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### Motoring Back on the Farm.

The Travel Magazine, a monthly magazine published in New York City with very interesting articles on travel, in its March number has a four-page illustrated article on the above subject, and in it gives Hays City a splendid write-up. In the course of the article it gives a picture of a farm scene, a little red auto holding two gentlemen and a lady standing up at the back, that we would locate on east Big Creek. Another illustration is "A road-dog hitched to his auto" and also "Stacking Alfalfa by horseless power in Kansas." The article contains the following:

"Ever been to Hays City, Kansas? Well, when you go there just ask for farmer — He'll give you a true scotch welcome, and he'll be glad to tell you how last spring he decided that he had made his farm yield enough to entitle him and his wife to take a trip abroad in his own automobile. He'll tell you how he shipped his car from Kansas to Glasgow, and how he saw more in two days in Scotland by means of this car than he remembered to have seen in the first twenty-five years of his life, which was spent in Scotland. There's the new American farmer for you! Wall street brokers, pork packers and trust magnates are not the only ones that tour Europe in their own autos.

The number of automobiles owned by farmers is growing rapidly. Kansas farmers spent \$3,200,000 for automobiles during 1909 and \$2,750,000 in 1908. Nowadays there is no more cry about lack of opportunity on the farm. Sixteen automobile makers are advertising autos to the farmer in the 450 farm papers of the country, and most of them are arguing that the automobile will keep the boy on the farm, and make life more livable for the wife, whose dreary round of labor has been the pity of the country. Now the farmer with an auto can take his family for an evening call or lecture without using his horses. He can go to church on Sunday more regularly; he can visit distant friends more frequently; he can go to town oftener and more quickly. The auto fits into the farm work as if made for it. It doesn't replace the horse—not a bit of it. The horse goes into the field in the morning, and the auto takes the milk to town or goes to the mill for flour in a hurry or makes a quick dash to the machine shop for a part to repair the binder or the threshing machine. It saves time in many instances (as many farmers testify) of a big gang of men in the field in an emergency. It pays for itself in real service by the end of the year or two.

There are 49,000,000 people living on farms and towns of less than 4,000 in this country. This means that over half of our population is practically in the country. About 25,000,000 of these are young people, and they are just as keen for pleasure as young people anywhere else. That is one big reason for the automobile on the farm. Ten or fifteen years ago farmers bought organs for their daughters and bugles for their sons. A great many of them are to-day buying autos for the whole family. An entirely new meaning has been given to the village social life, in consequence."

### The Lindsborg Messiah.

The great Messiah concerts and exercises at the Lindsborg College this year commence Sunday, March 20th, and last every day that week, closing Sunday the 27th. Both Sundays the Messiah concert takes place and during the week nineteen miscellaneous concerts and recitals will be given. The soloists secured are artists of more than ordinary—national reputation. With the exception of Mrs. Lund, who is there on Friday only, they remain the entire week. In addition, practically all of the nineteen teachers employed in the Music Department, take part. Thus together with the Oratorio Chorus, the Orchestra, Band, Male Chorus, Children's Chorus and Chapel Choir, we are enabled to present a week of musical entertainments the like of which has never before been attempted in the West.

That the music lovers of Kansas who go there year after year will be pleased—and more than satisfied—we are sure. The Chorus, with more select voices than ever, together with soloists of a standard we have hoped it would some day be possible to offer, insures a treat long to be remembered and appreciated. Those who do not possess a musical training have been richly remembered as may be seen by the variety that this year's program presents. The large chorus also appeals to everybody regardless of training. No matter who you are or what your business may be, you will feel with the thousands of others that you are a better man or woman for having attended.

The largest daily papers and music journals of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Kansas City and San Francisco have given space for description of the "Messiah" Festivals—space, which money could not buy. If this Kansas festival is of such national interest, isn't it well worth your while to attend? Begin now by making preparations to come. Many have already arranged for board and room. Remember the sooner you make these arrangements the better accommodations you will secure. For information, tickets, etc. address BETHANY COLLEGE, Lindsborg, Kansas.

Our music loving people should arrange to attend. It is better to go down on Saturday morning and you can come home Sunday night, 20th, on special trains after the concert is over. Those who have attended in the past say it is simply grand and this year it will be better than ever.

The Salina Automobile Club are arranging their spring run and may again come to Hays and back by the way of LaCrosse, Holington, Lindsborg, etc. They had such a royal time last fall they would like it again.

