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### ALL READY FOR THE DAILY

First Issue of the Daily Democrat Will Be Monday, February 15th

With this issue of the paper The Barton County Democrat will cease to be as a weekly paper and will enter the larger field of a daily newspaper. That change is a popular one among those who have been readers of the Democrat in the past is eloquently attested to by the fact that practically the entire list of those who have been subscribers to the Weekly Democrat have either called or written to the office and ordered The Daily Democrat sent to them in the future, and in addition several hundred new names have been added to the subscription list. And all of this is very gratifying to the publishers of the paper. It is a big step from issuing a weekly paper to that of putting out a paper each day, and it involves not only a deal of added work but of added expense as well, and we are more than pleased to know that the many hundreds of readers of the Democrat in the past are practically a unit in standing behind the new daily paper.

Arrangements have been completed for the securing of one of the best telegraphic services obtainable, that of The United Press Association, with headquarters in New York, and of which association the Democrat is now a member. The United Press Association has the reputation all over the world of being one of the very best and most reliable of any news service which can be had, and the Democrat feels just a little bit proud to be affiliated with an agency of such high and well deserved reputation. It will mean that the readers of The Daily Democrat will have a telegraphic service which will be exceeded only in point of volume by the largest papers of New York, Chicago, Kansas City and like places for they may feel assured that whenever an article is sent out by The United Press Association it will be authentic and will not be of the "grapevine" variety which is daily sent out by the smaller press associations.

We are not attempting to make any of our readers believe that The Daily Democrat is going to be a city daily in any sense of the word. We shall try in every way to issue a paper which will not only be a credit to ourselves but to the community as well, but we expect to make this one of the permanent institutions of the community, we expect to start out in a modest way and increase as the field and the community develops. Our telegraph service will cover the important news of the state and the nation and world, and in addition to all the official news of the city and county, the local field will be covered in a thorough manner, but in all of this correctness in detail will be given more care and consideration than the mere matter of volume of news. We intend to issue such a paper that when the people read an article in The Daily Democrat they will have confidence that it is correct, else it would not have been printed. We are going to play favorite with none, but intend to publish all news worth while in an absolutely impartial manner, and in every way to give our readers such a paper as will be of real interest to all.

If you believe in this kind of a paper, we ask that you invite your friends to join the big Democrat family. You can assure them that they will secure the full worth of news for their money and that they will be making an investment which will prove to be worth while.

### WEDDING BELLS

The banes of Franz Bachlechner and Miss Anna Voss has been published and the wedding will take place Monday morning at St. Rose Catholic church.

C. F. Edwards, real estate man of Ness City, was in the Bend Wednesday.

Henry J. Schroeder was in from Clarence township yesterday on a business trip and visit and made a pleasant business call at the Democrat office.

### L. & R. KILLED BY THE HOUSE

Is Fourth Successive Defeat For Measure—Lacks Fourteen Votes

Topeka, Nebr., 10.—For the fourth successive time, the resolution to amend the state constitution by providing for the initiative and referendum was defeated in the Kansas legislature. There were seventy yeas and forty-four nays—eighty-four yeas being requisite for the two-thirds majority required, the resolution failed passage in the house. It is predicted this will be the last appearance for a number of years.

Speaker Stone, of Shawnee county, was the author of the resolution voted on, it being the same resolution substance as was offered by Republican minority two-years ago. Thirty nine republicans declined to follow the speaker and a number of them made vigorous speeches against it, explaining that it had been made a plank in the party platform against their protests after their nomination, and that their position of opposition to the innovation was well known by their constituents at the time of their election. Eleven democrats likewise refused to be bound by their party pledge and one progressive, Representative Gibbens, of Kingman, voted against the resolution. Representative Wayman, leader of the progressives in the House, was absent.

### To Raise Legislature's Pay

The house likewise killed constitutional amendment resolutions providing for four year terms for state officers and to submit six instead of three amendments at each election.

Resolutions were adopted proposing to amend the constitution so as to pay legislators \$500 for their term instead of the \$3 a day for fifty days now provided, and submitting the amendment permitting a classification of property for taxation purposes.

Five more constitutional amendments remain to be voted on in the house, the chief of which is the three-fourths jury verdict in civil cases.

### Labor Bill Defeated

The house committee on efficiency and economy reported back the society of labor bill adversely this evening, but a substitute bill, practically the same as the original bill, except that it conferred on the governor the power filed signed by the chairman, Judge Frank L. Martin, of Hutchinson, and Representative Bird, of Shawnee, Mosher, of Edwards, and Wayman, of Lyons. The bill was killed in the house by a vote of forty-one for to fifty-four against. The measure provided that the state society of labor proposed to be created by the bill, should name the state secretary of labor, instead of having him named as under the present law by the governor. The labor lobby has centered its efforts on securing the enactment of this bill.

