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OUR COUNTY NEWS WRITERS

Illinois District.

We had a few days last week that would pass for good winter here. It was 50 last Wednesday morning and went down to 36 by 10 a.m. Strong north wind all day and next morning a very heavy frost. This is the first frost that killed the leaves on hedges and trees. It did not kill the grasshoppers.

Mrs. Jonathan Macy went down to Blackwell last week to see her new grandson.

The Rome lodge of K.L.F. have fitted up the upper story of the school house for a lodge room. They met there for the first time last Saturday night. They will have an oyster supper next Saturday night. Open to the public.

Frank Hutton's arm which was broken by the threshing machine some time ago has not got well yet. His friends will have a corn husking next Thursday and husk his corn for him.

Mr. Harris who resided one mile north of South Haven was unloading some cane last Saturday afternoon when he complained of a pain in his head, and died in a few minutes. Mr. Harris was one of the old settlers of South Haven township.

October weather 1899: Average of month 60; highest during month, 92; average of warmest day, 77; lowest, 32; average of coldest day, 52; days on which rain fell, 4; depth of rain in inches, 1.22; greatest rain in 24 hours, 0.47; frosts, 2. First frost on the 17. The leaves on the trees and many plants were not killed until the breeze of Nov. 2.

Rainfall and temperature for the past seven years:

| YEAR | RAINFALL | TEMPERATURE |
|------|----------|-------------|
| '93 | 0.80 | 60 1/2 |
| '94 | 2.57 | 61 1/2 |
| '95 | 0.71 | 54 1/2 |
| '96 | 3.53 | 58 1/2 |
| '97 | 1.21 | 60 1/2 |
| '98 | 2.72 | 55 1/2 |
| '99 | 1.22 | 60 1/2 |

First killing frost last night, October 20.

Concord.

Wheat is growing finely now. Several report slight losses by grasshoppers.

Several of Concord's young people attended church at Clearlake last Sunday night. They report a good attendance and a fine sermon.

Geo. Harbaugh and bride of Alva, O. T., are visiting his brother, H. F. Harbaugh. We unite with their many friends in wishing them a peaceful and prosperous journey through life.

The polls were well attended Tuesday, and many and various were the comments on our county high school. One old fellow said: "All a feller needs is to cipher and read a little, and the common schools kin give him that. We don't need no more learning." But strange to relate, this same gentleman in the course of conversation told how he once had a chance "out in California" of a fine position at big pay if he only had had education enough to fit him for it.

The Concord school now has an attendance of twenty-eight pupils and they are doing good earnest work.

The Mulberry district now has an attendance of thirty-two pupils and H. V. Williams, welder of the birch there, reports good progress in all branches.

No serious damage from Halloween sprites has been reported in this vicinity.

L. Jones, Arvin Williams and Miss Nellie Harbaugh returned to Wellington Monday, to their work in the high school.

Corbin.

F. E. Murray is up from Alert, O. T.

E. E. Howe started Saturday morning for Perry, O. T.

Mrs. Small and daughters, Bessie and Eve, and Miss Nana Willhoite were in Caldwell Tuesday.

Born to Chas. Daneson and wife, a girl, Sunday morning. All doing well at last reports.

S. A. Stonebacker, our hardware merchant, has added to his extensive stock a full outfit of bicycle repairs.

Miss Dot Dennis, while trying to ride a horse Sunday afternoon, fell off and fractured her arm near the shoulder. Dr. Willhoite was called to attend her.

Obituary.

The angel of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boory, seven miles south of Hunnwell, Tuesday morning, October 31st, and took their brightest jewel, Mabel, the infant daughter.

Mabel was born October 22nd. Rev. Wolf of Bremen, preached the funeral sermon from the text, Luke 18-16: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

The body was interred in the Atteberry cemetery, two and one half miles west of Rome, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Boory have the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends, in their sad bereavement.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is often told to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 50c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

U. S. Grant is reported to be at the head of a big syndicate organized at San Diego, Cal., to build a new transcontinental road via Salt Lake City, Utah.

