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LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Go to Fair's and get a sack of Silver Leaf Flour for 80 cents.

Mrs. W. S. Rubert returned home from St. Louis on Monday.

L. W. Chapin sold his ranch east of town Monday for \$10,000.00.

Miss Evelyn Howe bought her fall millinery goods in St. Joe last week.

Waldron Chase put a force to work Monday on the Lake City telephone line.

Rev. J. F. Irwin visited here the latter part of last and the first of this week.

If you want corn and corn chop and other feed at right prices come to Forsyth's mill.

Remember the Rose meeting at Sharon next Monday evening at 7:30. Give him a big audience.

Miss Mildred Irwin came over from Arkansas City last Wednesday to visit her Medicine Lodge friends.

Don Carmichael and wife are here on a visit. Don has a position in the Santa Fe round house at Chanute.

E. H. Nixon returned home from Iowa on Sunday. He has everything arranged now to take hold of the party lash and do business.

Mrs. M. J. Higgins went to Kansas City last week to buy her fall goods and to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Am Allen.

Hon. W. C. Alford was up to the committee meeting Saturday. He has his coat off and is giving the reps some hot shot. Watch his smoke.

Dr. J. T. Cushenbery and wife returned home from Colorado last Wednesday. Doc said he wished he had remained a week longer when the hot wave struck him upon his arrival home.

Mrs. M. H. Mendenhall and Mrs. Mart Ballou, of Decatur, Illinois, arrived last Wednesday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Thompson. They will return home this week.

The prohibition meeting at the court house last Thursday night was a disappointment so far as the imported speaker was concerned. G. M. Martin made a much better speech than the young man from Illinois did.

Those of this city who attended the Epworth League district convention at Harper last week are: Rev. W. J. Weber, Ed. Adams, Misses Forsyth, Gladys Moore, Coy Martin, Mattie Watkins, Ada and Emily Mounsey, Ethel Simons, Mrs. A. D. Shaw and Mrs. W. J. Weber. They returned home Thursday.

The base ball game between Coats and Medicine Lodge last Friday was an easy victory for the home team. The score was 7 to 2. It was a rather tame game. The Medicine Lodge boys had it too much their own way to make it more than ordinarily interesting. McGill, of Alva, and Finger of Sawyer, assisted the Coats boys. McGill pitched.

For a number of years Wichita has entertained the people of southern Kansas and Oklahoma, and this year the date for the week of festivities will be from Sept. 22 to 27. The men at the back of the fair are most conservative and energetic business men of Wichita, and they have planned something new for this year's fair. The "street fair" has grown old and the people are demanding something new that will entertain, interest, and amuse them, and this is what the fair association will do this year. It is not an exhibition of Sedgwick county's products, but those of every county in southern Kansas and Oklahoma. The association and city invites the farmers and stockmen of this section, to bring to Wichita the best of their products, and show their neighbors what can and is being done in the state and territory that are destined to become the greatest factors in the cereal and stock producing section of the United States.

FOR SALE - A Deering corn binder in good running order, has cut about 200 acres. Will sell cheap or trade for stock. Inquire of G. W. Frisby or R. H. Hall.

Kiowa Men Arrested.

There was rather a stormy time at Kiowa last week and it culminated in the arrest of Dick Cunningham and John Dobson on the charge of maintaining a nuisance.

On Wednesday Moses Wright, justice of the peace of Moore township, issued a warrant for the arrest of Messrs. Dobson and Cunningham and placed the warrant in the hands of special Constables C. R. Wiley, Peter Hearn, Geo. L. Graves, B. Hull, F. M. Roberts and Chas. Barkley and directed them to search and take possession of all the liquor and fixtures found in their places of business. When they presented themselves Cunningham and Dobson disputed their authority as well as that of Justice Wright, who they claim is not a justice of the peace, and they refused to recognize the constables in any other way but private citizens. While the constables were making efforts to make the arrest, the city marshal and several deputies, on the order of Mayor T. V. Brown, arrested all of them on the charge of disturbing the peace and ejected them from the building. Two of the constables made some resistance but they were overpowered, and they were then arrested on the additional charge of resisting an officer. The constables had their trial in police court and were released. They then came to Medicine Lodge, and, after considerable argument with the county attorney, prevailed on that official to cause warrants to be issued for the arrest of Dobson and Cunningham under the Hurrell law. They also sued the city officers civilly for damages in the amount of \$6,600.00, and they say that later they expect to start criminal proceedings against the city officials.

