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The Wichita Weekly Eagle

Thursday, May 15, 1873

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THE CHERRYVALE HORROR!

A Den of Thieves and Murderers!

Eleven Bodies in all Found!

The readers of the EAGLE will remember an item published, giving an account of Dr. York, of Montgomery county, being missing, and as it was supposed murdered, and of the after fact that several men had been missing from the locality where he was last seen. The governor of Kansas offered a reward for the detection of the murderers. And last week his body, together with several others, was unearthed. The excitement is still at a fever heat, but up to Sunday morning last no more bodies had been found, although one hundred men were diligently searching. There have been several arrests made of families and individuals, although up to this writing nothing has been heard of the Bender family, in whose yard and house the bodies were found. The Kansas City *Times* contains a lengthy detailed account of the fiendish and sickening disclosures, obtained from a reliable person just from the scene of the crime. We extract the following from the *Times*' report:

William Bender, the eldest of the brothers, had a wife who was a spiritualist. The balance of the Benders called her a medium, the neighbors a she devil. She was forty-two with iron gray hair, ragged at the ends and thin over the temples. Her eyes were steel-gray and hard. The light that came from them was sinister and forbidding. She had no a single prepossessing feature. Her form, angular and tall, seemed to lift itself up when the spiritual influence took possession of it, and to become not only gigantic in height, but supernatural as well. At times she dealt in incantations and the boiling of herbs and roots that had charms and spells about them. Her will was indomitable. All the household feared her, dreaded her, obeyed her, and, as the sequel [sic] proves, did the devil's work for her beyond all the atrocious devil's work ever done in Kansas.

It would seem as if the visit of the Cherryvale party alarmed the Benders. William Bender, now that the terrible secrets have come to light, and now that the shallow graves have given up their ghostly

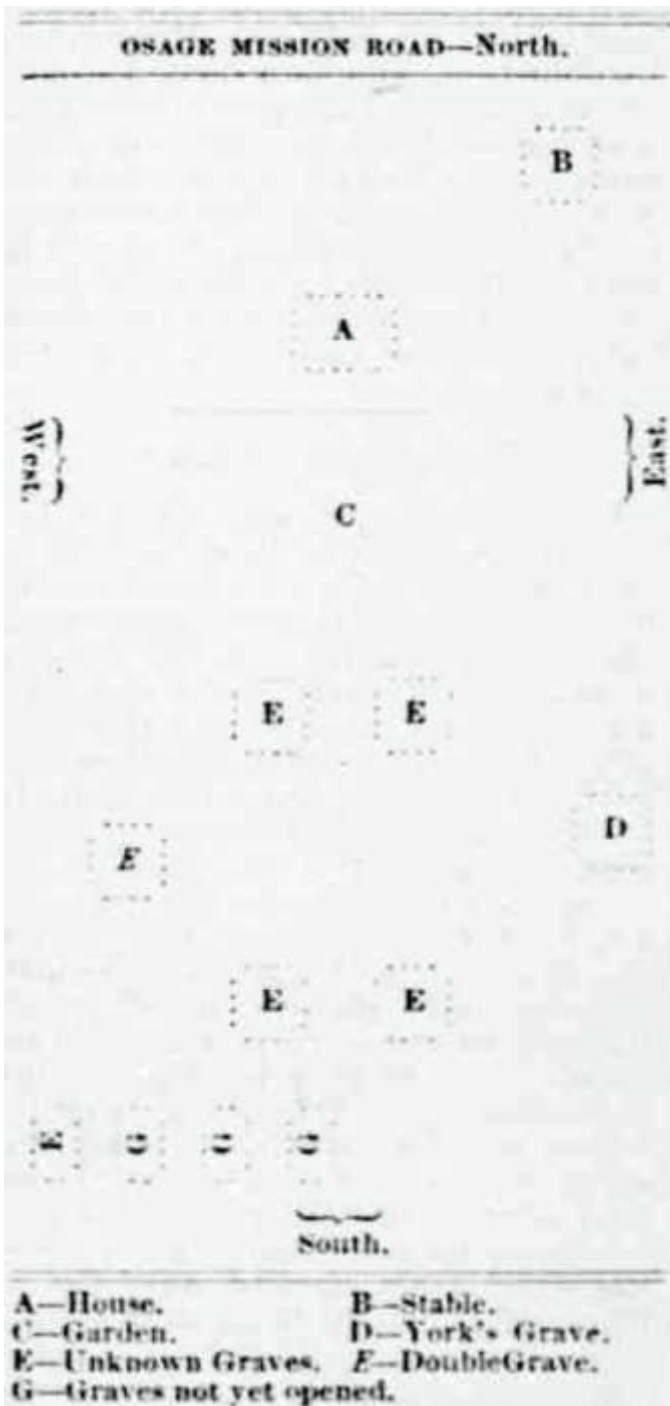
and mutilated occupants, can be remembered as having acted very strangely. Twice he had come into Cherryvale and had been noticed, upon the occasion of each visit, to loiter upon the outside of crowds, seemingly having no business, but eagerly intent all the time in listening to everything that was said.