To Vote the Bonds.

The city council last night submitted a proposition to the owners of the Wellington waterworks, offering them \$50,000 for the waterworks plant as it stands today, including all the lands, flowage rights, standpipe, dam, pump-house, water mains, plugs, plats, etc. The water committee was instructed to prepare a form of petition to be circulated among the tax payers, asking the council to call an election to vote the bonds, and submit it to the council at an adjourned meeting to be held Friday night of this week.

This means, in short, that Wellington voters will soon be called upon to say whether they want the city to own and operate its water system, or pay the exorbitant rate for fire protection heretofore charged by the water company. The question of whether the city shall own and operate an electric lighting, heating and power system will also be submitted to the voters at the same time.

The two questions will be submitted separately at the same election, so that each question may be voted for or against, as the voter's judgment dictates.

The amount of bonds to be voted for buying the waterworks system and improving it is \$55,000. Fifty thousand dollars of this money is for the purchase of the plant, and \$5,000 for putting in new pumps and a suction pipe at the dam. The council thinks all other needed improvements can be postponed for the present, and eventually be made out of the earnings of the plant after it is in running shape under municipal ownership.

The amount of bonds to be voted for an electric lighting, heating and power system is \$14,000—making the total proposed issue \$69,000. It will be left entirely with the voters to say whether the city shall vote \$69,000 for both water and light, or only \$55,000 for water, or only \$14,000 for light.

The question of the amount of interest the bonds shall bear has not been decided upon. That will be determined at Friday night's meeting, when the committee appointed to prepare a form of petition will submit its report. In the meantime, an effort will be made to determine at what rate of interest the city will be able to float the bonds if they are voted.

After the question of voting the bonds has been submitted, figures showing the benefits, or disadvantages, whichever they may be, of municipal ownership, will be given in the Voice. Special effort will be made to get at the facts regardless of whether they prove an argument for or against the question of municipal ownership, for the enlightenment of the voters.

Arrested for Rape.

C. A. Woodward, the Santa Fe station agent at Dalton, six miles east of Wellington, was arrested by Sheriff Heskett Saturday night on a warrant issued by County Attorney Ready charging him with committing rape.

The information was sworn to by Woodward's wife. The person he is charged with raping is their fourteen-year-old adopted daughter, Grace Hill, a sister of Mrs. J. S. Devaney of Wellington. According to the testimony of the girl, Woodward has been guilty of improper intimacy with her for four years, ever since the time of her adoption.

The arrest has caused a great sensation at Dalton and in the surrounding neighborhood. Woodward has been the Santa Fe agent there for eight or ten years, and his character has always been above reproach. His friends do not believe he is guilty of the charge against him, and there are stories in circulation which we do not care to produce in print. A delegation of Woodward's friends came to Wellington yesterday for the purpose of getting him out of jail, but were unable to find the authorities. They returned to Dalton and came to Wellington again today and furnished a bond for \$1,000 with J. C. Carson, W. G. Whaley and Wm. Wilson, all well known citizens, as sureties, and Woodward was released.

School Board Meeting.

The board of education last night arranged a schedule of prices for the use of the auditorium. It is practically the same as last year's schedule. The charge for lecture course attractions is \$15 per night. Where there is no admission fee, \$5 per night will be charged, provided it is not necessary to heat the building; where heating is necessary, the charge will be \$8. It was voted to allow the club women the use of the auditorium next Thursday night for \$5. The matter of selecting ushers was left to the auditorium committee.

Mrs. J. M. Ready reported that she had visited the public schools of Kansas City, and found that Wellington's schools compared very favorably with them.

Judge Herrick reported that the bondsmen of Clarence Benton had agreed to allow judgment against them at an adjourned meeting of the district court to be held on the 18th inst., for the amount of shortage now remaining, and interest at the rate of

6 per cent. The bondsmen are C. A. Gambrill, H. W. Andrews, E. Hayes, Wm. Gellino and A. Branaman.

