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To-day ^{NOV} 7, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. ZEIGLER'S BIG ANNUAL Cloak Sale

during which time our expert salesman, Mr. Bannerman, will be present with five hundred elegant garments direct from the factory. His line will consist of Cloaks, Coats, Jackets, Suits and Gowns in new and distinctive models; also a full line of furs in exclusive styles. Come and see this fine line. Prices right. All our goods at special low cost during this sale.

Death of Mrs. Cora Stone.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday night, of Cora King Stone, wife of A. F. Stone of the Saline valley. She had recovered her former strength and was getting along nicely but the fatal illness came suddenly. She was a daughter of Father Allen King of the Saline and leaves a husband and several children who have the sympathy of that whole valley.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Cora A. Stone was born October 14, 1863 died October 31, 1908. Age 45 years, 17 days. Was married to A. F. Stone June 14, 1885. To this union were born eleven children, nine are still living, two dying in infancy.

Mrs. Stone was a daughter of A. L. King, was converted at the age of eighteen, was baptized by Dr. Raferty of Greenwood, Mo.

Mrs. Stone will be missed in the community because of the consecrated Christian life she led and the beautiful example of true kindness and sacrifice for others. Our father in his wisdom has seen fit to remove her from our midst and we bow in humble submission to his divine will. Though we mourn with the bereaved ones over their loss yet we rejoice over Heaven's gain.

The funeral service was conducted by the sympathizing Pastor, Rev. Jenkins assisted by Rev. A. L. Hobbs, a former pastor, surrounded by a host of sorrowing friends.

Sister Stone will be missed in the sweet fellowship of the church as well as by the many friends who extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones. Cont.

Have You a Farm

for sale? We have customers for Ellis county land. Send us a description of your farm and lowest price and we believe we can find you a customer. Our charges are reasonable. Address CIPRA & STRATMANN, Jan. 1. Holyrood, Kansas.

The Thomas Road.

The viewers appointed by the city, O'Laughlin, Hoffmeyer, Jack Wolfe, Yost and Anton Jacobs, viewed the south Chestnut street extension Thursday and the council agreed to allow \$500 as damages and \$100 an acre for the land used. Mr. Thomas insisted that the road be laid on the section line as now used instead of through his court yard. And as it is nuisance and cost of over \$2000 to put a good fence there, they rejected the offer and now it goes into court.

Mrs. John Schlyer Dead.

It is with regret we record the death of Mrs. John Schlyer on Tuesday at her home in this city, aged fifty-seven yrs. Mr. and Mrs. Schlyer were childhood friends in Buffalo, they drifted apart, but in 1895 were married in California, and from the day of her arrival here was one of the most lovable women of our city. Her lovely ways, sweet disposition, kindness to everyone, her devotion to her church, made her loved by everyone. For over six months she has been a terrible but patient sufferer, awaiting the summons to come to that fairer world beyond the clouds. The funeral was held Thursday morning and was very largely attended. The sympathy of the whole town and county goes out to Mr. Schlyer and his family.

Desk for Sale.

We offer for sale, for a subscriber, a handsome oak secretary and desk, a pretty piece of furniture. Also a good base-burner, at a sacrifice. See THIS OFFICE.

White Holland Turkeys.

The Mammoth kind. You can raise them on a city lot, beautiful birds. Sold on approval. If not right, return them and get your money. Toms or hens \$3 each while they last. Order now for Delivery. Address E. W. BUFFUM, 51-51x Codell, Kansas.

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Dealer in

Books, Stationery, School supplies, Sporting Goods, Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes and all kind of smokers supplies.

We carry everything in the line of Stationery Sundries, Toilet sets, Ladies Hand-bags, Purses and Card cases, Men's pocket-books.

In fact everything usually kept in a store of this kind. Don't buy a Holiday Present until you see us as we have them suitable for everyone and at prices that are right.

We are located one door north of P. O. Call and see us or phone No. 96.