The chief work of the senate today was the recommendation for passage by committee of the withdrawal of the mortgage fee registration bill and the exemption of mortgages from taxation, in the event of its passage. The bill was drawn by the house and senate committees on assessment and taxation jointly. It is believed the measure has a fair chance of passage through both houses. It is estimated that its effect will be to reduce interest rates on real estate mortgages approximately one per cent.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Olmstead entertained the class of Earnest Workers of the Christian Bible school at their regular monthly business and social meeting Wednesday evening, the 10th. After a short business session, during which some outstanding bills were disposed of and other important matters were discussed, a social hour was spent and everyone expressed themselves as enjoying the occasion immensely. Music, both vocal and instrumental, and games occupied the time until the hour of departure and all left, voting Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead royal entertainers.

### IS A GOOD BOOSTER

Will Koch was in from near Dartmouth, Wednesday, to attend to some business matters, and took occasion to call at this office for a little visit and have his name enrolled as one of the good boosters for The Daily Democrat. Will wants to see the paper a big success and in order to do his share towards helping the paper get a good start had his subscription label fixed up so it would read 1917. Mr. Koch says that a great deal of wheat is being marketed at Dartmouth these days and Lynn DeGarmo, the buyer at that place, is about the busiest man on earth. The \$1.50 price is tempting the farmers to turn loose of their grain rapidly and they are getting it to market as fast as they can. Will hauled in 1200 bushel this week for which he received \$1.50 per bushel and he has several hundred bushels still in the bin.

### ADJUDGED INSANE

Rachel E. Ross was tried at the county jail yesterday and was adjudged insane. She will be sent to the asylum.

Mrs. Ross tells a strange story of her life. It is impossible to separate fact and fiction in her narrative and yet there is a connectedness about it that makes the greater part of it credible.

It would seem that when a little girl she went to live with a family by the name of Roberts at Chillicothe, Mo. Later Mrs. Roberts died and she went to live with a family by the name of Williamson. When fifteen years of age she was married and says she has eight children, four boys and four girls. She don't know where any of these children are but imagined that the sheriff is in possession of the youngest, Lillie, a little girl four years old. She claims to have heard a couple of men talking and one of them said that the sheriff had the little girl. It was her continued efforts to locate the little one at the county jail that first led the authorities to suspect her sanity.

Her husband, she says, is in the penitentiary somewhere. She don't know where. He was convicted by the federal court of passing bogus money. This money she claims to have found herself, a sack full of silver dollars. Her husband spent one of the dollars for feed and was nabbed and sent over the road.

Mrs. Ross came here from Little River, Kansas. She worked for a time at Clink's restaurant, but not long. Where she has been or what she has been doing since that time no one seems to know. She don't seem to know herself. She is only sure that her husband is in the pen, her children lost and everybody seems to be against her. She is a woman of medium size and apparently seems to be in good health physically but the jury was not long in deciding that she was mentally unsound.

### INSPECTION THE 26th.

The National Guard boys are urged by the officers to attend the drills from now on to the 26th of the month. That is the date set for inspection and at that time every member of the company will have to be present. Excuses don't go then. Even the captain has no authority to excuse a member.

And a fellow who has had practically no drill will, unless he is an expert at catching on, belong to the awkward squad at the inspection, a thing not many would desire. But even though he has there is yet time enough between now and inspection day to get into line with the regulars.

### SOON HAVE NEW HOME.

Work was started the first of the week by the Eagles Club of this city on remodeling the old W. B. King rooming house on Main street, which the Club recently purchased for an Eagles home, and it is expected that the build-and-ready for occupancy not later than March 1st. The first floor will be used as a reading room, billiard room and parlors while the up-stairs will be fitted for a lodge room, and when completed it is going to be one of the most up-to-date and comfortable lodge homes in the state.

### CHARLES C. HOTCHKISS

Charles Crittenden Hotchkiss was born in Hector, New York, in 1832, and died at the home of his brother, Edward, in this city, last Thursday evening, February 4th, at 9:30 o'clock, aged 82 years, 2 months and 3 days. With his parents he removed to Michigan in 1834, where he grew to manhood, and where he secured his education in the schools and universities of that state, and later moved to Missouri where he took up the profession of teaching and where, in 1854, he was united in marriage to Miss Addie J. Buckland. To the union four children, two sons and two daughters, were born, one boy and one girl dying in early childhood, and the other children, Mrs. Anna May Probyn, of Lawrence, Mich., and Charles D. Hotchkiss, a traveling man who lives in Chicago, are left to mourn his death, together with his two brothers, Edward of this city, and John C. Hotchkiss, of Des Moines, Iowa. His wife is also living and makes her home with her son in Chicago.

At the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Hotchkiss was principal of the schools at Marysville, Mo., and on account of being a man who was a warm sympathizer with the Northern cause and being outspoken in his convictions, he was forced to leave that place and he then moved to Illinois, where he engaged in teaching and for a number of years was principal of the city schools at Loda, Ills. He was the possessor of a fine musical education and he later gave up his school work and conducted musical academies at both Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Iowa, and was eminently successful in this line of work. Failing health forced him to give up his profession, however, and for several years he was traveling representative for the Kimball Piano Co., with headquarters in Chicago, until advanced age forced him to give up this arduous work. He came to Great Bend about seven years ago to make his home with his brother and since that time has been engaged in piano tuning and such work most of the time. About a year ago his health began to fail rapidly and for several months past he had been confined to his bed the greater part of the time.

