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## Prof. W. O. Steen is Out for County Sup't

The Solomon Tribune has the following handsome mention of Prof. W. O. Steen who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for county superintendent. He has a wide acquaintance in Abilene (which is Mrs. Steen's former home):

The Tribune takes particular pride in announcing the candidacy of Prof. W. O. Steen of this city for the Republican nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction of Dickinson county. To some it may seem a little early for a political announcement, but Mr. Steen has been considering the matter for some time and has consented to allow his name to be used, only after the earnest and persistent solicitation of many friends throughout the county, and the positive declaration of Supt. Aumiller that he would not under any circumstances be a candidate for re-election.

We doubt if there is another man in Dickinson county as well qualified for the duties of this important office as is Prof. Steen. He received his education at Ottawa University, the Kansas State Normal School and the Kansas State University. He holds a state life certificate that is good in more than half of the states of the Union; also an institute conductor's certificate. He has taught in and conducted county institutes six years; and this, together with his teaching experience in both elementary and secondary schools, will be a great advantage when it comes to administering the affairs of the county superintendent's office. For three years he was at the head of the Peoria and Princeton, Kansas, schools,

and for two years he was principal of the schools at Hope. This is his fourth year as superintendent of the Solomon schools. His work here has been of the highest order and our school was never in as good condition as now. His salary here his first year was considerable larger than had ever been paid to any other man who has held the position. But as an inducement for him to remain at the head of our schools, and to show their appreciation of his excellent services, the school board has voted him a substantial raise each subsequent year.

Mr. Steen's reputation as an educator is not confined to Dickinson county by any means. Throughout Central and Eastern Kansas he is recognized as one of the leading school men of the state. He is a member of the State Teachers' and Pupils' Reading circle board, and an officer of the North Central Kansas Teachers' association; also a member of the County Examining Board.

Prof. Steen's efficiency is unquestioned and unquestionable, and this proposition will stand every test. We do not believe that he will have any opposition in the Republican party, and we doubt very much if the Democrats place a man on their ticket to oppose him; but whatever opposition may develop in the future, no one will say that Prof. Steen lacks in either ability or integrity. If nominated and elected, as we confidently believe he will be, he will do his full duty as the law prescribes, and will make an officer of whom we may all well feel proud.

### TIMELY TOPICS.



## Dickinson Co. Folks Away from Home

There was born recently in the city of Calcutta, India, to Rev. and Mrs. David W. Zook a son. The latest report was of all doing nicely.

In January Rev. and Mrs. James Sparrow and Miss Anna Kraybill will leave Calcutta, India, for America, on furlough. The former recently lost their baby daughter and fell the need of complete change of climate and labor. They will all visit Abilene as the parents of Mrs. Sparrow reside here and Miss Kraybill has many relatives and friends in this country. They will come via of Japan and thus make the complete tour of the earth.

Rev. and Mrs. Noah Zook who formerly lived near Talmage but now reside at Goodman, Mo., have spent three months in this county and propose to leave here Thursday for Brown county where they will spend

a few days. They will spend a week over Christmas at Kansas City with their sons, Irvin and Arthur Zook, and will be at home in Goodman Jan. 1. They report an unusually pleasant visit here.

E. E. Saylor, Clarence Cress, Elmer Cress, Samuel Hislop and others of the Dickinson county colony near Lockwood, Saskatchewan, have had a very prosperous year. The first year's wheat crop threshed about 25 bushels per acre and oats slightly more. They shipped most of their grain to Winnipeg and realized good prices. They expect to average 40 bushels next year. December first they reported winter as settled and regular morning temperature of 30 to 35 below zero. They stable all stock in barns made of sod walls with dirt roofs and suffer little from the cold. As a whole they have done well.

**Young Man Seems Insane.**  
Deputy Sheriff Thayer went north of Chapman this afternoon to bring in for trial in probate court Elmer Marts, a young man, who seems mentally affected.

**Card of Thanks.**  
To all the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us in our bereavement, the death of husband and father we wish to extend heartfelt thanks.  
MRS. A. J. KOHLER.