The special committee appointed to see what it would cost to hire a drawing teacher, reported that Miss Alice Cheever could be employed for a part of the time for \$20 per month. Mrs. J. M. Ready reported that she had two propositions from Miss A. Haydn Keyes, one proposition being to teach one lesson in each room every week for \$25 per month. The other proposition was to put in all of her time for \$35 per month. W. H. Stauffach moved to accept Miss Keyes' \$25 proposition. The matter was discussed, and voted down. Those voting for it were: Herrick, Stauffach and Ready. Those voting against it were: Worden, Bright, Carnes and Campbell.

The matter of tuition in several cases was passed upon. Mabel Collins, Albert Crist, Alfred Patch and Walter Friend were allowed to attend without tuition, and the case of Bessie Hill was passed until the next regular meeting.

Superintendent Bear's report showed the total enrollment yesterday to be 838. This is 212 more than for the corresponding date last year, but is not a fair comparison, as an epidemic of diphtheria and scarlet fever was raging a year ago.

J. W. Parks of Ottawa, representing a furniture supply house, was present with samples of new school desks. The school needs 100 new single seats to replace the double seats in two of the primary rooms. Mr. Parks offered to furnish them for \$2.25 each. The matter of making the purchase was left to the proper committee, with instructions to make the best terms possible.

The board adjourned.

A Frightful Accident.

Monroe Abell, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Abell of Perth, met with an accident Sunday which may cost him his life. He was leading a milch cow with a long rope, when the cow commenced romping and caught his right foot in the rope, and in some manner broke his leg just above the ankle. The flesh was stripped entirely from the bones nearly to his knee, and the foot was left dangling by a slender cord.

No one except the boy himself saw the accident, and he was in such intense pain that he could not give an intelligent account of it. He is about ten years of age. His mother was the first to see him after the accident, when he was trying to walk to the house. The pain had not commenced and he was sticking the bone into the ground and making headway the best he could. Dr. Martin of Wellington, was telegraphed for, and went to Perth that night and dressed the leg. An effort will be made to save the entire leg, but amputation may be necessary. The injury is such a serious one that the boy may not be able to recover from it. Later, he died from his injuries the following day.

Burglary at Milan.

J. T. Sappentheil's hardware store at Milan was broken into Sunday and goods and money to the value of \$45 stolen.

The railroad situation in Oklahoma and Indian Territory is like a stiff game of poker—all sides are bluffing. The Santa Fe is threatening to build a road from Arkansas City to Fort Smith, Ark., and parallel the proposed line of the Wichita & Southern. The promoters of the latter line, however, are going on with their work and their surveyors will start over the line the first of the week. It now seems possible that the Wichita & Southern may make a combination with the Choctaw road. The latter attempted to buy the Hutchinson & Southern. It wants a northern connection and feeder, so that it can hold its own in the Territory. It is even reported that it is thinking of building a line to Hutchinson. This, however, is improbable. Instead it will more likely join hands with the Wichita & Southern, and thus practically control things in the Indian Territory. There is a well authenticated rumor afloat that the Santa Fe will extend the Tonkawa branch south about seven miles and connect with the branch line the Rock Island is building out of Enid. When this is done both lines will use the branch.

The Santa Fe can get into western Oklahoma and the Rock Island can get an outlet into the eastern part. It is reported that there is an understanding between the two roads and that they are attempting to control the situation in Oklahoma. The roads are bluffing badly. In some places two and three roads are surveying lines which will never be built. Some of the proposed lines may be built, but the majority are for the purpose of bluffing other roads out of the Territory. Since the first of the year charters have been granted to 26 different lines of railway. The total mileage is 8,312. Pottawatomie county is the favorite of the new railroad projectors. According to the charters, ten new roads will run through that county. Five of them are promised to Lincoln county.

For Ike Reed's Pardon.