Time went slowly by, and a man riding in one day from the prairies saw no smoke arising from the Benders chimney. The windows were down, the doors were closed, there was no sign of life anywhere. These evidences of emigration did not even interest him. So absolute was the stupor over the disappearance of Dr. York that an awakening had to depend upon an absolute discovery. This man, however, in riding by a pen to the left of the house saw a dead calf in the lot, and upon further investigation and with the practical eyes of a practical farmer used to guessing the weight of live stock upon the hoof, he knew that the calf had died of starvation.

Then the truth came, as an overflow comes of ten to a Kansas creek, all of a sudden and overwhelming. Such a death suggested flight, flight meant guilt, and the nature of the guilt was surely murder. He galloped into Cherryvale and related what he had seen. The town aroused itself. A party was organized instantly and set out for the Bender mansion. Then it was remembered that about two weeks before this – say somewhere near the 24th of April – William Bender had sold to some person either in or near Cherryvale a watch, some clothing of a fine character, two mules, and perhaps a shotgun or two and some pistols. How did he come by them? If the dead could speak the question might be readily answered.

The party from Cherryvale arrived at the house (A) which is marked in the diagram as located directly upon the Osage Mission Road, having the outhouse (B) in the rear and to the south of it.

In the rear, as we have said, was a garden. This, at first, was not examined. The front room of the house was next carefully searched, every crack and crevice being minutely looked into, and subjected to the application of rods and levers to see if the floor was either hollow or loose. Nothing came of it all.



No blood spots appeared. The floor was solid — the walls were solid. If there were dead men about, they were not in the front room. Then came the back room. The beds were removed.

In his flight the elder Bender had left everything untouched. Not even the doors were locked, though such had been the reputation of the she devil that the premises stood as safe from intrusion as if protected by a devil in reality. After the beds had been removed one of the party noticed a slight depression in the floor, which, upon close examination, re-

vealed a trap door upon hinges. This was immediately lifted up, and in the gloom a pit outlined itself, forbidden, cavernous, unknown. Lights were procured, and some of the men descended. They found themselves in an abyss shaped like a well, some six feet deep, and about five feet in diameter. Here and there little damp places could be seen as if water had come up from the bottom or been poured down from above. They groped about over these splotches and held up a handful to the light. The ooze smeared itself over their palms and dripped through their fingers.

It was blood — thick, fetid, clammy sticking, blood — that they had found groping there in the void — the blood, perhaps, of some poor, belated traveler who had laid himself down to dream of home and kindred, and who had died while dreaming of his loved ones.

The party had provided themselves with a long, sharp rod of iron which they drove into the ground in every direction at the bottom of the pit, but nothing further rewarded the search, and they came away to examine the garden in the rear of the house, marked in the diagram, (C). After boring, or prodding, as it were, for nearly an hour, the rod was driven down into the spot marked (D) and when it was withdrawn, something that looked like matter adhered to the point. Shovels were set at once to work, and in a few moments a corpse was uncovered. It had been buried upon its face. The flesh had dropped away from the legs. There was no coffin, no winding sheet, no preparation for the grave, nothing upon the body but an old shirt, torn in places and thick with damp and decay. The corpse was tenderly disinterred and laid upon its back in the full light of the soft April sun. One look of horror into the ghastly face, festering and swollen, and a dozen voices cried out in terror: "My God, it is Dr. York!" And it was. He had been buried in a shallow hole, with scarcely two feet of dirt over him. Had he been murdered, and how? They examined him closely. Upon the back of the head and to the left and obliquely from his right ear, a terrible blow had been given with a hammer. The skull had been driven into the brain, and from the battered and broken crevices a dull stream of blood had oozed, plastering his hair with a kind of clammy paste and running down upon his shoulders. Strong men turned away from the sickening sight with a shudder. Oth-

ers wept. Some even had to leave the garden and remain away from the shambles of the butchers.