Chris Wise and Anton Gross commenced Monday to lay the concrete block foundation for the Methodist church, the bottom work being about completed.

Mrs. Strohmer has a relative from Idaho here visiting them. One of her boys went out to Washington last week to bring home the body of the son who was killed in the avalanche there.

H. D. Shaffer and daughter were out Monday in their new auto learning how to govern the pretty machine. As it is so large it takes strength and a level head to keep it in the middle of the road.

Charlie Shade and wife left on Monday for their home at Lincoln, Nebr.

Ed Yost was here Monday evening on business and reports the family doing nicely in Wilson.

Mrs. John Bruney and children of Walker visited with her sister, Mrs. Will Madden, this week.

As Berry Kirtland is done with the threshing machine case he has returned to his work at Kansas City.

O'Brien got the contract last week for the plumbing work at the new cottage of Prof. Smith in the west part of town.

I. M. Yost was here Sunday looking after his Yocemento business and went out to the plant with several of the stockholders.

Our former farmer, Joseph Hubbell, was in town this week shaking hands with his old friends. He now lives down in Wauaubesa county.

Prof. Frank Drake, Jr. of the High School at Ellis was down last Saturday attending the Teacher's Association and remained for the basketball games.

Nick Gasman has been busy this week fixing up his little shoe shop quite fancy and pleasant for his customers. His new machinery is here and does fine work.

W. J. Heims from north of Ellis was in Salina Saturday. He purchased a big gasoline plow engine while here from the International Harvester Co.—Monday's Salina Journal.

Noah Zeigler of Logan county was in Hays Tuesday.

Frank Fields is erecting a small barn on his lot adjoining the Hollenbeck livery barn.

In the court this week the jury found in a verdict of Not Guilty as against Alois Stjab.

At the annual school election this year all over the state a director is to be elected to hold office three years.

Telegraphic dispatches this week announce the death of Ex-Senator Platt of New York, who was a power in politics in his younger days.

"What interest do you pay?" This phrase was originated by J. M. Schaefer and is perhaps the most popular question in the county to-day. 15-1f

Miss June Cook of Gove City and Miss Emma Courtney of Wakeeney spent last Sunday here as the guests of their friends, the Virmond sisters.

The wife and son of Dr. Silverstein have arrived from Denver and will now make this their home. Our citizens gladly welcome them to our midst.

A great deal of lumber is being hauled to the country this nice weather, which shows that the farmers are also making lots of improvements on their farms.

Mr. Clark of the News has ordered a new type-writer.

Miss Clara Loreditch of Bunker Hill spent last Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Alfred Havemann, principal of the school at Monument, was a Hays visitor last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ruth Ripley and Edith Pearson of Ellis were down Tuesday to see the Lindsborg—Normal basketball game.

—You decide on the price and Misses Virmond will furnish you your Spring hat at your liking. Children or Misses are sure to be satisfied.

Rev. W. B. Brown is holding revival meetings at his church in Natoma, and the Rooks county paper reports a great interest has been awakened.

Dr. Brown, the Salina eye and ear doctor, was here again last Saturday treating his patients, who seem pleased with his success in their cases.

The many friends of Mrs. Isaac Zeigler were glad to see her up town on Monday, the first time for several weeks as she has been very sick.

Sanford Sites has bought the Behan house on East Juniata street, now occupied by Judd Bell, and will improve the place. Judd will continue to live there.

It is a pleasure to report that mother John Aich has secured her pension from the government and now can enjoy it as long as she lives. It will help make her life easier.

This week Dick Stanley has relinquished his homestead on the South Smokey and may go to Oregon, and a gentleman named Bullock has put his homestead papers on the land.

What interest do you pay? Ask yourself this question if you wish to make a loan. Come in and see us, we will save you money. Have done it for others, will do so for you. 15-1f

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**Citizens' State Bank**

Hays City, Kansas.

**The 'Messiah' at Lindsborg**

March 20 to Sunday, 27th.

See the Attractions offered during the week.

Bethany Oratoria 565 Chorus Children's 450 Chorus  
Symphony Orchestra Bethany Band of 40  
Madame Linne, Chicago, Madame Langendorf, N.Y.  
Garnet Hedge, Chicago, Tenor. Henry Malloy, Baritone  
Miss Frances Agrellius, Hays, Soprano.

Leave Ellis county on Morning, 6:30—7:00 train Sunday, 20th, returning after night concert special train. Railroad fare \$5 for the round trip.

