

WESTERN KANSAS WORLD

PRINTS ALL OFFICIAL COUNTY NEWS

WA-KEENEY, KANS., JULY 5, 1917

39TH YEAR—NUMBER 19

OBITUARY—J. W. MASON

John William Mason was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 18, 1844, and died at the home of his son in this county June 30, 1917, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, aged 72 years, 7 months and 12 days. He was married to Susan A. Morgan at Savannah, Mo., in 1869, and afterward made his home at Bedford, Iowa, for several years. Three sons were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mason, two of whom yet survive, M. W. Mason and Chas. E. Mason. Mr. Mason and family came to Trego county in 1900 and located on a farm a few miles southeast of this city which was the family home until after the death of Mrs. Mason in 1908. During the last few years Mr. Mason has lived with his sons, spending some of the time with his son, Chas. E. near Dodge City and the remainder of it with M. W. Mason near Wa-Keeney. While at the home of M. W. Mason last February, he suffered a stroke of paralysis or apoplexy and while not fully recovering his former health he gradually improved so that he could get around very well for a man of his age. Last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mason came to town to do some trading and Mr. Mason sr. and his little grandson went about a mile away from the house to a garden patch which he has been cultivating this year. While at work in the garden his life suddenly passed away. His little grandson went to the house and told his sisters and they phoned to town for Mr. and Mrs. Mason who responded promptly to the call but his life had vanished and nothing could be done to restore him.

As a man among men Mr. Mason had a kindly disposition and a cheerful word for all of them. He made friends and kept them, and many regret his sudden death. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this city Sunday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. Sutton. The body was buried in the Wa-Keeney cemetery beside that of his wife who had been his companion through life. The sincere sympathy of many friends is extended to the sons and their families in their sadness.

OBITUARY—MRS. MILES POWERS

The sudden death of Mrs. Miles H. Powers brought sadness to her many friends in this county as it was circulated that she had died suddenly last Saturday morning. For several weeks she had not been well and had been under the care of a trained nurse, but slowly recovered her health and promised to gradually improve. Early Saturday morning she asked her nurse for some water and that some be applied to her face. However, before this could be done and before Mr. Powers could be called and reach her side she had passed away, the cause of her death being assigned to heart trouble from which she had been afflicted for some time.

The maiden name of the deceased was Grace Hixson and she was born at Rariton, Henderson county, Illinois, February 10, 1883, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hixson deceased, early settlers of this county. She came to Trego county with the family in 1886 and on February 19, 1908, was united in marriage with Miles H. Powers at Ogallah, Kansas. Two sons and one daughter were born to them but the little girl died in infancy. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church at Ogallah Monday afternoon by the Rev. Alison, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city. The body was buried in the Ogallah cemetery.

Mrs. Powers was a young woman of excellent character and was a faithful member of the Christian church. She is survived by her husband and two little sons, her brother, J. G. Hixson and her sister, Mrs. W. J. Howe, of this vicinity and her sister, Mrs. F. A. Howe of Cedar, Edge, Colorado. The World joins their many friends in Trego county in extending to them their sincere sympathy. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends and the floral offerings were very beautiful representatives of the christian life of the deceased.

For Sale—Cultivator, mower, rake, harrow, wheat drill, corn binder, disk, 1-row planter, 1 set of harness, hay stacker and buck, wheat header and several good milk cows. H. B. Hudson. Adv. 19tf.

Wanted to Buy—A carload of mixed country iron, must be free from sheet iron, wood or bed frames. Highest market price paid. A. M. Finley. Adv. 17 2t.

Smoked meats at Baker's. Adv.

DICTAGRAMS

The old saying has it "you never miss the water until the well runs dry," but there are many other ways of bringing on a drought.

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. Some folks merely get married.

Thirteen marriage licenses were issued in June, and one couple had the courage to get married on Friday.

During the first half of 1917, Trego county issued 35 marriage licenses, which is more than is sometimes issued in a whole year.

The average age of the 35 grooms is 24 years and the brides owned up to an average of 21.

In six of the 35 cases the bride and groom were of the same age. In seven cases the bride was from one to five years older than her mate. This later condition seems to be unusually common this year.

One old bachelor came to his senses at the age of 42. He reversed the figures and tried to make amends by choosing a bride of 24. It is not known what her excuse was.

Referring to the drought, again: There are people in Wa-Keeney who were so extravagant as to indulge in two shower baths per day during the recent dry spell, and then had the face to brag about it.

How many people were in Wa-Keeney last Wednesday? This is the way we estimate it: At one time, by actual count there were 558 autos parked around the public square; and probably another hundred were moving about the streets, or had been left in the garages, making a total of 650 cars. These cars brought an average load of six persons, or perhaps seven persons per car if you count all the little folks. Besides the cars, 47 horse and mule rigs came to town. Add to these about 900 city population which gives us a crowd of at least 5,000 people.