C. E. Elliott and Harve Coverdale circulated a petition among the business men of Wellington Saturday, during the presence of Governor Stanley in town, asking for the pardon of Ike Reed, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary for killing Ike Hopper. The petition was readily signed by all who were asked to sign it, and a delegation of about twenty-five persons called on the governor in his rooms at the Arlington hotel in the afternoon and presented the petition to him. Each person in the delegation made a personal request of the governor to grant the pardon, explaining that the petition was gotten up to show the feeling of the business men in Wellington concerning the matter, and saying it was the general opinion of all who were acquainted with the circumstances of the killing that Reed had been punished sufficiently.

While Governor Stanley did not commit himself, it was plain that he was impressed with the manner in which the Wellington people approached him on Reed's behalf, and many believe the governor will consider the application favorably.

Death of E. K. Peniwell.

E. K. Peniwell died at his home in Northwest Wellington Monday at 7:30 o'clock, of heart disease. He had been in a critical condition for a week past.

A short funeral service was held over the remains at his former home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Thos. W. Penick of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Interment will be made by the side of the remains of his wife in the Mayfield cemetery.

The deceased was 82 years of age last January. He came to Kansas in 1883, locating at Mayfield, and moved to Wellington in 1890. He was a veteran of the civil war. His wife died about two years ago. He leaves one son and four daughters: John, Anna, Gertrude and Stettin, all of Wellington, and a married daughter living in Oklahoma.

A Girl Attempts Suicide.

The Conway Springs Star tells of the attempted suicide of Miss Dora Wise, sixteen years of age, living near Ewell. She is a daughter of Daniel Wise. The girl swallowed a tablespoonful of carbolic acid, but will recover. The Star says: "From what we can learn, the reason for her rash act was about as follows: She went to a dance with some young fellow Monday night and did not get home until early Tuesday morning. Her mother, who was in bed sick, reproved her for being out all night. The girl stepped to another room, got the carbolic acid came to the door with it in a spoon and said to her mother, 'I am going to take this,' and she did."

"Dr. McIlhenny of Conway Springs, was sent for at once and when he arrived there he found that her mouth and throat were badly burned and she was suffering intensely. While she will hardly recover entirely, it is thought now that the dose will not do the work she intended it should do."

The "Ponca City Branch."

The first Santa Fe cars to run on the old Hutchinson & Southern road went over the line yesterday. General Manager J. J. Frey, General Superintendent H. U. Mudge, Superintendent F. T. Dolan of Wichita, and D. D. Bailey, superintendent from Wellington, passed over the line in a special on a tour of inspection. It has not been decided yet what the Hutchinson & Southern will be called but it will probably be named the "Ponca City branch."

A Pumpkin Freak.

Mrs. A. G. Green bought a pumpkin the other day, and upon cutting it open, found it as solid as an apple, with the seeds sprouting on the inside. One of the sprouts had grown into a vine several inches long, and there was a leaf on it. The pumpkin was grown in this county.

New Trial in Campbell & Hood Case.

Judge McBride has granted a new trial in the case of Campbell & Hood vs. The Board of County Commissioners, on the ground that the jury did not understand the court's instructions.

Newton Kansas: The Hutchinson & Southern agents at Kingman, Rago, Harper, Blackwell and Cross will no doubt soon be searching for new locations. At each of these points the Santa Fe has agents who will no doubt look after all of the local business.... It is railroad "talk" that the Santa Fe will build twenty-five miles extension from Cross planned by the Hutchinson & Southern company, afterwards continuing the line to a point some distance to the southwest.... The trains from the Hutchinson & Southern come into the Santa Fe depot now over some combination of other roads and salt switches, and they will continue to start out from and stop at the Santa Fe depot. The engines which came in last night were housed at the Santa Fe round house, a engine being sent with the engineers to show them the way.