It seemed as if the winds carried the tidings to Cherryvale. In an hour all the town was at the scene of the discovery. A coffin was procured for Dr. York's body, and his brother, utterly overwhelmed, sat by the ghastly remains as one upon whom the death had been laid. He could not be comforted.

But the horrible work was not yet completed. The iron rod was again put in requisition [sic], until six more graves marked (E) were discovered, five of which contained each a corpse, and the sixth, that in the second row, (E) containing two, an old man and a little girl. Some were in the last stages of decomposition, and others, not as far gone, might have been identified if any among the crowd had known them in life. The scene was horrible beyond description. The daylight fled from the prairies, but the search went on with unabated vigor. A fascination impossible to define held the spectators to the spot. The spirit of murder was there, and it kept them in spite of the night and the horror of the surroundings. The crowd increased instead of diminishing. Coffins were provided for all, and again was the search renewed. It was past midnight when our informant left, but three more graves, marked (G) had been discovered, each supposed to contain a corpse, although they had not been opened. The whole country is aroused. Couriers and telegrams have been sent in every direction with descriptions of the Benders, and it is not thought possible that they can escape.

Six butchered human beings were brought forth from their bloody graves, and three others are to be uncovered. It is thought that more graves will yet be discovered. The pit under the trap door was made to receive the body when first struck down by the murderer's hammer. All the skulls were crushed in, and all at nearly the same place. One of the corpses was so horribly mutilated as to make the sex even a matter of doubt.

The little girl was probably eight years of age, and had long, sunny hair, and some traces of beauty on a countenance that was not yet entirely disfigured by decay. One arm was broken. The breast bone had been driven in. the right knee had been wrenched from its socket and the leg doubled up under the body. Nothing like this sickening series of crimes has ever been recorded in the whole histo-

ry of the country. People for hundreds of miles are flocking into Cherryvale, and enormous rewards are to be offered for the arrest of the murderers. It is supposed that they have been following their horrible work for years. Plunder is the accepted cause. Dr. York it is said, had a large sum of money on his person, and that he stopped at the house either to feed his horse or get a drink of water. While halting for either he was dealt the blow which killed him in an instant. Every one [sic] who knew him liked him.

Seven more bodies have been taken up, besides that of Dr. York, with three graves yet untouched. H. Longchos and child, eighteen months old, was identified by his father-in-law. The body of W. F. McCarthey had also been identified. He was born in 1843, and served during the war in company D, 123d Illinois volunteer infantry. Some men from Howard county identified the body of D. Brown. He had a silver ring on the little finger of his left hand, with the initials of his name engraved thereon. The body of John Geary was identified by his wife from Howard county, whose terrible grief over the mutilated remains of her husband was heart-rendering [sic]. All had been killed by blows on the back of the head with a hammer. The throats of all had been cut except that of the little girl. The whole ground will be dug up to find more graves. The excitement is increasing hourly. Some suspected parties will be arrested tonight. I will return to the scene of the murder to-morrow [sic], and will send a full account of everything new that is developed. The whole country is aroused, and the good name of the state is enlisted in the determination to secure the murders [sic] if they have to be followed to the ends of the earth. The scene at the graves surpasses everything in horror that could possibly be imagined.¹

¹ Ed. Note: According to an article in the Wichita Eagle in January 2020, the quarter section of land where the Bender cabin and garden stood was to be sold at auction on 11 February 2020. The auction website lists the property as "Tract 9", roughly 160 acres on the northwest corner of US Highway 400 and Chase Road in western Labette County. No trace of the Bender homestead exists today, the entire acreage has been used for farming crops since the mid-1900s.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

N. A. English has disposed of several valuable lots during the week.

Toftin's train of twenty wagons was in and loaded this week for Fort Sill.

