

The Legislature Has Adjourned, Anyway--Let's Be Thankful For the Small Favors.

Primary Election Results

Following a law which passed the last legislature, and which went into effect a few days before the late primary election, there is some doubt as to whether certain names should go on the general ballot or not. The law provides that a person in order to be a party nominee must receive at least 5 per cent of the party vote cast for attorney general at the last election. This would provide that on the city ticket a candidate should receive at least 25 republican votes or 12 democratic votes in the wards that same ratio applies. If this should apply, the republicans lose J. H. Jemison, C. S. Allison and E. P. Smith for committeemen. Democrats lose Watt O'Connell for police judge, Louis Brinkman for treasurer of school board, Milt Simpson for city treasurer and Tom Gilmore for member of board.

The council did not consider this law though, and those found to be elected are named in the proceedings below:

Board of canvassers met in adjourned session at 7:30 p. m., with Mayor Moses in the chair. Councilmen present Honnen, Miller, Johnson, Smith and Giles. Absent: Moses and Miller. Board proceeded to canvass the returns of primary election held March 9, 1909, with results as follows: Republican Party.

Mayor, O. W. Dawson, 189.  
Police Judge, James Clayton, 186.

City Treasurer, Louis Zutavern, 394.

Treasurer of the School Board, Ed L. Chapman, 193.

Councilman first ward, W. L. Smyth, 16.

Councilman second ward, G. N. Moses, 41.

Councilman third ward, B. E. Giles, 36.

Councilman fourth ward, Oscar Frazier, 28.

Member of the school board, first ward, E. W. Seward, 31.

Member of school board, second ward, F. V. Russell, 48.

Member of school board, third ward, Porter Young, 42.

Member of school board fourth ward, Lester Cox, 33.

Committeeman, first ward, Ira Clark, 30.

Committeeman, second ward, J. H. Jemison, 3.

Committeeman, fourth ward, E. P. Smith 2; D. D. Page 2.

The committee in the fourth ward was decided by lot by the board of canvassers, and E. P. Smith was declared the nominee.

Democratic Party  
Mayor, R. H. Meade, 48.

City Treasurer, Milt Simpson 3

Treasurer of school board, Police Judge, Wat O'Connell, 2

Louis Brinkman 1.

(Councilman first ward, H. M. Diefenbacher 7.

Councilman second ward, W. H. Dodge, 15.

Councilman, third ward, D. C. Luse, 13.

Councilman fourth ward, Ed McNow, 7.

Member School board, first ward, no nomination.

Member School Board, second ward, Thomas Gilmore 2.

Member School Board, third ward, C. C. Davis 13.

Member School Board, fourth ward, Wm. Torrey 1.

Committeeman, fourth ward, Lou...  
Committeeman, second ward, W. E. Stoke.

Socialist Party  
Mayor, Tobias McGill, 5.  
Police Judge, M. F. Shaw, 5.  
City Treasurer, F. M. Lutschg, 4.

Giles absent. The following judges and clerks for the general election to be held on April, 1909, were confirmed. Chairman of Central Committee failed to make recommendations.

First Ward.  
Judges—Frank Harvey, Mrs. L. Markey, Mrs. Phil Markey, Clerks J. L. Lewis, Ira Clark.

Second Ward.  
Judges—H. J. Smith, Jennie Castle, James Moran. Clerks, W. E. Stoke, Margaret Osmond.

Third Ward.  
Judges—Grant Jones, Mrs. Sam Come, Mrs. W. J. McGreevy, Clerks; Isom Wright, Mrs. Frank Hitchcock.

Fourth Ward.  
Judges, Theo. Dahm, E. Price, D. D. Page. Clerks: Myrtle Omer, Mrs. E. P. Smith

The following bills having been approved by the finance committee were on motion allowed, all councilmen present voting aye: Alliee Honnen clerk election \$2.50 C. W. Mote, clerk, election 2.50 Mrs. W. F. Honnen, judge election..... 2.50

Thos. Leek, judge elec..... 2.50 J. B. Miller, judge elec..... 2.50 Mrs. Geo. Spencer, clerk..... 2.50 Margaret Osmond, clerk..... 2.50 Mrs. W. W. Winstead, judge election..... 2.50