Sheriff Gano deputized W. C. Millar for this occasion and both went to Kiowa Friday night and placed the men under arrest. They searched the places but found nothing but two counters. If there was any wet goods on hand they had plenty of time to get it out of the way before the officers came. Cunningham and Dobson both gave bond for their appearance in court. These trials will be watched with interest as several knotty problems will be presented. County Attorney Griffin and Chas. Rumsey will prosecute the criminal cases and G. M. Martin has been employed to represent the plaintiffs in the civil action. The defendants have not yet employed more than one attorney.

Matrimonial.

Frank J. Overstreet and Crissie C. Cramer of Kiowa were united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage in this city last Thursday, August 21st, by Rev. J. J. Griffin.

Mr. Overstreet is employed with the J. W. Metz Mercantile Company and the bride is a daughter of J. B. Cramer, a prominent real estate dealer of the border city.

The parties to this contract are excellent young people and well suited to each other. They have the warmest friendship and esteem of the people of Kiowa.

Roy Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mills, of Lake City township, has an interesting letter in the Young Folks department of last week's Farmers Advocate. Roy is 10 years old and writes a better article than most boys do at 18.

Prof. Bert Langley, principal-elect of the Kiowa schools, was in the city the latter part of last week. He was here for the purpose of taking the teachers examination. Prof. Langley is a graduate of the Oklahoma State Normal, but his diploma is not good for a principalship in Kansas hence the examination. His selection as principal by the Kiowa Board should be and doubtless is a source of great pride to both parties to the contract. He is a former Kiowa boy and he got the rudiments of his excellent education in the same building in which he is now called upon to assume first place. He has all the necessary elements of an educator and we predict that he will give entire satisfaction. The Index takes pleasure in congratulating Mr. Langley and the Board.

For Farm Loans see Palmer & Case Office west side Main st.

Shot A Cow.

Someone shot and killed a cow belonging to C. L. Hoy, of Aetna township, the latter part of last week. The cow was first found dead by Jas. McGarvin who was riding the line but he did not make a close examination and he supposed she was killed by lightning and so reported. Later investigation by Mr. Hoy and others however revealed a bullet in the neck bone which is conclusive evidence that the cow had been shot. It was a nice fat cow worth about \$55 on the market.

Mr. Hoy was in Saturday and was very indignant over the crime and he has offered a reward of \$100 for the conviction of any person or persons guilty of this offense, or who may hereafter kill or injure any of his stock. The shooting was done in a pasture adjoining Mr. Hoy's pasture and the dead animal was found beside the division fence close to a gate.

Bill Thompson Still Alive.

The reports published broadcast over the country to the effect that Wm. Thompson made a death-bed confession of killing his son and that the man now serving in the Colorado penitentiary for the crime is innocent, has proved to be a press fake. Ed. Sample received a letter last week from Gid Thompson, saying that Bill is still alive and isn't even sick. The "confession" is vigorously denied. In Mr. Sample's judgment, the story has its origin in Ted Nicholson, a brother of "Zeb" Nicholson who is now serving time in prison for the murder. Ted is working to secure a pardon for his brother.

However this may be, Thompson is still regarded as a bad man and his connection with the McQuinn murder in this county will never be erased from the minds of Barber county people.

The Woodmen Picnic.

The Lake City Woodmen picnic on Thursday and Friday of next week, September 4th and 5th, will be a rousing affair. The crowd will be immense and all will be well entertained. There will be all kinds of amusements as well as some able speeches.

