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## DR. PELLETTE ARRESTED

### Osteopath Charged With Manslaughter

Dr. E. F. Pellette, who was some time ago acquitted of the charge of mistreating his children, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on a charge of manslaughter in the fourth degree. He gave bond of \$500 signed by Mr. Church and Mr. Hoskinson for his appearance for preliminary hearing which will be held on Tuesday, December 12th.

On October 4th Mrs. Lelia Bell McNabney was ill, and Dr. Pellette was called to attend the case. Several hours after the birth of the child, Mrs. McNabney died. Upon the return of the death certificate to the city clerk, who is now in charge of the vital statistics Dr. Pellette made a notation which may be said to have implicated Dr. R. T. Nichols who was called in consultation in the case. The return was in due time returned to the State Board of Health and there given to the statistician of the Board of Health. He, in turn, turned the matter over to the state board of Medical Registration which referred the matter back to the state Board of Health, which in due time ordered the county attorney of Seward to make an investigation of the affair. This was done and the warrant for Dr. Pellette was issued. The warrant says in part: "On the fifth day of October, 1911, in Seward county and State of Kansas, one, E. F. Pellette did then and there, unlawfully, feloniously and wrongfully, by his acts and culpable negligence, said acts and culpable negligence not being excusable or justifiable, kill, take the life of and cause to die, Mrs. Lelia Bell McNabney, and the said Mrs. Lelia Bell McNabney did die from the said acts and culpable negligence of said E. F. Pellette on the fifth day of October, A. D., 1911, in the county of Seward and state of Kansas."

On account of the proximity of the arrest to the term of the district court, it is probable that the case will not come to trial before the spring term of the district court, in case the evidence in the preliminary is deemed by the justice sufficient to bind the defendant over to the district court. The charge is brought under the statute which makes it a felony, punishable by a term of not less than six months in the county jail or more than two years in the penitentiary.

Harry Duckworth, a contractor of Pratt, was here the first of the week on business.

### Lofland-Neff

Miss Bessie Lofland and Mr. Robert L. Neff of Liberal, were married at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Sanderlin of Wichita, Kansas, Rev. C. D. Hestwood, of the Emporia Avenue Methodist church, officiating. Only immediate friends of the bride were present. Following the ceremony a fine dinner was served.

Both bride and groom are residents of Blue Bell district, where the groom owns a fine farm on which they will make their home. Their many friends unite in wishing them happiness. The Democrat extends congratulations.

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### A New Fire Auto

At the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening, the Liberal Auto Co. submitted a proposition to build and maintain a new fire automobile truck for the city. The proposed fire truck will be mounted on a chassis with a wheel base of 144 inches and is to be equipped with an engine of 30 horse power, which will develop a speed of not over 25 miles per hour. The truck will have a capacity of two or three tons, and will carry the chemical tanks, a thousand feet of hose, two eight foot ladders, two plaster hooks, one twelve foot extension ladder, two hand genades, and the other needed equipment. The present carts are too bulky to handle. The chemical tanks alone weigh about 1700 pounds, and in case of a fire it is impossible to haul more than the chemical tank to the fire behind the automobile. Then in case the hose carts are needed it is necessary to make another trip to the garage, or wait till they are brought by hand. This delay is a menace to the service to be expected under present conditions. If the hose carts are taken to the fire first it may be that some home will be absolutely ruined on account of having the water turned into a small fire where the chemical tanks would be adequate to the needs of the occasion. The pressure of the new system will be so strong that, if turned into a house, it would ruin not only the furniture, but probably the house itself also. The fire equipment would enable one man to take the entire fire fighting apparatus to a fire without waiting for the department, which, in towns, the size of Liberal, have continually proven a failure. During the past two years of the present volunteer department, there are only

one or two men that have ever responded to the call. The new equipment will enable two or three men to put out most of the fires and enable them to get to the fire in ten minutes after the call is turned in. There are also a number of other arrangements that were advanced for the new equipment. The new truck will cost the city about \$1500, and will be maintained at a cost of less than \$200 per year. It will give us the same service that Guyton now has at a cost of better than \$1200 per year. The Liberal Auto Supply Co. agrees to have a man to run the truck on duty all of the time, thus doing away with the necessity of the hiring of a man for that duty alone, by the city. The cost of making the fire will be made on a business basis, the garage people charging the city only for the actual time the man is at work for the city. It is also said that this will decrease the insurance rates in Liberal, but no definite figures were produced at the council meeting, but it is expected that they will be on hand for the next meeting of the council.

You can always get what you want at the Economy.

Mrs. Christman and Mrs. Schnauffer gave an elegant five course dinner Thanksgiving. The table was most beautifully decorated with flowers and fruit. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Williams and little son Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Christman, Mr. and Mrs. Schnauffer and Misses Vickers and Christman, and Mrs. F. M. Christman of Kansas City, who was guest of honor.