HER'S A FIGHTING FAMILY

Mrs. Mary Jane Sites, of Hays, really knows what war means. Her husband and two sons were in the Civil War and now two grandsons have gone to war and two of her great grandsons expect to enlist. She was born in Ohio in 1823 and came to Hays in 1875. She still owns the same quarter section on the Saline River that the family homesteaded in the early days. She had twelve children, five of whom are living.

The world war was hard for her to believe. She would deny it and friends gave up trying to make her understand. But when Blaine Sites, her grandson, and a graduate of the Fort Hays Normal, told her he was going two months ago, she realized what it meant. She even seemed pleased that her grandchild "took after" the family tradition.

"Mother" Sites lives from year to year for one big event—Decoration Day.

Her oldest son, Jeremiah, who was in the Civil war, wrote during that struggle that he would be home for Christmas dinner. He never came and nothing was ever heard of him since. As long as Mrs. Sites could go about the house she never missed having an extra plate on the Christmas table. No one ever asked her why, no one never alluded to it.—Kansas City Star.

CROSS COUNTRY SILO SPECIAL
The Kansas State Agriculture College through its Division of Extension and the Fort Hays Experiment Station will begin the silo campaign as previously announced in Ellis county, July 10th.

An auto truck has been secured to carry models on several types of silos. Also hoists for pit silos. Three speakers who understand the uses and construction of silos will be with the truck.

Meetings in Trego county will be held as follows:

Friday, June 13. 10 a. m., Ogallah; 2 p. m., Wa-Keeney; 8 p. m., Folkers. Saturday, July 14. 10 a. m., Bosna; 2 p. m., Banner; 8 p. m., Collyer.

NOTICE

Wanted—To buy a car load of mixed country iron. Must be free of sheet iron and wood parts, 35c per hundred. See me at Finley's Cash Implement Store. George Thomas. Adv. 16.

Subscribe for the World.

KANSAS

We're raising corn in Kansas; The rows are straight and clean, For "the hand that rocks the cradle" Now guides the plow I ween. Children give up their play time To do what'er they can.

They help to cook the dinners; Then wash the plates and pans. Do you hear that cheerful cackle? The hens are on the job.

We still have corn to feed them And then we burn the cobs. The pigs are grunting in the pens, They are fat as they can be; For the troughs are full of fodder They're happy as you can see.

We are helping one another Here in the "Golden West." We try to do our duty. We try to do our best.

For the men are of the border Vigilant and alert To keep an alien nation From off the U. S. dirt.

This story is repeated In every other state. Shall we bow to foreign ruler? Now you just watch and wait.

From Canada to Mexico, From "Liberty" to "Golden Gate," We are one grand old nation We are one grand old state.

H. J. K.

AUTO WEDDING

The wedding of Miss Mary Cadillac and Mr. E. M. F. Studebaker was prettily vulcanized at the First Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the chauffer, who used the Seldom Type of ceremony, and a bank of palms formed a semi-circle before which the touring party stood. The altar was richly upholstered in black morocco, with demountable seat covers. Before the ceremony, Prof. Anthony Chalmers played, "I Love You Truly," on the Gabriel Horn, and rendered it exquisitely, assisted by Mr. Rudolph Packard on a Claxon. The tour was led by ushers, Messrs. William Franklin and Henry Ford. Miss Katherine Baker, a beautiful six-cylinder model, was the first pathfinder, and motored in alone, followed by the bridesmaids, Miss Josephine Stutz, Ethel Renault, Hortense Flanders and Madeline Buick. Mrs. Rauch-Lang, the matron of Honor, came in with all lights burning bright and an exquisitely demonstrating the Cherry Shock Absorbing Spring Wheel, and parked close to the altar. Miss Harriet Thomas coasted down the other speedway, followed by the beautiful roadster, Miss Gladys Hupmobile, who was the pillow-bearer. Then came the bride on the fender of her father, who gave her away in marriage. Mr. Studebaker and his best driver met them at the gasoline tank. Miss Cadillac's gown was of beautiful mohair, trimmed with Jiffy curtains. She carried a gorgeous demountable bouquet tied with an exquisite bow of Firestone rubber. Mrs. Rauch-Lang's gown was of Roe blue with nickel trimmings and handforged embroidery. Her bouquet was beautiful and of standard equipment. Miss Thomas' gown was of Mercedes satin with an overskirt of Pierce-Arrow Voile. She carried a bouquet of American Underling roses. Mrs. Studebaker's going gown is a 1917 model, conservative lines. She wears a top boot to harmonize with it.—Ex.