Political discussions will be made by Hon. Vernon J. Rose for the fusion side of the question, and by Hon. W. M. Wallace, of Kingman, for the republicans.

If you want to drive away the "blues" don't fail to attend this picnic.

School Book Information.

The exchange of school books will be conducted the same as the previous exchange made five years ago. That is, books in good condition (must have back and all the leaves) will be exchanged at half state contract price. For instance, the state contract on the speller is 10 cents, it is retailed for 11 cents, making a difference of 6 cents for exchange. Our contract with the book companies requires that we get cash for exchange or sale and we positively cannot deviate from this rule in any instance. None but the state books used the past five years can be taken in exchange. J. R. Young Drug Co.

A good joke is told on Lew Bragg and Frank Lane in connection with the barbecue and picnic which was advertised for Robertson's grove in Eagle township, August 16th. It happened that this was the same day of the Rouse cattle sale in this city and most of the people of that community decided to go to the sale instead of the picnic. On that account no beef was provided although there were some refreshments. The crowd was composed principally of Lew and Frank who had both been loaded with a nice talk to put up to the dear people whom they felt confident of meeting on this occasion. They waited until the middle of the afternoon when they concluded that it was poor picking for candidates and they moved west, leaving a considerable quantity of ice cream and other refreshments to the tender mercies of "Old Sol" and what few natives were on the ground. The candidates were so much worried that they kept on driving until late at night and camped. The next morning they went to electioneering and after they had put in some good licks to their entire satisfaction they struck a heartless voter who was cruel enough to inform them that they were in Comanche county. The candidates immediately took the back track and sneaked for home. They haven't been out since.

CALLED DOWN.

The Big Four's Wiggle-Tail Branded A Liar.

The Medicine Lodge Cresset on July 25th published the following story:

"The republican party will be victorious this year by a majority of from fifty to sixty thousand," said Thomas G. Fitch, chairman of the democratic county central committee of Sedgwick county, to a Capital correspondent last week. "That majority is conceded by all democratic leaders of the state. Of course they will fight and fight hard to lessen this majority, but the republicans have conducted the affairs of the state so well and have obtained such a hold on the people that this year and for years to follow the republican party will be master of the situation in Kansas."

"There was no need for the swallowing process of the democratic party during the last convention. We had no need for that. The Populist party was coming our way all the time even if we had not said a word to them about fusion. There is no plausible excuse for the existence of the Populist party at the present time. Not one of the principles they advocated when the party organized is alive today and when the principles die out or become of no avail there is no need for a party to foster them."

"It is a settled fact that the Populist party as an organization will see its last campaign this fall and then it will be a weak one. The members will go to the democratic and republican parties after the coming election and the word populist will be put upon the shelf as something that has gone before."

"Last week a conference committee from the two parties met to decide on the division of the offices for the next convention which will be held in this county. I had all kinds of fun with the pop members of the committee. I told them that this was their last chance to sit on a conference committee with the democrats in this state and county. Of course they got mad but they knew and all of us know just what will happen. The pop issues are dead and so is the party. There was no need of fusion or swallowing, for they are coming anyway."

Col. Fitch was jumped onto by members of his party for making such an admission, and was requested to deny the interview. He replied that he did not give the reporter any figures, but that otherwise the report was correct in substance.

THIS IS UTTERLY ABSURD AND WHOLLY UNAUTHORIZED.—Thos. G. Fitch.

As soon as this interview was published in the Cresset Dr. I. W. Stout, who is one of Col. Fitch's personal friends, wrote to him concerning it. Following is their correspondence:

Medicine Lodge, Kansas, July 25, 1902.

Hon. T. G. Fitch, Wichita, Kans.
Dear sir:— I enclose clipping from our local republican paper at this place about an "interview." I think I have seen a denial on your part but would like one from your pen for publication here. Respectfully,

I. W. STOUT.
Dear Doctor:— Upon my return from an extended trip find your letter and hasten to reply to say that the interview is entirely unauthorized and prompt denial of it was made in the Wichita Beacon the same day that it appeared in the Eagle. I am not nor have I been sufficiently familiar with conditions in the state to warrant my giving out any such statement, but my opinion is that Mr. Craddock and others on the ticket will surprise some of the doubters in the number of votes they will receive.