The news of 7th: The government has been robbed of \$5,000 a day by Wall street operators (Wall street operators claim, by the way, to be the only true friends of the government) using cancelled revenue stamps dipped in a solution which removes the cancellation marks. This sort of thing has been going on for months. Several persons have been arrested for it. Watch them, and you will find that they will be turned loose. It is the little offenders that never escape.... England is pleased over the news that Ladysmith still holds out, but is worried over the invasion of Cape Colony by the Boers.... Otis has gotten a move onto himself, and commenced an active campaign against the insurgents with 30,000 men.... Since the acquisition of Spanish territory by the United States, Uncle Sam will require that all of his officers learn to speak Spanish.... Cy Leland has denied the story that he wrote a nifty letter to Funston claiming the credit for his (Funston's) promotion.... Trouble is looked for in Louisville today, on account of the intense feeling over the election. A report is current that the local militia is in readiness to stop any disturbances that may come up.... The condition of the vice president is but little changed, and there is no hope for him. Although Hobart realizes that the end is near, he is cheerful.... Admiral Dewey visited New York yesterday as a private citizen, and called on Mrs. Hazen, whom he is to marry soon. They went down town together, holding hands, and bought peanuts, candy, flags, etc., just like two youthful lovers.... A man attempted to rob the postoffice at North Branch, Kas., and was shot by the postmaster and captured. He gave his name as Charlie Martin.... Major Esterhazy, a prominent figure in the Dreyfus affair, has been sentenced to three years in prison for swindling.... The contract for the reconstruction of the Lincoln monument at Springfield, Ill., has been let and the work will commence at once.... Harvey T. Dugan, a young railroad man at Topeka, committed suicide yesterday by taking chloral. He had been drinking and abusing his mother.... The autonomous government in the island of Negros was established yesterday, and the event was celebrated by feasting and dancing.

The following bit of word painting from the Anthony Republican, entitled "Indian Summer in Kansas," deserves to be classed with the best literature of Kansas: "The very air is invigorant; fragrant from the harvest, spiced with the wood smoke, bracing from the first frosts, scintillant with the glorious sunshine that fills the shortening autumn days with splendor and makes tain and luminous the attendant shadow. "Bob White" shrills of "more wet, more wet," his quakerish little wife, with half grown brood, trimly speeds across the roadway into the ripened corn, or with musical "whirr-r-r" rises, to dive into the distant sea of undulating brown. Prairie larks trill and carol on the rusty wire or perched on the infrequent posts that hold the cattle from the ripened field. Hawks fly low; frightened sparrows flutter into trees and hedge row; rabbits scurry from bare pastures to grassy covert, or sit erect and watch with distended eye, quivering nostril and rigid ear the impending danger. The murmur of voices, the morning cock crow, the howling of cattle, are as distant music, carried softly to the ear by the voluptuous air. Corn shocks dot the field—tents of any army that stands near by in whispering ranks. A multitude of peace and plenty; no arms, no equipment, but a baysack of golden grain on hip or shoulder. Save a weary few, they stand expectant, awaiting to deliver their garnered wealth, be mustered out, and with empty pockets, light hearts and fluttering banners retrace their steps via a mouldering way to the place whence they came and rest. In rusty velvet fields, big dusky haystacks stand in herds or gather in about the barn, shouldering one another in ponderous good humor. From the inspiration of the careening air, the peaceful, plentiful view, satisfied achievement of a summer's work, of goodly store from nature's plenty, we look with brightened eye, bounding blood and defiant head, to the north, undaunted by the icy breath that tells of coming snow."

An interesting case growing out of alleged violation of the U. S. postal law has come up in Missouri. Captain J. C. Mohrstadt of Montgomery county has been arrested for sending letters from New Florence to Montgomery City by express, there to be stamped with one cent stamps and distributed through the local post-office, his idea being to save the difference in the cost of one and two cent stamps on a large number of letters. Mohrstadt was arrested under the section of the U. S. postal laws which prohibits the sending of mail matter otherwise than through the United States mails.

Chas. Anderson and wife are expected in Wellington Friday evening from Fairbury, Ill., on a visit to Mr. Anderson's brother, John I. Anderson.