherman is a Smelter man. Everett Bowers \$5.00 and \$3.00 costs. Forest Allen \$5.00 and \$3.00 costs. Mr. Allen works for the Brick and Tile Co. Ben Wrestler \$5.00 and \$3.00 costs. Mr. Wrestler lives in the country northeast of the city. The others were three Mexicans who were taken in the east part of town. They had to wait for an interpreter

### COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEEMEN

F. C. Warren, president of the Chanute Commercial Club, has announced the committee chairman and members as follows: Finance, A. N. Allen, S. F. Wade, Chase W. Brown; entertainment, T. R. Johns, B. H. Grigsby, Chas. Larrick; convention, Ben Levy, T. F. Morrison, C. C. Martin; insurance, S. J. Bailey; publicity, Herbert Cavanaugh, E. P. Burris, Fred Alexander; civic improvement, Hugh Farrelly, H. W. Loy, R. C. McCune; membership, W. M. Gray, W. F. Allen, Mark Gibson; good roads, R. N. Allen, C. S. Nation, F. E. Bodley; industrial, J. H. Miller, Harry Larrick, Walter Lapham; gas, John Terrill, J. M. Massey, C. B. Amyx; transportation, Dan Blomheart, Levi Rosenthal, John J. Jones. The chairman of various committees constitute the executive committee.

### ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

The little 8 year old boy, David L. Overby, living with his grandmother, Mrs. Nancy Clemens on the Cor. of 7th and Ashby who was so severely hurt Saturday evening by being kicked in the head by a young horse, is getting along nicely. He is peart as a cricket and bids fair to be out playing marbles in a few days. The skull was crushed at the back of the head and several good sized pieces were removed. The boy is the son of Mr. and C. D. Overby of 1530 S. Santa Fe, but for some years has lived with his grandmother.

The new variety store man on Wes Main street is fixing up the room in the Lindsay block, vacated by Mr. Bailey, in splendid shape. Carpenters and painters can work wonders.