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Colorado Potatoes	per bushel	85c
Onions	per peck	25c
Cabbage	per pound	11-2c
Lindsborg Flour	per sack	\$1.20

PURE APPLE CIDER, 40c per Gallon.
QUALITY THE VERY BEST.
COX & SON, Hays, Kansas.

"Dolly Varden" Chocolates at Harkness' 22-1f

Miss Ethel Pierce gave a Hallow'een party Saturday evening.

Just now there are lots of weddings among our young Russian people.

Roscoe Baumer and Miss Charlotte Paul visited friends in Ellis Sunday.

Dolly Varden Chocolates at Harkness'. 10. .35 and .65. 28-1f

Candidate for senator, Wells, spent Sunday among our Russian voters.

Jonah Nulton's have moved into their new home and now have a nice place.

Borrow money from Fred Miller. Best terms to be found anywhere. 47-1f

John Nickles has returned from his trip to Kansas City and is much improved.

Ed Polifka has returned from his trip to the Springs and feels much improved in health.

Kraus' have brought in another car load of cotten seed meal to feed their stock this winter.

Last Saturday over sixty took dinner at the Windsor and Sunday the dining room was crowded.

Mr. Runyon has commenced to haul sand to his new lots on Juniata street and has begun building.

Mrs. Morris Bannister has bought a beautiful piano of Henry Schultz and has it in her rooms at the "Ohio."

Quite a number of our young people are going this Friday evening to the box social at the Good Hope school.

Mr. Pelham has returned from the east where he was having his eyes treated and they are much improved.

This was a great pumpkin year and many of the children had jack-o-lanterns made of the pumpkins Halloween night.

Ada Crisman and family have returned from their visit to old friends in Pennsylvania and report a nice time.

The big force of men on the new mill thought more of their work than their vote so stayed here and lost their vote.

Last Saturday closed the reduced fares to the Pacific coast and now regular fares will have to be paid until next summer.

The people as well as the newspapers will rejoice that election is over and that we will have no more of it for a couple years.

Don't insure your life until you have consulted Fred Miller. He represents the most reliable life insurance company in the United States. 47-1f

M. E. Dixon considers this his home, has always and will continue to vote here, but will go to Kansas City to spend the winter and come back in the spring.

James Burke received the sad news of the serious illness of his sister in Ohio and left for there on the first train, losing his vote in our county for the first time.

Not only must we record the death of Father Gabriel but also of Father Egidius of Catharine Monday night and who were buried Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

It is rumored that P. J. Meier and family will leave Grinnell for good some time between now and spring probably locating at Abilene, Kansas—Grinnell Record.

If you don't want to make a mistake when taking out accident insurance, see Fred Miller. No trouble in getting your money from the company he represents. 47-1f

Last Saturday was the quietest anti-election day we have ever seen in Hays. There was no excitement, no treating and no wagons going to the country with whiskey and beer.

None of the students at the various schools came home to vote except Geo. Cox, who couldn't resist coming home to vote for Bryan. There were no railroad passes and the five or ten dollars could be more advantageously spent than for railroad fare.

John O'Laughlin was appointed administrator of the estate of farmer Baldweg, who died a few months ago and instead of holding on the three years on Monday made his final settlement and turned over the property to the heirs.

Chicken Pie Supper.

The ladies of the Baptist church will serve a chicken pie supper Thursday, Nov. 12, at the home of Mrs. Frankenberg. Supper 25 cents.

Cattle and Horse Feed.

I have 250 acres of good feed, pasture, plenty of water and will take in some cattle for the winter at reasonable prices. See or address 50-41x GEORGE FORSTER, Hays, Kansas.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.

Dr. M. Jay Brown, the Salina eye and ear specialist will fill his regular monthly date in Hays on MONDAY, NOV. 16. Will be at the Brunswick Hotel.

Miss Markey will have a sale on hats for the next thirty days.

Homer Myers leaves for his new home near Topeka next week.

Drink Hires Root Beer out of the keg at HARKNESS'. 23-1f.

Alvin Seelye is building a new barn on his farm in the south part of the county.