**Bethany Wins.**

The Bethany basket ball girls came up from Lindsborg Monday evening and played two games with the Normal team. Both games were very good and the Bethany girls "redeemed" the defeat of the "terrible Sweedes" by winning both games. On Monday evening the score was 16 to 19, and Tuesday it stood 18 to 14.

**Model District School for Emporia.**

The announcement of the State Normal School summer term at Emporia is out and one of the advantages will be a Model Country School to be run in connection with the school under the charge of Mrs. Kittlaus Hoelcel. The announcement says: "The Kirksville, (Mo.) Normal established a model rural school, but established it in a model building on its own campus, and the country children are transported in vans from their homes to the school. In starting such a school at Emporia it was thought better to have the school house in the country, in such a building as the young teachers would be likely to find when they go out to teach, and to transport observing teachers to the school rather than to take the children into town."

**Hull—Carrick.**

The Salina Journal of Monday has the following about the marriage of our Will Carrick: "Miss Josephine Seymour arrived home Sunday evening from Kansas City, where she attended the wedding, Thursday, of Miss Mabel Hull and Mr. William H. Carrick. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Hamilton. Miss Hull is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull, formerly of Salina, but now of Chickasha, Okla. While here Mr. Hull was salesman at Bulkley's Department store and Miss Hull was bookkeeper at the same store. She was prominent in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Carrick is well-known in Salina and is a member of the local Elk lodge. For some time he was engaged in business at Hays and later went to Chickasha, but at this time he lives in Dennison, Texas."

**He is Caned.**

A couple weeks ago Frank Fields of the Brunswick hotel had a birthday and invited fifty of his gentlemen friends to spend the evening with him and enjoy a feast and a royal good time was had. During the evening \$40 was chucked into Mr. Isaacson's hat, unknown to Mr. Fields, with orders to buy a gold headed cane as a greeting to Mr. Fields. This was done and on its arrival word was passed around for the donors to meet, with their wives or lady friend, and help present the cane. The presentation took place Tuesday evening. The company met at Isaacson's office and then marched to the hotel, where a dainty lunch had been ordered. After enjoying that, Prof. Shively, as toastmaster, called on several gentlemen, who made appropriate talks and finally on Mr. Downing who presented the cane. It was a complete surprise to Mr. Fields, and as the cane is a beautiful one, he is very proud of it. The remainder of the evening was spent pleasantly with conversation and music. The following were there to enjoy the feast of eating and speaking: Messrs. and Mesdames Isaacson, Fields, Downing, Al Nickles, Alex Philip, Geo. Philip, Ren. Ward, Middlekauff, Gard n. Snyder, Kohl, Grass, Wm. Hall, Picken, West, Shively, Stainer, Shaffer, Kirkpatrick, Behan, Silverstein, and Wann; Mother Field and Miss Ernestine, Mrs. Hoffman, Misses Tennant, Ketta and Alice Freese and Messrs. Lester, Tennant, Voss, Spratt, Stout, Dixou, Dave Taylor, Holmquist, Hollenbeck and Freese.

H. A. Cowan made a business trip out this week.

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- 160 Acres—2 miles from Hays, 120 acres in growing wheat; all tillable.
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- 320 Acres—4 miles from Hays, 150 acres in growing wheat; a snap.
- 160 Acres—2 1-2 miles from Ellis; 115 acres in wheat, a dandy.
- 160 Acres—8 miles from Catharine, price \$1800.
- 160 Acres—5 miles from Antonino, rich corn land.
- 160 Acres—10 miles from Schoenchen; rich, level prairie land.
- 80 Acres Adjacent to Hays, 50 acres in wheat; rich black soil.
- 160 Acres Adjacent to Ellis, 90 acres in wheat; all tillable.
- 80 Acres—2 miles from Antonino, cheap. And twenty other tracts.

**The J. M. SCHAEFER Loan & Insurance Agency.**

Wilson notes in Ellsworth Messenger: Myron and Lucile Lester, who have been staying with their uncle, Ed Yost, for two weeks, left Sunday morning for Kansas City to visit their grandparents and their mother, who is there now. Mr. Lester of Hays met them at Wilson and accompanied them to Kansas City.