He was a man of exceptional ability and fine education and had led an exemplary and useful life, and while not enjoying a wide acquaintance in this community, was a man whom it was a pleasure to meet and know and was most highly regarded by all of his acquaintances, who unite in sympathy with the bereaved over his death.

Funeral services were held from the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and interment made in the cemetery at that place.

### ON THE SHOVEL GANG.

Big, good natured Auctioneer Tom Dennis had a mighty close call to losing his reputation for being a man of angelic temper one day the first of the week when John Bales invited him to go out to the farm with him for a little auto ride. Tom had just been in the barber shop and had his shoes shined and was looking fine as a fiddle and he was of the opinion that a little auto ride would be a fine thing just at that time, but he had cause to change his mind before they got back to town. When a few miles northeast of town they struck a piece of muddy road and Mr. Auto hung up and it was only after wading and spading and a whole lot of hard work that they got out after a couple of hours. Then, when close to the Sam Comfort farm, they hit another stretch of the same kind of road, only worse, and they had another few hours' session with working in mud up to their knees. Tom says he lost his shine, his overshoes, part of his temper and a small portion of his religion, but he has cause to be thankful that he did not get lost in the mud himself.

Dr. F. G. Smith came home from the hospital Wednesday. He is still quite weak but is gradually improving and will be back at the office before long.

### BIG REVIVAL.

The meetings at the M. E. church started off Sunday with intense interest.

Evangelist Maitland preached both morning and evening. His morning sermon was an outline of one great need in every revival meeting, showing the need and results of unity on the part of the church.

The great chorus was in place for the evening service and the evangelist proved his ability as a chorus leader. There has been a large audience each evening and the meetings promise to be one of the biggest for several years in Great Bend.

Services each evening this week. Saturday at 2:30 there will be a special meeting for boys and girls and Sunday at 2:30 a meeting for men. Subject, "Chickens Come Home to Roost."

The public is welcome to all of these services.

Band concert starting at 2:15 p. m. Sunday, at M. E. church. March, "The Spirit of Chivalry." Cornet Solo, "Remembrance of Liberty," F. E. Epperson. Overture, "Songs of Erin." Reed Selection, "Asleep in the Deep." Cornet Solo, "Commodore." Trombone Solo, "Noisy Bill." Overture, "Religious Fantasia."

### STILL ON THE JOB.

Since an article appeared in one of the local papers last week, containing a statement signed by Commissioners Land and Bloomer and Ex-Commissioner Dick in regard to the question of assistant for the County Attorney, a number of friends have asked me when I resigned from the Board of County Commissioners, because my name was not also signed to the article. For the benefit of inquiring friends I will say that I have not resigned as a member of the county board and that the article in question was also presented to me with the request that I sign the same, but this I refused to do. When this matter of a deputy came before the board two years ago, I was against the proposition, believing that the County Attorney of Barton county did not have any need for an assistant, and that this was simply a waste of \$1200 of the people's money every year, and I have seen no reason since why I should change my mind in regard to the question, hence my name did not appear following the endorsement given by the other commissioners. I do not believe that the county attorney receives a large enough salary under the present law and I would favor an increase but I do not favor a deputy or assistant.—P. E. Murphy, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

### BUSINESS CHANGE

Fred Sullenthrop, of Wichita, Kansas, has purchased the Hostetter grocery store on Broadway and will take charge the first of the week. Mr. Sullenthrop expects to move his family here at once and Mr. Hostetter received word yesterday that he already had his household effects about ready for shipment.

Mr. E. H. Boxeman, of Nickerson, who has been assisting Mr. Hostetter the past week will remain in the store under the new management.

### JACOB LUTSCHG

Jacob Lutschg, one of the old and well known settlers of this community, died at his home a few miles northwest of town Wednesday evening of this week. Mr. Lutschg had been in very poor health for a number of years and his condition has been very serious for some time and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Lutschg was a man who in his earlier life always took an active part in the affairs of the community and he was well known and highly respected among a large circle of acquaintances who will join with the bereaved family in grief over his departure. At the time of going to press, Thursday afternoon, no arrangements have been made for the funeral as there are several of the children who live in other states yet to hear from. A more complete obituary will be given in a later issue.

### SCHNECK—MERCER.

Mr. Bert Schneck and Miss Clara Bell Mercer, two of the popular young people of this city, were quietly married in Hutchinson on Tuesday of this week and returned to this city the same evening to make their future home.

Mr. Schneck is a son of the late Paul Schneck, one of the pioneer settlers of this community, and has been a resident of this vicinity all his life, most of which time he has been engaged in farming on the old home place, just northwest of town. He has been employed by the Sunflower Oil Co. for some time, and is a steady, industrious young man of exemplary habits, who is highly regarded by all who know him. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mercer, and is one of the well known young and popular young women of the city and is very popular among a large circle of acquaintances.

With the many other friends the Democrat joins in wishing for this estimable young couple a long and prosperous wedded life.

Watch the ads in the first issue of The Daily Democrat. They will be money savers to you.



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