Mrs. G. M. Cox and daughter Winnie returned from Excelsior Springs Friday evening.

Wednesday was pension voucher day with the old soldiers and soldier's widows again.

Many loads of wheat were brought to town on Monday the price being about 85 cents.

Al Robinson had the misfortune to have one of his good horses die of colic on Tuesday.

Editor Snyder of Ellis came down Sunday to look over the election field before voting.

Dave Taylor was in town Monday on business but left that night for home to vote in old Missouri.

It seemed like old times on Saturday to see the smoke coming out of the high stack of the new mill.

A freight car jumped the track at the new mill Saturday tearing the siding of the mill considerable.

George Rasgall came home from Chicago to vote and then took his wife back with him to their new home.

Miss Susie Shaffer entertained her Sunday School class of boys at a Halloween party last Friday evening.

The friends of Asa Jewell, our former young farmer now located in Trego county, were glad to see him here this week.

Now that his son is away and the ice business done for this year, R. B. Thomas is again looking after the butcher shop.

The members of the Lutheran C E Society were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pelham last Saturday evening.

Druggist Urban of Victoria was in town Saturday evening to help celebrate Halloween. He reports things doing nicely down there.

Ira Burke is figuring on coming here and putting in an automobile livery like they have in Ellis. It would be a good thing for the traveling public.

If you want to sell something—if you want to buy something, chip in a quarter and try this paper and you will find the notice will bring results. Try it.

Have your house, barn or stable insured against fire, cyclone or tornado to-day by Fred Miller who will put you in a company that never quibbles over losses. 47-1f

Saturday evening was Hallow'een and the small boys played their usual pranks but the big boys did quite a good deal of damage to private property which is surely the wrong way to celebrate this occasion.

J. H. Spratt has bought the store building, that he is now occupying, of Karl Leiker. This is one of the finest locations in our city and is a beautiful store as he and his son have it stored with the best of goods in their line and he is well patronized.

A narrow escape from a disastrous fire occurred Sunday evening. A fire accidentally started in the second story of the beautiful residence of Justus Bissing on Normal avenue. An alarm was sounded and the fire department turned out quickly but it had been quenched by the prompt use of water by neighbors and friends. Mr. Bissing is just as thankful to the Fire Department for turning out, even if their services were not needed to save his home.

Caught at last.

Last Sunday's Kansas City Star had the following notice in its society columns: "Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Welbener announce the engagement of their daughter, Olga Henrietta, to Mr. George Philip, Jr. of Hays City, Kas."

All day Monday the Philip phone was kept in use by his friends congratulating him for no one believed it could be possible, as dozens of young ladies of Hays have tried their luck but he seemed "love proof." This young lady from Kansas City came here to visit Mrs. Collier, attended the parties and George was soon a goner. His many friends heartily congratulate him and will welcome the young lady to our midst.

Well Drill for Sale.

F. Burleigh Johnson will sell at public auction on his farm in Smokey Hill Township, 17 miles southwest of Hays, on Wednesday Nov. 11, 1908 at one o'clock p. m., one Rockford well drill, with capacity for any depth required for water, oil or gas. Here is a good chance for any one wanting to buy a well-drilling outfit at a bargain. Also other property and household goods will be sold at this sale.

The November number of the CLUB MEMBER, the Women's Magazine of Kansas published at Topeka, has an illustrated article written by Mrs. Geo. Philip entitled:

History of the Early Days of Victoria.

George Grant, a Scotchman from London, conceived the idea of forming an English Colony in America, and with that in view he came to Kansas in 1871; bought many square miles of land from the Union Pacific Company, and named it the Victoria Colony.

On April 1, 1873, the Steamship Alabama sailed down the Clyde from Glasgow, with a number of passengers bound for Kansas. There was also a good supply of fine horses, cattle and sheep on board. She encountered some very rough weather, was disabled part of the time, and was finally stranded on a sandbar at the mouth of the Mississippi. May 17 the first of the new colony landed at Victoria. Most all of the settlers preempted a quarter section, also homesteaded eighty acres besides buying railroad land from Mr. Grant.