W. E. Stoke, judge..... 2.50 J. H. Johnson, judge..... 2.50 Ida Z. Hitchcock, clerk..... 2.50 H. Maude Luse, clerk..... 2.50 Sarah G. Jones, judge..... 2.50 Mrs. Mae Cone, judge..... 2.50 Myrtle Omer, clerk..... 2.50 Mrs. E. P. Smith, clerk..... 2.50 Jacob Rediger, judge..... 2.50 Wm. Torrey, judge..... 2.50 D. D. Page, judge..... 2.50

An ordinance was presented relating to the condition of certain sidewalks, curbs and gutters in the city of Great Bend, Kansas was read as a whole, passed by sections and adopted as a whole as ordinance No. 328, all councilmen present voting aye. Council then adjourned.

F. A. Moses, City Clerk.

In the republican ballots there was only 1 vote against Dawson for Mayor, out of the 190 votes cast. Out of 48 Democratic votes cast, there was only one against Dr. Meade. At the last general election the Republicans cast 521 votes and the Democrats 248. These votes were cast by men and no women voted. These votes were cast in the first and third wards. One Democratic vote was cast in the fourth ward for Wm. Torrey for school board.

Porter Young left Monday for Missouri and Illinois on land business.

A big new line of Easter post cards just in at the Bon Ton. Phone 39.

Fred Ewing was in from Clarence township Thursday looking after some business matters here.

Arthur Banta was in Kansas City this week visiting friends and taking in the automobile show.

Howard Dooble is working in the Ellinwood Leader office for a few days during the absence of John Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Button of Clarence township were here on Wednesday visiting with Mrs. A. M. Button.

J. F. Lewis returned from the western part of the state Tuesday morning, where he went to close a big real estate deal.

Will Doran returned to his home at Macksville Tuesday evening. Mrs Doran is taking treatment at the hospital here.

Andy Boyd, Phil Markey and John Bales on Thursday unloaded two cars of fine work mules, which they purchased in the western part of the state.

Will Hammond was over from Hutchinson Thursday, visiting with friends and attending to making arrangements to start his ice cream factory here in a few weeks.

Good Roads and Farm Values.

The direct connection between good roads and the value of farm lands is shown in a striking manner in Bulletin No. 38 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This Bulletin gives the results of an investigation by the Office of Public Roads of that Department relating to public road mileage, revenues, improved roads and expenditures in the United States in the year 1904, and the information contained therein is of great importance in connection with the movement on behalf of the systematic improvement of the public highways.

The returns from various State show that in nearly every State having the highest percentage of improved roads, the largest population per mile of road, thus showing that better roads are a powerful factor in encouraging the settlement of unpopulated sections of the country. Good roads are also an important influence in retaining in the farming districts the desirable elements who might otherwise drift into the towns and cities. As the price of farm lands depends on their productivity, accessibility to markets and population engaged, or desiring to engage, in agricultural pursuits, it follows that road improvement, by attracting additional settlers, and giving them better facilities for reaching their markets, directly tends to increase the values of all farm lands within the radius of the roads improved.

A comparison of the percentage of improved roads of the various States shows that the average percentage of the improved roads in all States where farm land is worth less than \$20.00 per acre is only 1.9 per cent, whereas in the States where the acreage value is more than \$20.00, improved roads constitute an average of 9 per cent of the total mileage.

While there may be minor causes of variations in the value of farm lands, it is an undoubted fact that as a general rule, the higher values of certain States are largely due to their superior roads. Records on file in office of Public Roads show that farm lands have been known to advance in value from 50 to 500 per cent on account of the improvement of the roads connecting them with market towns.

When the facts secured by the Department of Agriculture become known to the farmers of the country, and they realize that the establishment of a complete system of properly constructed public roads will have the direct effect of greatly increasing the value of their farms, they will be the foremost advocates of a broad, comprehensive policy of public road improvement by the Nation, States, Counties and Townships.

James Livingston of Fort Smith Ark., has been here the past week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Livingston, and with other relatives and friends. Jim is employed with the city fire department at Fort Smith.

The Elks lodge gave a concert on Friday evening in Moses Hall. Halowell's harp orchestra of Chicago, furnished the music, both for the entertainment and for the dance given afterwards. A large crowd attended and the organization netted a neat sum from the affair. This lodge is going to keep things moving. In a few weeks they are going to give a box supper and dance.