## Farmers Are Big Money Makers Now

For a safe investment, one which is certain to increase in value and to bring in good returns annually upon the capital, it is doubtful if any better than Kansas farm property can be suggested. Every one knows of the productiveness of Kansas land. It will produce as much, if not more than the land in any other state. Farm land in any state is a good investment at the present time, but Kansas farm land is a better investment than farm land in other states which are located east of this state, for Kansas land is cheaper and it has not been worn out. Farmers in states in the East know this and many of them are selling their property in states where land is higher and are reinvesting the money in Kansas lands.

Farm lands all over the country are increasing in value and the prices are higher in the older states than in Kansas. The increase in farm values is due to the fact that there is a greater demand for farm products than formerly. The populations of the cities and towns are increasing and their per capita demand for the products of the farms has produced an extraordinary rise in the value of agricultural products. During the past ten years this rise has been greatly accentuated and to this is due the fact that the agriculturists of the country are the persons who have created the greatest surplus by their

earnings over and above their expenses.

There is not a thing in sight which will diminish the earning power of the farms, but there are many evident reasons why its earning power will increase and why it will remain permanent.

The cities will continue to grow larger even more rapidly that they have in the past. Towns will become cities and hamlets will become towns. Because of the wonderful prosperity of this country during the past few years immigrants will come here in greater numbers than ever before and a large majority of them will become residents of the cities or will be employed in the mines and factories. Industrial centers will construct more and demand more manual labor.

All this urban growth means that there will be an increased demand for the products of the farm and it also means that the price of the products will rise.

With land selling in Kansas as cheap as it is today no man who has the money can make a better investment. The farms will make their owners rich and independent. The men who are selling sixty acre tracts in the East and who are buying tracts two and three times as large in Kansas know this, but the average Kansas man does not seem to be acquainted with the condition of affairs.—Wichita Eagle.

### HEAVY FEEDERS PROFITABLE.

Chapman Feeder Made Money on High Priced Steers.

Ed. Arnold of Chapman, marketed late yesterday 41 head of shorted steers that were money makers. These steers were bought on this market. They were on feed but 70 days, and in that time put on a gain of 322 pounds. They brought 7.65 and cost 5.25, making an advance in the price of \$2.40.

"In this deal," said Mr. Arnold, "I thought I had paid too much, and bought steers a little too heavy, but they turned out to be just the kind to make money on. It is not always the high priced feeders that lose money, as I have bought low priced feeders and made less, and in some cases barely came out even. I figure that these steers will clear close to \$20 each. These steers weighed 1926 pounds when I took them out, and weighed yesterday, without any fill, 1513 pounds."

### Stores Open Evenings.

The stores of the city will, commencing tonight be open evenings until Christmas to accommodate the shoppers.

### Buy These at Library.

A generous merchant has given to the public library a long black fur boa that would make a handsome Christmas present and will be sold cheap. The library is also selling the Abilene Quotation Book for ten cents each.

### Invited Him to Stay.

Rev. R. M. Reichard of Farmington, Ohio, who preached in the Grace Reformed church Sunday was given a unanimous call to fill the pulpit permanently. He took the matter under advisement. Rev. J. A. Leu-singer who recently left the charge is now preaching in a Presbyterian charge in California.

### He's the Boss Potato Raiser.

W. C. Tobias was down from Solomon and made this office a pleasant call. He is the boss potato raiser in the county, harvesting 720 bushels from four acres, averaging 180 bushels. The potatoes were of the Early Ohio variety and the seed bought of J. E. Brewer of Abilene. They were raised on Fred Baker's upland farm just north of Solomon, and the yield speaks well for the farming ability of Mr. Tobias.

### SPEAKING OF NATURAL RESOURCES—



## The Abilene National Bank

firmly established and long since past the stage of experimental venture

### Calls Attention

to its facilities unexcelled for the transaction of all legitimate business in all banking lines.

### Capital and Surplus

exceeds that of any other bank in Dickinson County. With effective, efficient and comprehensive management, makes it beyond doubt the safest depository for your funds.

### Loans

its funds exclusively as designated by law which embraces a less extensive, but more stable, class.

### Collections

made promptly and remittances mailed on day of payment.