On their arrival they found no house for miles, with the exception of the Section House, and a fine depot built more for the accommodation of settlers than for the Company's use. They only reserved a small room as ticket office and one as freight room, the rest of the building being used as a sort of a hotel. There were twelve bedrooms upstairs that the settlers could use and they all had the use of the kitchen, where they could cook their meals—a very necessary arrangement. But soon two and three roomed houses began to be dotted all over the prairie where every one was welcome to the best the house afforded; also a buffalo robe and the soft side of the floor to sleep on was considered great fun.

In the section house was a kind, motherly Irishwoman, Mrs. Norton, who will never be forgotten by these women, many of whom never did their own housework, and had no idea how to rough it on the prairie. She showed them how to make bread; also to use the slim provisions the new country afforded to the best advantage.

The first arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan and infant daughter, Aleck Grant, Maggie Grant, Ben Davidson, J. D. Smith, George Philip, James Stables, Frank Mason, David Fulton and Mr. and Mrs. McDonald. The others who arrived that first summer were Sir John Prescott, Major Wilson, Dr. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Hider, Fred Rawlins, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, W. T. L. Mack, John Harrie, Chris Rawlins, Hon. Walter Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Woods and four children, Jane Hardie, Mr. and Mrs. Seth and family. Mrs. McDonald gave birth to a daughter June 17, which was promptly named Victoria Grant, and was presented with a cow from Mr. Grant's herd.

Miss Grant had the distinguished honor of being the only young lady among the first arrivals and Ella MacMillan the only child.

September 30, George Philip and Jane Hardie drove to Hays and were married by Judge McGuffigan, in the parlor of the Cass house, Miss Grant acting as bridesmaid and John Hardie as groomsmen. After the ceremony Mrs. Cass invited the company to partake of an elegant wedding breakfast, such as that lady could get up at a minute's notice. This was the first wedding and their son George the first boy born in Victoria.

The first summer between forty and fifty buffalo were killed around Victoria and the next two years a few stray ones passed, which was a source of great amusement to these young Englishmen who had been trained to the chase. For several years hunters would go a little further west, and come back with their wagon loaded with hind quarters, which could be bought for one-half cent per pound. So every one secured a quarter and hung it out doors where it was cut up till all the best pieces were used, and the dried tongues were also a great delicacy. A lovely buffalo robe could have been bought for \$10.

It was an easy matter to keep store in those days. Nobody asked for less than a dollar's worth of any article, which consisted of coffee, sugar, bacon, beans, flour, dried peaches, prunes, apples, and canned goods by the case. So Mr. Woods was hotel keeper, station agent, postmaster and storekeeper.

The colony was composed principally of gentleman's sons, who had been taught no occupation, but were sent out with their pockets full of money which they spent freely, knowing that in due time another remittance would arrive, and every new arrival brought a dog or two, a gun or two, and usually a chimney top hat, besides any amount of baggage.

For several years, every once in a while there would be an Indian scare, when the whole community would pick up their babies and a few blankets and all huddle together for the night with every available gun and revolver loaded to the muzzle, waiting for the Indian who never came; although five section hands were killed in 1867, when the railroad was being constructed.

The first term of school, three months, was taught the summer of 1873 by Miss Montgomery in a small frame building rented for the purpose,

A Timely Suggestion for X-mas.

Ladies: A Fancy Vest is something that your Husband, Brothers & Sweetheart would appreciate as a X-mas Gift. I would like you to call and see my stock. As Christmas is only 7 weeks away an early call would be advisable as 10 to 14 days are necessary to execute the order.

As you will undoubtedly want to surprise your friends or relatives, I will explain how to get the necessary measures without consulting them.

A. M. McKIE

THE HAYS TAILOR

PHONE NO. 90 OPP. 1ST NAT. BANK.

but in 1878 a commodious stone school-house was built.