We note in the Zenda items that Karl Kleip, a Kingman Co. boy, who was serving on the battleship Tennessee in the Pacific, was drowned February 23 while swimming in the bay at Panama. A few days ago we received communication from the young man, written on shipboard and mailed at Calao, Peru, stating that he would be at San Francisco about now, and that he wished his Journal sent to him there. He met his untimely death on the way there. Deceased was a son of Henry Klein of Zenda.—Kingman Journal.

Parrish—Thornton.

Miss Nellie Parrish and Mr. Harry Thornton were married yesterday, the 10th in Larned by the Probate Judge. Mrs. Thornton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parish of Route 5 and Mr. Thornton is a Stafford county young man. They will make their home in Hutchinson, where Mr. Thornton will take a position as traveling salesman for the Northwest Cigar Co. The Democrat extends congratulations.

The Big Land Deal

Young and Giles closed up a deal for a ranch in Gray county last week that ran up in the figures. The ranch was sold to some Missouri parties and consisted of 2500 acres in Gray county, a portion of it being good alfalfa land. In addition to the ranch there are barns, sheds, corals, windmills, pumps and tanks. The ranch is fenced and crossed. Crooked creek runs through. The ranch is fenced and cross-fenced along the stream. This will be an ideal ranch. The consideration for the ranch was \$105,550.

Episcopal Church

It will be an item of interest to the many friends of Rev. Geo. Belsey to know that he is once more to take charge of the church services. Services will be held regularly, the first being next Sunday as follows: Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer 11 a. m. Evening prayer 8 p. m. At the morning service there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion. All are welcome.

Ice cream on hand all the time at the Bon Ton. Phone 39.

Essence O'Neal visited with home folks at LaCrosse Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Komarek visited relatives and friends at Ellinwood Sunday.

Wm. Obenhouse was here from Ellinwood for a visit with Dr. J. H. Robinson Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pfister was buried Monday afternoon.

Elrick Cole was here from Larned Sunday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. W. Seward and children returned Sunday for a visit with relatives at Alden.

E. E. Barricklow and C. R. Smith attended the threshermen's convention at Wichita this week.

Mrs. Max Hiller and children went to Galatia Saturday for a visit with relatives and friends.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall has been quite sick the last few days with pneumonia.

When you entertain, leave your orders at the Bon Ton for ice cream, candies, and fresh fruits. Phone 39.

Miss Sadie Hana returned to her home at Dodge City Monday morning after a visit here with Miss Lois Sams.

Miss Hazel McMullen is keeping books at the Great Bend Ice & Coal Co's office.

Dr. F. G. Smith returned from a several days trip through New Mexico and Arizona.

Mrs. Ed Williamson and daughter, of the south side, went to Newton Monday for a visit with relatives and friends.

Paul Pasco was here from the northwest Saturday visiting with relatives and friends, and looking after business matters.

A. J. Wingert and Clarence Elmore of Herington, were the guests of Misses Maude Gano and Golda McDougal Sunday.

Mrs. M. P. Parker, Mrs. Blakesley and Miss Linnie Means attended the Baptist Sunday school convention held at Alden this week.

Obituary

The friends of Mr. George Crummack were not surprised for his death which occurred at the home, 1119 Williams street Monday night at 9:30 o'clock. He has been seriously ill with pneumonia and a gripe for a week. It was hoped that he would recover but the disease was entirely too much for his constitution and he succumbed. He passed away peacefully and was fully prepared to go.

Mr. Crummack was born May 18 1846, at Staley Bridge, county of Lancaster, England. He died in Great Bend, Kansas, March 8, 1909. He was married in Manchester, England, to Matilda.

Of their six children, the five who still live were with him at his death. They are Mrs. S. A. Young of Wichita, Mrs. Sim Ewart of Medicine, Lodge, Mrs. Chas. Fankhauser, Great Bend, Mrs. Chas. Woolard of Allibert, and Mrs. H. F. Engle of Wichita.

In September 26, 1879 Mr. Crummack emigrated to this country, and settled where they resided five years, when they removed to this city. He was at different times, employed as the book-keeper for various firms.

He was a quiet man, very devoted to his family and business. For many years he had been a member of the Congregational church.

When Mr. Crummack came to America from England, he retired from business as storekeeper in Bolton, England and expected to be a farmer in America. He located near the Slinns, who were here at that time. A. M. Buttton, John Slinn, Chas. Worden, Charley Roubesh, Robert Merten, old man Lee, Mr. Chapman and sons, Dave Curry, the Aleffs and Limbockers were all his neighbors. After five years of farm life he moved to the city.

