

## JUST LOOK AT THOSE BAGGY KNEES, Why don't you have your trousers pressed. Old Clothes made New and new Clothes made Too. CROWDER.

### Local Candidates and Issues

As election approaches it behooves each and every good citizen to carefully consider the merits and qualifications of every local candidate, and to enquire into the merits of any proposition to be voted on. It is not the part of a good citizen to vote blindly for his party nominee without regard to the candidate's fitness, but county officials should be chosen entirely upon their merits, the same as any employee is chosen.

It is not a question as to whether a candidate is a good democrat, republican, socialist or other party, because he can neither hinder or advance the interest of any party by reason of his holding a county office, but it is important whether he be honest, efficient and qualified, and in choosing these officers the only question should be, whom of the candidates will give the best service if elected?

There is a general tendency, not only in Meade County, but elsewhere, to keep a good official when you get one. The old idea that no man should have an office longer than two terms originated when the doctrine that a public office was a private snap was in vogue; but under the new dispensation, under the idea that a public office is a public trust, and not a reward for party workers, the people have learned that there is no more reason for dropping a man from office because he has served so long a time than there is for discharging an employee from a business institution for the same reason.

Acting upon the above theory the democrats did not bring out a candidate against County Clerk Pressly, Register of Deeds Gray, and Treasurer Sweet. And for the same reason the republicans placed no one against Clerk of the Court Elliott and County Attorney Sullivan. There was a general belief that well enough should be let alone, and so these gentlemen will succeed themselves in office, without opposition, as they of right should.

There was also a general disposition among the republicans to bring out no one against Judge Randolph for Probate Judge, and no nomination papers were filed by or for any republican for this office, but there was one man in the County who considered that the Judge had held the office long enough, and so caused his friends to write his name in upon the republican primary ballot as the republican nominee for this office.

This was comparatively an easy matter as it requires but five per cent of the party vote for a man to get his name on the ballot in this way.

Judge Randolph has made an exceptionally good Probate Judge. No more honest, courteous, manly man than John Randolph ever braved the wintry blizzards and summer suns of Meade county, and Meade county has ever been blessed with the best people of the earth. He settled in Meade county twenty-eight years ago and is too well known to need any testimonials. The records of his office are models of completeness: he has thoroughly informed himself in the law pertaining to his duties, and his long service, his careful and systematic study, research and investigations have so qualified him that he is now one of the best Probate Judges in the State of Kansas. His defeat would be a gen-

### Machine-Shop and General Repairing

The power has just been turned on in the building east of Sell's blacksmith shop, and west of the Southern Hotel, to operate the machine and general repair shop which A. Afanador and his son, A. J. Afanador, have opened in Meade. The machinery is about ready to operate and the new shop is now ready to take any work in the machine line, automobile repairing or repairing of any kind. Mr. Afanador will represent the Model Gas Engine Works, of Peru, Indiana and will handle the Congo automobile tires. Mr. Afanador offers the community his services as a competent mechanic, and wishes to thank the people of Meade for their co-operation given him in locating his enterprise here.

ine loss to the County, and it is a duty that every citizen owes to himself and to the public to retain J. H. Randolph in his present office as long as he can be induced to accept it.

Thomas Martin is asking for a second term as Sheriff. If any one knows any reason why Tom should not be re-elected he has so far remained mute. There has not been the slightest criticism of his work, and no higher recommendation than this can be given an official, for there are always plenty of people to criticize an official for the least mistake of commission or omission.

For the important office of County Superintendent the democratic party invites you to support Pearl Wood Smith, a Meade County girl who has made good as teacher who will make good as an officer if given an opportunity. This is an office which for many years, by common consent, has been set apart especially for the ladies, and if anyone knows reason why it should not continue to be held by a lady let him speak now or forever hold his peace.

While representative is not strictly speaking a county office, yet as this district comprises Meade County alone it is practically the same thing. Do you know of any reason why Dr. H. J. Sloss should not represent this district in the Legislature? Do you know of ANY reason why his opponent would represent you better? A man of good judgement and big ideas and ideals, a man with a level head filled with good common sense, a man about whose integrity of purpose there is no suspicion is the man the voters should send to the legislature, and just such a man is Dr. Sloss.