### Exchanges

bought and sold on all principal cities of the world.

### Your Business

is respectfully solicited and you are invited to call and use our offices without charge.

## Many Lodges Elect Their New Officers

Abilene Post No. 83 G. A. R. elected the following officers for the ensuing year at last night's meeting:

P. C., F. V. Close.  
S. V. C., Dan Jeffcoat.  
J. V. C., Wm. B. Dunlap.  
Surgeon, Dr. J. L. Short.  
Chaplain, W. S. Anderson.  
O. D., Charles Jamis.  
O. G., Lou Teeters.  
Representatives, S. S. Gipe, Geo. Probasco and Wm. Campbell.  
Alternates, Chas. Fendergrast, John Haskell and R. McDaniels.

The following have been elected to serve for the ensuing year by Abilene Council No. 48 Triple Tie Benefit Association:

M. H. Gardner, president.  
W. L. Cooley, vice president.  
T. M. Jones, treasurer.  
J. C. Royer, secretary.  
Mrs. J. C. Royer, chaplain.  
A. E. Shepherd, conductor.  
Richard Waring, guard.

Mrs. E. Waring, sentinel.  
Drs. Conklin, Witmer and Felty, medical examiners.

At the regular meeting last evening new officers were elected for Abilene Camp No. 359 as follows:  
V. C., John Roemer.  
W. A., Frank Sullivan.  
Banker, H. K. Elchoitz.  
Clerk, C. P. Snyder.  
Escort, Paul Nicolay.  
Watchman, H. F. Smith.  
Secretary, Bert Wolf.  
Physicians, Drs. Conklin, Felty, Steelsmith and Short.

Manager for three years, J. W. Watters.  
Manager for two years, Geo. St. Peter.  
Manager for 1 year, S. F. Woodward.

A public installation and entertainment will be given on January 10th.

### PARKER WON THE CASE.

Judge Moore's Ruling Sustained by Supreme Court.

The supreme court has in its decision just given sustained the ruling of Judge Moore in the case of Miss Allie Colwell vs. C. W. Parker. Miss Colwell fell while going into a carnival show in Iowa and was hurt. She sued Mr. Parker and the jury gave her judgment for \$1500 damages. Judge Moore set the verdict aside on the ground that the verdict was not sustained by the evidence. The supreme court affirmed Judge Moore's ruling. Hurd and Hurd were Parker's attorneys; C. E. Rugh represented the plaintiff.

### Checked Up Naturalization.

The government inspector checked up the naturalization records in the district clerk's office Saturday as is done every year. Of course he found everything in perfect condition, that is the way District Clerk Rowe does things.

### School Report, Dist. No. 23.

Average attendance 88. Those neither absent nor tardy: Donald Fulton, Helen Pickin, Lester and Clayton Weber, Vernon and Dallas Marks, Ethel, Ralph, Frank and Arvella, Haynes, James and Thomas Carrel, Bertha, Elizabeth, Florence and Hazel Zook, Helen and Frances Greer, Scott and May Hinkle, Nellie Schwaner, teacher.

### CONFESSED TO MURDER.

Dr. Neptune's Brother Killed at Larned.

C. H. Charles of Larned, Kan., the hired man suspected of the murder of George Neptune of Larned, a brother of Dr. J. W. Neptune of Salina, formerly of this county, Monday confessed that he had murdered Neptune.

A telegram sent to Dr. Neptune yesterday told this bright story. The telegram also stated that if Dr. Neptune would come to Larned, Charles would show him where he had hidden the body.

Dr. Neptune immediately left for Larned, where he will go with Charles to locate the dead body.

### Are Staying in Paris.

A dispatch to the Star says Mrs. F. M. Ollieite, Miss Mace King and Miss Maud Shaler are making a prolonged stay in Paris.

### A Handsome Souvenir Calendar.

One of the handsomest souvenirs ever given out by an Abilene firm is that being presented to its customers by the Abilene National Bank. It is an artistic picture under glass with an accurate thermometer attached and the calendar for 1910. It is both ornamental and useful and suitable for any parlor. The bank's customers will greatly appreciate the very attractive souvenir.