Although he had a great fund of knowledge of things in general he seldom took an active part in things of moment, although he was ably fitted to do so.

The funeral was held from the residence, Wednesday, March 10, at 10 a. m.

The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their affliction.

Cold Drinks and ice cream all the time at the Bon Ton. Phone 39.

Miss Opal Baker of Hutchinson visited Miss Edna Griffith on Wednesday.

Elmer Harmon and Ed Panning are attending the automobile show at Kansas City this week.

Mrs. Arthur Miller and children returned to Pawnee Rock on Wednesday morning after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, of Buffalo township.

E. R. Ruch, W. B. Pickerell, A. P. Haury, Martin Starr and W. A. Engleman were here from Galatia Wednesday morning on their way to Kansas City to attend the automobile show. They missed the Mo. Pacific No. 2 at Herington, so concluded to come over here and go on the Santa Fe.

Several Great Bend people attended Federal court at Wichita this week. Attorneys Banta and Cole had business before that court and Porter Young and Ira Clark were summoned as jurors. Mr. Clark went down Monday and was excused from attendance for the balance of the session.

Charles Mote, of this city, last week received a clipping taken from an Ontario paper, which gives an interesting account of a 6 hours' endurance walking contest, which was held there last week and which was won by his brother, Jack Mote. In the six hours, Mote covered thirty-six miles and thirteen laps, almost thirty-seven miles. There were eleven starters in the contest, and only one besides Mote finished. Mote now holds the championship of Western Ontario. The prize in the contest was a championship gold medal.

Rev. Aiken, of McPherson, the presiding elder of this district, was here Sunday and Monday.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duneckack, of Clarence township, Tuesday evening.

B. J. Meyers returned Monday from a visit with relatives in St. Louis and Chicago. He also purchased a fine line of spring goods for the C. Samuels Co. store while gone.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brewer, Mr. Chas. Rose, Mrs. George Holland, and daughter, Leah came down from Pawnee Rock Wednesday in Mr. Brewer's automobile. They report some of the road as being in very bad shape on account of the snow drifts.

Orr Patterson, who it was announced last week had purchased the buildings occupied by the Great Bend Garage Co., has also purchased the business, and is now in Kansas City, where he will purchase a fine line of automobiles. Orr is a rustler and undoubtedly make a success of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore of the south side entertained a number of their friends with a fine oyster supper last Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Batchman, Mr. and Mrs. P. Plankenhorn, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kelly, Theo. Hartman, Miss J. ence Lee and Edgar Hartman.

George Whitcombe has decided to quit the barber business and has gone into the real estate business with James Clayton, and the firm will be known as Clayton & Whitcombe. They will handle everything in the real estate line, and will look after rents, collections, taxes, etc.

It has been a long time since wheat brought the price in Great Bend that it did last week. It has been a good price for a long time. The Farmers' Unions for dollar wheat

climax was reached last week when quite a quantity of the cereal for which Barton county is famous was sold to one of our local milling and grain concerns for \$1.10 per bushell. This is the highest price we have heard of and is certainly going some. No wonder the Barton county farmer is afraid to put a price on his hand.

Wm. Rubart and J. G. Slentz, who recently returned from a trip to southern Texas, report that they are well pleased with the investments made there. They each purchased lands in the country about three years ago, along with quite a number of other Barton county people. They have disposed of a part of their holdings but still have a substantial interest there and think seriously of increasing their holdings. Lands that a few years ago could be purchased for from \$10 to \$25 an acre are now selling from \$50 to \$100 an acre and these gentlemen are confident the price will go very much higher. The immigration to southern Texas at this time is something wonderful.

This will be a great building year in the city of Great Bend. A very large number of substantial business houses are already planned and contracted for and it is rumored that a deal is under way for a larger and better one than any that are now planned for. There seems to be demand for a number of good business houses well located. Rents are high and business locations are scarce. The country tributary to Great Bend has prospered greatly the past few years and while the town has prospered to a degree, it has not grown proportionate to the country and the time is now ripe for it to take a leap forward. In the residence section there will be much improvement if all plans that are made are carried forward successfully. The one drawback appears to be the scarcity of good building lots available.