The first five years services were conducted occasionally by the Presbyterian minister from Hays in the home of Mr. MacMillan, but soon Mr. Grant made arrangements to have a church built, to which many kind English friends contributed who could not bear the idea of their sons and daughters being out on the great American desert without any church privileges. A beautiful stone structure was erected in 1877, but Mr. Grant died in 1878 before it was dedicated. The first services conducted by Bishop Vail of Topeka, was over his remains and his body lies in front of the church he worked so hard to build.

At this time there was only one passenger train each way in the twenty-four hours, consisting of one day coach and one sleeper, and the roadbed was of the roughest kind. It was customary to tie the horses in front of the windows at night, several valuable animals having been stolen that first summer.

Provisions of all kinds were high, flour \$6 for fifty pounds; butter and eggs forty and forty-five cents, which had to be shipped from Kansas City and certainly was not very appetizing. It was a great treat when after a year or two the farmers began to bring in their home produce.

One family, Mr. and Mrs. Seth from Glasgow with five grown sons and daughters, contracted fever coming up the Mississippi, and all died shortly after their arrival here, except the father and one son. They had been accustomed to every luxury and came out to a hastily constructed shanty or dugout, where they could scarcely procure the bare necessities of life, far less any comforts. There was no screen doors and windows to keep out the swarms of flies, mosquitoes and bugs of every description that infested the prairie; no ice to cool the fevered brow, not even nourishing food so necessary to an invalid, although the neighbors did all they could, for with all these discomforts there was never a happier or more unselfish people, always ready to share whatever they had. When an antelope was killed, as often happened for they were very plentiful for years, it was cut up and sent round so all could have a piece.

In the spring and fall when buffalo wallows were full of water, wild ducks and geese furnished good sport besides helping many a scanty dinner.

At the end of thirty years there is not one of the old colonists at Victoria, George Philip is the only one of the first arrivals who now lives in Ellis

County and of all who arrived the first summer only W. T. L. Mack and Mrs. Philip remain. Many returned to England and others scattered all over the globe.

Mrs. Judge Monroe, editor of the magazine, adds this personal note of Mrs. Philip of which everybody in Hays says, "Correct."

"The Miss Montgomery mentioned as the teacher of the first school is now Mrs. Hill P. Wilson of Lawrence and the Jane Hardie is Mrs. George Philip, Sr. of Hays City, Kansas, than whom no one ever had a truer friend, because she is preeminently of the mettle of which friends are made. It is believed that no one ever spoke ill of her. It is not fulsome praise to say she is the best beloved, the kindest woman in Ellis County."

Barnes-Bamberg.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Barnes Wednesday Nov. 4, when their daughter Miss Elva was married to Mr. Bamberg. At twelve o'clock to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Edith Scott, the young couple attended by Mr. Carl Barnes, a brother of the bride, and Miss Edith Irwin entered the parlor and were united in marriage by Rev. R. N. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church. After the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served to the guests. Those present were relatives and out-of-town friends, among them Rev. and Mrs. Scott and daughter Edith and other Wakeeney friends.

The bride was attired in a deainty gown of white silk. She was one of Hays' most popular young people, a very active member of the Methodist church and Epworth League and has for several years served as organist in the church services.

Mr. Bamberg's home is in Wakeeney but he has been in Topeka recently working at the carpenter trade. Mr. and Mrs. Bamberg, after spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in Wakeeney will go to their future home in Topeka, accompanied by most hearty congratulations and good wishes of their many friends and acquaintances.

The B. K. R. T. Club defeated the Model District School team Tuesday evening in a game of football by a score of 12 to 5.

A walk down to the east side of town will show the size of the new John Adkin's cottage, which is to be very pretty when completed.

Closing Out sale.
we will sell our \$5000 stock of
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
consisting of Groceries, Hardware, Dry Goods, Boots & shoes, Clothing, Notions.

This stock will positively be closed out regardless of cost as we need room for another line.
Come early. This means just what it Says:
A closing-out Sale.

North MAIN street,
In Ryanblock Opposite Depot
Butter and Eggs taken in payment at market price.

H. W. Oshant