### Wedding Anniversary

The numerous guests who were so kindly bidden to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gaw last Friday evening little suspected from the invitations issued that the occasion was their silver anniversary. However, a few had accidentally learned the secret, and the ladies presented them with a huge box of white carnations and fern. An elegant gold lined silver fruit dish was sent them by relatives and a beautiful silver tea set was sent by old friends and the bank officials at Mattoon, Ill., where Mr. Gaw was an officer for so many years; they also remembered them with telegrams and letters of congratulation, which are so much appreciated when one is a stranger in a strange land.

After hearty congratulations, the company engaged in the all absorbing game of five hundred until the hostess gave the signal that it was "time to eat."

The unique one course lunch consisting of real Boston baked beans, chicken sandwiches, pickles, and coffee was greatly enjoyed. The coffee was drunk from silver (tin) cups, with cards attached bearing the dates 1886-1911 and the names of the parties, Lucy McBride and Thomas W. Gaw, which served as souvenirs for the guests.

Miss Flood played Mendelssohn's wedding march very effectively. She was followed by Mrs. Cason who rendered the brilliant Deuxieme Mazurka by Goddard in her ever pleasing manner. Then Mr. Eddy favored the waiting guests with some of his "classical rag time selections."

At a late hour the merry company departed, wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Gaw might be spared to celebrate many more anniversaries and that they might be remembered with an invitation to each celebration.

Contributed.

### Pearce-Allen Wedding

At the First Baptist Church of Liberal, on Wednesday evening, occurred the wedding of Miss Ethel Clara Pearce and Mr. Leonard Euzine Allen. Promptly at nine o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Louise Ryrant, the wedding party entered the church, the bride's party advancing up the right aisle of the church. The ring bearer, little Ethel Pearce, preceded the bride on the arm of her uncle, Mr. J. D. Pearce, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Winifred Kelton and Miss Beulah Francis. The groom's party at the same time coming up the left aisle of the church. Little Frederick Lastar led the grooms up the left aisle of the church, followed by the groom, and the groomsmen, Mr. Laymen Hollard and Mr. Thomas Horn. At the altar, beneath a bower of white, under the white wedding bell, the minister, Reverend J. H. Agee, met the party, and with the beautiful ring ceremony, spoke the words which made them man and wife. The ushers were Miss Dora Nuss and Miss Eva Stout. The bride was tastily gowned in white mesoline, and wore a white veil, crowned by a cluster of white orange blossoms. After the ceremony, the bridal party and a few friends attended the reception at the Pearce residence on North Lincoln Avenue.

After the three course luncheon the newly-weds were escorted to their new home at 726 North Kansas Avenue, by the bridal party. The Democrat joins a host of friends in extending congratulations.

Dr. A. L. Knisely has returned from a trip to Kansas City, where he went with Mr. Seidel who was operated on successfully there for appendicitis.

The Democrat has so much railroad news this week that we have given an entire page to this feature.

### CONTEST STANDING

Miss Vanda Cross made an excellent gain this week. The fine all leather ladies hand bag is to be awarded next Wednesday to the candidate making the biggest gain since the last prize was awarded. As before, winners of previous prizes are barred from this special prize.

At the count Wednesday the standing was as follows:

Mauda Saunders	153,500
Vanda Cross	78,720
Susie Ellisasser	59,990
Ethel Hantia	55,390
Clara Childers	29,750
Mrs. S. R. McCamant	27,950
Amy Bowles	22,840
Freda Harris	18,100
Opal Jennison	14,615
Ida Hayes	7,130
Rena Booher	6,300
Laura Wood	6,630
Bulah Stamper	6,340
Ruby Hamilton	5,310
Jennie Karau	6,040
Mary Akers	6,150
Grace Gleasen	5,550
Vivia Jones	6,950
Bessie Odneal	4,280
Clara Woods	3,670
Alene Clearman	3,290
Minnie Swink	4,650
Gertrude Carpenter	4,610
Anna Vaughn	8,160
Dott Biley	2,290
Miss Brier	3,880
Miss Bryant	3,900
Gertrude Andrews	3,940
Elsie Montgomery	5,340
Dessa Printz	3,210
Mae Gains	2,340
Elma Wilson	1,860
Minnie McCold	3,290
Miss Sinclair	2,200
Sarah Lane	5,910
Audra Gerkin	5,450
Archie Fields	7,000
La Faun Wilkins	3,120
Mamie Wartenbee	2,340
Carrie Reed	3,890
Zula Weldensaul	4,590
Lottie Finley	3,580
Miss Letta Rhodes	1,250
Eldora Riggies	3,120
Sarah Thompson	2,080
Gludys Long	1,320
Emma Ragsdale	1,350
Lizzie McLarty	1,230
Flossie May	2,100
May Anderson	2,060
Ida Wilhelm	2,950
Marion Wilson	1,010
Jessie Jordan	1,150
Dorothy Stall	1,540
Jessie Brandom	1,100
Kate Wright	1,320
May Clifford	1,020

## THOS. L. HIGGINBOTHAM, M.D.

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