**Golden Belt Educational Association.**

Next Friday and Saturday the Golden Belt Teachers' Association, composed of the teachers along this line of railroad from Ellsworth to the west line of the state, meet at Russell and quite a number of teachers from this county will attend. As it is educational and the Russell people are making great preparation to entertain the teachers, every school in the county should declare a holiday for next Friday if the teacher would attend the meeting, and if necessary the day could be made up later. It will be a great meeting and every teacher should be there to show them Ellis county is progressive.

At the Ellis County Teachers' Association held here last Saturday a spelling contest was one of the chief features of the afternoon. Four Ellis girls and two Hays girls took part in the contest and the Hays girls captured all the honors. Miss Katie Sargent received first prize and Miss Margaret Ros second. These two will represent our county in the contest next week at Russell.

**Notice.**

The party that removed five pair of glasses from my box at the postoffice on Wednesday morning, would do well to drop them back in the office and save further trouble.

DR. L. A. MARTY.

**Notice.**

The party who took the lumber from the north side of the Baptist Church will please return it at once and save further trouble.

Nick Gasman received a notice this week from the State Dairy Commissioner that he had been given a first grade certificate at his examination as a handler of cream for a creamery.

William Robben of the south Walker neighborhood was transacting business in our town Monday. He is going to have a public sale on March 22nd, sell out his farm implements, retire from active work and enjoy life and the boys will do the work on their own account hereafter.

Down in Ellsworth only four of the Census enumerator applicants passed the examination and the Supervisor had to go down there and hunt up some new ones. In Russell sufficient passed, but not in the township they represented, and had to be transferred to other townships.

The Episcopalians had a good attendance at their Sunday School last Sunday afternoon. As it is the only afternoon Sunday School they invite all the children and young folks to attend for an hour's educational church work, no matter what other Sunday School you happen to belong to.

**Land for Sale.**

We have a pit of coarse and another of fine sand and will deliver sand without delay at reasonable prices. See or phone us and we will deliver at once.

CULLENS & SEARS 16-4t

The Misses Virmond announce their Spring showing of **Spring Millinery** Friday and Saturday March 11th and 12th.

**From \$100.00 to \$40.000**

A few years ago a young business man whom we all know started in business with 100.00 which he had accumulated by saving a little as he went along. To-day he is worth \$40,000. That FIRST \$100.00 made it possible for him to be worth what he is to-day. It's always the first hundred that counts. This young man is a customer of this Bank.

**YOU can do what HE did.**

Will YOU try it?

**The First National Bank**

Hays, Kansas.

Our Prof. Jantzen still pushes to the front at his school at McCra ken, and at the County Teachers Association to be held at LaCrosse this Saturday, we notice he is on the program for an essay "Education on the Playground." Our former Normal student Miss Carrie Parkos, gives a drill by her pupils and Prof. Rusa, the principal of the Manual Training School at Pittsburg gives them an address on the benefit of teaching Manual Training in the public schools.

The City Council at its last meeting accepted, on behalf of the city, the Ladies Public Library books and outfit and now it is the Hays Public Library. The proper application has been made to Mr. Carnegie to help them put up a building, and it will be located in the Court House square, on North Chestnut street, opposite the residence of Dr. Catudal. The County Commissioners have agreed to let the Library Association have the needed ground for the building.

**Seed Corn.**

I have secured a shipment of some of the finest Seed Corn grown in the east, north and west and will divide with the farmers of Ellis county by letting them have a little of it, at a reasonable price. Don't plant your old stuff, don't plant what is not real seed corn, even if it is cheaper, but get some that is good and sure to bring good results, for it takes no more work to raise good corn than the poor stuff. See me at my farm near Toulon, or phone No. 1608 for prices or particulars. 17-3t

S. BROWN.

Remember, if you are going to paint your house or store you can get your paints, brushes and oils cheaper and as good as any other make by going to Wolf's Hardware store. If you are going to paper any rooms Havemann can sell you the choicest of paper at the very lowest prices. And everybody should do a little painting and papering this spring to keep up the boom of progress in our city.

In another column we publish the announcement of Judge Ruppenthal as a candidate for re-election at the primaries and election next fall. Mr. Ruppenthal has had three years and has given very general satisfaction by his decisions, and of the very many cases in the district court heard by him, few have seldom been reversed when they were appealed from his decision to the supreme court. He has insisted on the lawyers and litigants going on with their cases and have them tried and over with, and often held adjourned sessions to help them all out. He don't claim to be perfect, but feels that the experience will far better fit him for a second term. In his party he has no opposition and will be the unanimous nominee at the Democratic primaries.