With kindest personal regards, believe me yours. Very truly,
THOS. G. FITCH.

When Dr. Stout received this reply he and J. P. Hall took it to the editor of the Cresset and asked him to publish the entire correspondence. He agreed to do so but when the sheet came out, it was proved again for the 'steenth time that his word is N. G.

Now, in all seriousness, what must the public think of a newspaper that will manufacture such a coarse lie and then refuse to correct it after he admits that it is a lie. Notice the last paragraph of the Cresset article. It isn't even a part of the fake interview. It isn't embraced in the quotation. That part of it is purely a fabrication on the part of the editor. He didn't have even a remote reason for saying it. It is only a piece of imagination common to ordinary irresponsible printing office funkies.

This is only one instance. There are others. When you see anything in that sheet of a political nature you may regard it with suspicion. And whenever it undertakes to quote a man it is certain to be a falsehood.

The worst of it is that after Mr. Lorton promised to publish this correspondence, he refused to do so. Is it any wonder that nobody has any confidence in him?

Big Stock of Noyse & Nörman shoes at H. T. Woodward's. Best on the market. New in style and superior in quality.

Hon. Vernon J. Rose

—Fusion—

Candidate for Congress

Has the following dates in the county:

Sharon, Monday evening, September 1st.

Lake City, Friday afternoon, September 5th.

Kiowa, Thursday afternoon, September 11th.

This will give the people of all parts of the county an opportunity to hear and meet him.

Be sure to attend one or all of these meetings. Mr. Rose is an eloquent as well as a logical speaker and you will enjoy his speeches whether you endorse him or not.

Mrs. Rudolph Sues the Santa Fe.

On Monday Mrs. Elizabeth A. Rudolph brought a damage suit of \$10,000 against the Santa Fe railroad company on account of the death of her husband, Brakeman C. F. Rudolph, which occurred last winter by being run over by the train at Sharon. The ground alleged is negligence of the company in that there was a defective hand hold on the car from which Mr. Rudolph fell.

Ex-Attorney General L. C. Boyle, of Kansas City, and County Attorney Griffin are Mrs. Rudolph's attorneys. Noble & Tincher represent the Santa Fe railroad.

A. L. Noble Hurt.

In the Santa Fe wreck at Wellington Monday night A. L. Noble sustained a severe leg bruise. The muscles were torn loose from the bone. No bones were broken.

The passenger ran into a freight. Mr. Noble heard the danger signal and ran to the platform and saw that there would be a collision. He jumped and the speed of the train was so great that he could not land safely. He was hurt worse than the other passengers. His daughter, Miss Rachel, was with him but she remained on the car and was only bruised on the nose.

The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping off. The engine and mail car were a total wreck. Mr. Noble was on his way to this city but the accident compelled him to go back to his home at Winfield for treatment.

It was a most fortunate escape for all parties.

Bidders are Barred.

The County Commissioners have decided to take advantage of the provision of the legislature of 1891 in barring individuals from buying delinquent tax lands at the September sale. They met in special session Saturday and adopted a resolution to that effect. See it in this issue.

Under this law the county reserves all this land and after the day of sale the taxes, interest and penalty bears 15 per cent interest. The Commissioners figure that it is a good investment. It does not interfere at all with owners redeeming. It simply bars individuals from putting money in tax lands. The order does not extend to town lots because there is very little demand for them and often the taxes are greater than the value of the lots.

County Commissioner J. E. Harbaugh and family of Comanche county are visiting in the city and county this week. On Monday there was a birthday party and reunion at the home of Uncle Eli Harbaugh in Nippawalla township. A big dinner and a royal good time were indulged.

Atty. A. L. Herr and Clifton Davis of Kiowa were here Monday with Messrs. Cunningham and Dobson to make preliminary preparations for the trial in October.