TAYLOR—BLAKELY

Robert Blakely and Miss Charlotte Taylor, both of Ogallah were married at the M. E. parsonage, by Rev. W. E. Woodward, yesterday forenoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Blakely, of Ogallah, accompanied them. All were on their way to Denver and Colorado Springs, for a few weeks stay after which they will return to their homes at Ogallah.—Quinter Advocate.

The foregoing announcement reached us too late for mentioning last week, but we are pleased to join the many Trego county friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to these young people. Mr. Blakely is a successful young farmer, a member of the firm of Blakely Bros. who operate a few miles southwest of this city. Mrs. Blakely is a graduate of Trego County High School and has been a capable teacher in the county schools for the last two years. They begin life together with excellent prospects and their friends wish for its continuance throughout their journey of life.

NOTICE

The stock books of the Ogallah Co-Operative hall company are now open to subscriptions. The Ogallah Co-Operative Hall Co. 17-8t. Norman Mapes, Secy.

FINE WEATHER AND BIG CROWD

Fourth of July Celebration in Wa-Keeney a Success, Tom McNeal and A. A. McAuliffe, speakers

It was a complete success, that big Fourth of July celebration held in Wa-Keeney this year. It was not a celebration headed by any one man or any particular crowd, but a celebration of the people, by the people and for the people. The weather conditions were ideal and the spirit of celebration was right. The only objectionable feature is that it came too late in the week for the newspaper man to give it a proper write-up in his current issue. Vehicles and autos commenced to arrive early in the day and by the time the crowd had all assembled it was estimated that there were at least 800 autos and between four and five thousand people in it. The crowd was large enough that all the concessions, the shows, the speakers and the ball games had plenty of patronage although they were all going on at the same time.

The street parade, picture show and the band concerts were the attractions for the morning. The parade was not large as it has been some other years, but the quality was there, several of the floats being very beautifully decorated as well as novel in makeup. The picture show, "Womanhood, The Glory of the Nation" is a great show, working along the line of preparedness and the part which women can and do play in doing their "bit" for the good of the country.

All the people who could possibly get within hearing distance heard the addresses by T. A. McNeal, of Topeka, and A. A. McAuliffe, of Salina. In opening his address Mr. McNeal made a few humorous remarks which captivated his audience and it was no trouble thereafter for him to hold their attention. He spoke of the wonderful development of the state of Kansas in the last forty years and gave his hearers an idea of the amount of wheat which had been grown in the state in that time. The conditions which led this nation into the present war and a tribute to President Wilson was a patriotic part of his address. The recent actions of the mob against the negroes in East St. Louis was also condemned. He declared that it was far from being in accord with the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States for such things to exist. His utterances were heartily applauded by the audience.

The address of Mr. McAuliffe was flavored with many thoughts of witicism and humor but was directed more along the line of the work of the Farmers' Union in this state and nation. He was glad the disposition of the business men and citizens of the town was different now than it was a few years ago. Then they thought the intention of the Farmers' Union and its stores was to destroy other stores and the town but now they realize that the intentions of the Union is to help build up the community by assisting the farmer to get a better price for his produce and thus have more money to spend in the vicinity in which he lives. Mr. McAuliffe drew several hearty applause from his hearers on account of his patriotic utterances and his references to President Wilson.

A double header base ball game was played at the fair grounds, the first game being between Collyer and Hill City. It was a fast game and required fourteen innings to decide the score of 3 and 2 in favor of Hill City. An unfortunate throw by the pitcher at a critical time lost the game for Collyer. The Wa-Keeney team then played the winners. This was also a fast game but it required only the regular nine innings to decide it in favor of Wa-Keeney. The score was also 3 and 2. The gate receipts amounted to \$369; \$20.15 was deducted for expenses and 10 per cent of the balance was contributed to the Red Cross fund. The remainder of the money was divided among the three teams.

We would like to devote more space to this write-up but we can not do it. However, we must not forget to mention that a collection was taken for the Red Cross fund which amounted to \$51.01 which has been turned over to the local chapter. The people of the county greatly enjoyed their visit to this city and the public dinner in the shade on the lawn of their own beautiful court house park.

For Sale—4 tires and innertubes, 34x3 1-2, and Presto light tank. W. A. Olson, on old Cunningham place, 5 miles west of town. Adv. 19 2t.

MARGARET SWIGGETT

Bonded Abstractor

Insurance

Farm Loans

Wa-Keeney, Kansas

(Register of Deeds of Trego County Eight Consecutive Years)

WHAT A WEDDING PRESENT

are you going to give to the bride? There are things that are nice but not lasting, and there are things that are lasting but not nice. But—

A NICE CLOCK OR SILVERWARE

are both nice and lasting. Price \$1.00 and up Engagement Rings, Wedding Rings, Diamond Rings. Come in and look them over.