There is one important matter to be submitted to the voters of Meade County and that is the matter of extending county aid to High Schools. There is at present but one accredited high school in the county and that is located at Meade. Both Fowler and Plains have felt the need of such a school, but have been unable to conduct one on account of the expense. It has been all that Meade can do to conduct such a school: there are now in Meade high school a considerable number of pupils from Plains, Fowler, and from other parts of the County, and the tuition charged is only one dollar per month, but we are informed by the school board that unless relief be obtained from other sources it will be necessary to raise the price of tuition to possibly five dollars

### Wilson Leads

At the farm of one of our prosperous Meade county farmers, last week, a straw vote of the grain haulers and threshing crew (nineteen in all) was taken. The result was as follows:

Wilson	13
Roosevelt	4
Taft	1
Debs	1

And this is at about the same rate that Wilson is going to take things at the November election—more than twice the vote of his opponents combined.

per month in order to raise funds with which to carry on the school. Under the Barnes law, under which this question is submitted, any high school receiving county aid must admit, free of tuition, any pupil residing in the County. A graduate from such a high school is admitted, without examination, to the State University, or to any of the other state educational institutions. Without such a high school in the county students desirous of taking a university course must spend two years away from home taking a preparatory course before entering the university. The law now provides that after May 1st, 1913 no person shall be granted a teachers certificate who has not completed at least one year of school work in an accredited high school: two years after May 1st, 1915, and four years after May 1st, 1917. So unless Meade County can maintain such a school in order that teachers may be prepared, it will only be a matter of two or three years until we will run out of qualified teachers. And that no school district has sufficient valuation to maintain such a school without County aid has been fully demonstrated.

The question of adopting the provisions of the Barnes law will be submitted to the voters at the coming election. If it should carry the Commissioners are empowered to levy a tax, not to exceed six-tenths of a mill, for the benefit of such high schools, and the funds derived from this tax are equally divided among the accredited high schools of the county. The increase in taxation will be so trivial as not to be noticed: should the maximum tax be levied the man who pays tax on one thousand dollars valuation will pay but sixty cents in high school tax. Should this measure carry Meade can continue her high school, Plains and Fowler can both establish such a high school, and the tuition to each will be free to all pupils residing in the County: teachers can prepare for their profession without leaving the county: the cost will be less than a bushel of wheat for the average taxpayer, and the advantages will be such as cannot be measured by money value. And yet the financial benefits will not be lacking: good schools are the best advertisement any country can put forth: the very fact of the assurance of one or more accredited high schools in the county will increase the value of all real estate many times the increase in taxation: it will induce immigration, and encourage the investment of capital, and the money sent out of the County every year to defray the expenses of pupils of high schools and in preparatory courses will be saved our citizens and this saving alone would nearly, if not quite, equal the amount of the increased taxation.

### Died

Captain W. C. Osgood, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Meade, has answered the last roll call.

Mr. Osgood had been quite sick for more than two weeks but it was thought that he was much better, but a turn came for the worst and on October 12, 1912, he passed to the great beyond.

Mr. Osgood was born in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, November 1, 1833. He left Indiana in 1858 for Kansas, where he became associated with and fought in the border war with Colonel James Lane, after ward returning to Versailles, Ohio. When the call for Volunteers was made at the time of the rebellion he was among the first to organize a company. He organized Company E, of the 40th Ohio, and the following year was commissioned Captain. In this capacity he served with great distinction through the war. In this great cause, he was accompanied by his father and two brothers. In action, his father gave his life, in Andersonville prison one brother died, and from it the other brother escaped. After the war Mr. Osgood returned to Ohio where for several years he successfully engaged in the grain and mercantile business. In 1884, responding to the "call of the west" he came to Wichita, where he again engaged in the grain business. A little later he moved to Meade, where for a time he conducted the Osgood Hotel, and which was "home" to many a weary traveler in the early history of Meade. Later he was appointed postmaster, and the duties of that office he most faithfully discharged. Since retiring from the office of postmaster, he has lived rather a retired life.

In early life he united with the Baptist church. He is known to every resident of Meade county as an honest up-right citizen, a man strong in his convictions and one always to be found in favor of what was for the best of all. He was a familiar character upon the streets of Meade, and many will note his absence.

With his departure the first link of the family chain is broken. His wife, Mrs. William C. Osgood, his son, William C. Osgood Jr., of Pratt, his two daughters, Mrs. R. P. Smith, of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. F. Gray, of Hutchinson, two sisters and three grand-daughters are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were held Sunday, at the residence under the auspices of the G. A. R. Post No. 388 and the sons of Veterans, Rev. Baker officiating. Interment was made in Grace and cemetery.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

You who believe in the development of your County, who believe in having the best educational system obtainable, who have the interests of the rising generation at heart, and who are willing and desirous of giving our boys and girls the educational opportunities which many of us were denied, should vote for adopting the provisions of this law. It is not a matter that affects any particular district or locality, but is of equal importance to all of Meade County, and any school district in need of a high school can secure its proportion of the revenue raised under this act. Vote "YES" on this proposition by all means.

### Meade County Cattle Bring Highest Prices

From Drivers Telegram  
D. E. Ballard & Sons had 150 white face yearlings here Monday from their Meade county ranch. They weighed 645 lbs and sold for \$7.15 per cwt. This is the highest price on this market this year for yearlings. They still have several hundred cattle of the same kind. They have one of the best ranches in Kansas, and take pride in breeding good grade cattle.