A. S. TREGER, Wa-Keeney, Kansas

A FRIEND TO THE PEOPLE

IF there is any question in your mind as to the price or quality of any article you may need, go in and see your home dealer. Talk it over with him, heart to heart. State the matter to him, just as you understand it to be. Ask him any questions you may wish to ask. He will gladly answer them, everyone. In many instances, he can give information that will be of much value to you. The man in the home store, the true merchant—and the true merchant is the only one who is entitled to your patronage—the true merchant is the man who strives to render a service to every person who enters his place of business. His highest aim is fully satisfied with each and every purchase. The true merchant is a seeker after honest values. He is a friend to the people of his community. He stands between the buyer and the unscrupulous manufacturer or merchandiser who is seeking to promote the sale of impure goods or goods of inferior quality. The true merchant makes a life long study of his particular lines of merchandise, that he may be able to protect the interests of the folks who live in his community. He investigates the claims of the manufacturer or jobber before he puts the goods in stock. He buys by sample. He sees just what he is getting before he buys it. And then, he demands that the goods delivered be equal to the sample. It is very much to the advantage of the buyer to be on friendly terms with the home merchant so he can get reliable merchandising information whenever he desires it.

(Copyright, 1916.)

THE REAL COMMUNITY-BUILDER.

The Chautauqua is the champion of neighborhood life at its best.

The Chautauqua appeals to and for the whole family. It pulls with father and mother for the best interests of the children. It glorifies home life and is always safe, sane and conservative.

The Chautauqua pays a hundred-fold in community betterment. In boosting it we proclaim our faith in all good things and we join the forces of progress. It is the ally of the home, the public school, the church, the community club, the Chamber of Commerce, the fraternal order—and every real business factor in the town and country.

The Chautauqua is a community college. If education is profitable, if culture is desirable, if morals pay, if clean entertainment is preferred, if progress beats stagnation, if our community really cares for the choicest things the times afford—we must boost the Chautauqua.

Train Dispatchers To Salina

The train dispatcher's office will be moved to Salina from Ellis the first of July, the "boys" expect to go down there Sunday. The dispatcher's office has been located at Ellis for a long time and it will seem quite different when it is taken away, but it is said that a crew will probably be moved here from Denver and that will help all right. The present dispatchers have a lot of friends in Ellis who are sorry to see them leave and we believe they would sooner stay right here than go to Salina. We all wish them luck in their new home. These families can be recommended to the good people of Salina as being first class.—Ellis Headlight.

COMMENT

A solicitor for the Red Cross fund called upon a lady the other day and asked for a contribution. The lady showed a weakness about complying with the request. You know said the solicitor that your son is liable to be called out any time and that the money is greatly needed to help take care of him and the many other young men who are sent to the front. "I know it" said the lady. "I already have three sons in the service and expect another to be called for any time. If he can go, all right. I give my sons, and I believe you and other patriotic citizens should give your money to help take care of them. It's only loyalty to the flag."

Jerry Tightwad was complaining the other day that there is always someone going around soliciting money for something. He had just been asked to contribute something to the Red Cross fund when only about last week he had given twenty-five cents into the war fund. By this system of careful saving Jerry now has an income of about three hundred dollars a month but he seldom ever gives more than a quarter to any contribution and not that much to many of them. When it is knocking to be done Jerry is a first class hand, but when it comes to giving he is a quitter. Only the other day he was knocking because he could not take some of his money with him when he dies.

Inasmuch as the money is being contributed willingly and liberally to the Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross funds, it is to be hoped that it will be expended in a wise, careful manner, but there are always some grafters around ready to swipe in a bunch of easy coin.

While the war money is being appropriated and expended so freely, and while we may not have liked the disposition or the sayings recently worked off by Joseph L. Bristow we can just as well recall the days of graft and embalmed beef of the Spanish-American war, and possibly think there is something to what Joseph has written.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Likewise a little caution now may prevent a big graft which it will take a long investigation to uncover after while. Likewise it may prevent the death of some of the boys at the front or in the camps. More of them died in the camps from eating poor food and from poor camp conditions during 1898-9 than were killed during the battles.

In the meantime, if you have anything to contribute to either the Y. M. C. A. war fund or the Red Cross fund, and of course you have, give it to some solicitor whom you know or someone living in your county. Impost or solicitors are liable to be around at any time.

The eastern cities and eastern states were very strong on preparedness before the war started and were perfectly willing to admit that they considered the people of the western states unpatriotic because they did not waive their hats and yell for preparedness. However, when it comes to furnishing men and money for the good of the cause, the western states are way ahead of their quota while the eastern states and cities are showing a lack of patriotism by lagging behind and waiting for official action to move them.