D. E. Ballard & Sons, of Meade Kansas, owners of 16,000 acres of farm and grazing land, marketed yesterday a very choice bunch of stockers. There were 160 head in the consignment that averaged 645 pounds and sold for \$7.15.

### Married

Mr. Wm. P. Hunter and Miss Nina M. Meade, both of Plains, Kansas, were united in marriage on Wednesday of last week by Judge Randolph, at his office.

Mr. Albert Shelley, of Greenwich, Kansas, and Mrs. Carrie Switzer, of this city, were united in marriage last Saturday evening at the home of the bride's mother.

Mrs. Switzer is well and favorably known in Meade, while Mr. Shelley is a prosperous citizen of Greenwich, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelley will reside in Meade.

The News extends congratulations.

Mr. Harry Bellemey and Miss Alice A. Ballard were united in marriage in Kansas City on Tuesday, October 8, 1912. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married couple departed for Washington Kansas, for a short visit with Mrs. Bellemey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ballard.

Miss Ballard is well and favorably known in Meade, having resided here for the past several years. In church and social circles she has been a great help and favorite. She is a most highly respected lady.

Mr. Bellemey, whose home is in Santa Fe, Kansas, has been in Meade for the past two years, is known by all as a most enterprising and industrious young man. Mr. and Mrs. Bellemey will make their home at the Ballard ranch, south west of Meade.

A host of friends join The News in extending congratulations to these young people and wishing them all the happiness and prosperity that this life affords.

### A Car-load of Poultry

We expect to load a car of poultry Friday, October 25, for shipment, and from now until that date we will pay special prices. Now is the time to market your poultry. Remember we buy poultry the year around. 10-17-1 MEADE POULTRY CO. Advertisement

### Food Sale

The Royal Neighbors will conduct a food sale in the Rest room on Saturday, October 19. This will be the only place in town to get your Sunday dinner already cooked so don't forget it.

### Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Hamilton on October 11, a boy.

### Farmers Institute.

There will be a meeting of the Institute Saturday November 9th at which time the prizes offered last winter will be awarded instead of waiting till our January meeting. On the acre of kaffir and maize open to any farmer in Meade county. Get a statement of a neighbor who picked an average row of the acre and bring the scale ticket to the Secretary. The President will or have it done the same way for the boys. Bring the other entries to the court house by 2 p. m. Nov. 9th. The following are the contests and prizes offered. This will be mostly a volunteer meeting. So arrange to be there and take part. Ladies especially invited and will try and have something interesting for them.

Best 10 heads kaffir, \$2.  
Best acre of kaffir, \$5.  
Best 10 heads of maize, \$2.  
Best ½ bu. Irish potatoes, first \$2; second \$1.

Open to any farmer in Meade county.

Best 10 ears corn from one acre  
First \$5; second \$3; third \$2.  
Best acre of kaffir.  
First \$5; second \$3; third \$2.  
Boys to be not over 21 Jan. 1 1913.

Biggest watermelon,  
first \$2; second \$1.  
For the girls under 21, January 1, 1913.

Best pound of butter,  
first \$2; second \$1.  
Best loaf of bread,  
first \$2; second \$1.  
Best cake, first \$2; second \$1.  
JNO. KEITH, Sec.

### Special Prizes.

The following special prizes offered by the merchants of Meade, will be awarded at the Farmers' Institute Nov. 9.

Open to any pupil in the public schools not over 18 years old.

No. 1. Best Booklet on "The Farm."  
\$2.50 Axminster Rug, Fletcher Furniture Co.  
No. 2. Best Drawing in the perspective. 2 samples.  
\$2.00 Fountain Pen M. & M. Drug Co.

No. 3. Best Essay on "Kansas." Over 500 words.  
Pair slippers, F. W. Fick.  
No. 4. Best cake made from Kelley's Famous Flour.  
\$2.00 cake mixer. H. G. Marshall.

Mr. Marshall to have the cake.  
No. 5. Best hand made Pillow slips.  
\$2.00 Ladies hand bag. Stevens Mer. Co.

MATTHE J. HAIGH,  
Co. Supt.

### Social, Program, and Contest

At the new school house two miles south of Lakeland, in District No. 22, on Saturday evening, October 19, 1912.

After a short program the crowd will be served with the best of refreshments.

In the contest, the young lady receiving the highest number of votes, for being the most popular or prettiest, receives a handsome cake.

Everyone cordially invited. Everybody come.

### Bazaar and Food Sale

The Baptist Ladies will have a food sale and bazaar in the Cones building, on Saturday, October 26. Everyone is invited to assist in any way they desire.