Hobbs & Pittinger have opened a brokers' office in the room over their store.

Todd & Royal sold eighty bushels of cotton seed to Sumner county farmers this week.

Thomas Woodman has been confined to his room for several days, sick with brain fever.

A disease of some kind is among the chickens in town, which in almost every case proves fatal.

Mr. Hartman bought of Steele & Levy the southeast quarter of section 3, township 27, range 2 east.

There are as many worthless curs as ever running around the streets. Let's have another order from the mayor.

J. Brush Fenton returned yesterday from a visit to the Pacific coast. He gives glowing accounts of that tropical clime.

Over twenty heavy cattle men arrived in Wichita this week direct from Texas, all of whom have herds upon the road.

J. M. Allen, of the late firm of Allen & McKilip, has commenced business again in Hope's block, next door to the Syndicate.

A good girl, competent to do general housework, can obtain a permanent home situation in a small family by applying at this office.

The Methodist sociable, which was held at the Douglas avenue house on Tuesday evening, was a success both socially and financially.

We learn that Gard. H. Smith, one of the oldest and most successful land agents in the Southwest, will open up an office again in a few days.

A Mr. Burns, of New York, purchased of C. F. Gilbert, this week, through the land agency of Steele & Levy, lot No. 19 Main street, for \$1,000 cash.

Mr. Royal returned home last Saturday from a trip to Indianapolis. He was accompanied by his daughter, who has been attending school at that place.

The masons will commence the brick work of the Metropolitan hotel on Monday next. Mr. Millis

says the building will now be rapidly pushed to completion.

W. W. Fagan, assistant superintendent of the A., T. & S. F. railroad, was in town day before yesterday, looking after the interests of cattle shippers and his road.

The attention of the street commissioner is called to the insufficiency of the drain in front of West & Mann's and also in front of Karatofsky's dry goods establishment.

Mr. L. Hays, of the firm of Hays Bros., left Monday for Europe, and will visit the Vienna exposition. He will act as special correspondent of the EAGLE while on his trip.

W. A. Thomas & Co. made last Friday the first sale of goods of the season to the Texas cattle trade. The goods were shipped to the Indian territory to meet the herds coming north.

Black & Corbett have a few more bushels of cotton seed on hand yet for sale. Farmers wishing to purchase will have to call early. This is the seed that was bought by the city board of trade.

Under the head of new advertisements will be found that of Paul Ritter, a professor of music. Mr. Ritter comes to us well recommended in his profession, being a graduate of a German school.

Miss L. Markham has just opened on Main street, two doors north of the New York store, a choice stock of millinery and fancy goods, to which she invites the attention of the ladies of Wichita and vicinity.

A Mr. Hills, brother of our fellow-townsmen H. J. Hills, is paying our city a visit with a view of locating. He is a business man, and as such gives it as his opinion that Wichita is the liveliest city in the west.

The Commercial block, Greiffenstein's new block on Douglas avenue, is rapidly approaching completion. The brick work was completed last Monday, and the roof, which is patent fire-proof, will be finished this week.

The Corpus Christi *Gazette*, one of our liveliest Texas exchanges, devotes one whole page to brands, each dealer giving a *facsimile* representation of his brand. The page looks like the Chinese alphabet or Egyptian hieroglyphics [sic].

Hon. John M. Steele, the railroad assessor for the 13th judicial district, left for Topeka on Monday morning to meet with the board of railroad assess-

sors. Recollect, John, that railroads are owned by soulless corporations, and go for them.

J. Wade McDonald, editor of the *Belle Plain Democrat*, called upon us this week. Mc says that not only Belle Plain but all Sumner county is growing this spring. The *Democrat* is a good paper and deserves the support of the people of Belle Plain.

We see by the proceedings of the annual convention of homeopathic physicians for the west, which was held last week at Kansas City, that Dr. C. E. Fisher, of this city, was chosen delegate to the national convention, which meets in Cleveland next month.

J. D. Reed, of Goliad, Texas, who spent the summer in Wichita last year, and who was recognized as one of the heavy cattle men of the state arrived in Wichita again this week. His herds are on the road. Mr. Reed will make Wichita his headquarters for this season.

Mr. B. F. Sutton, of Manchester, Michigan, purchased of William Greiffenstein, through Steele & Levy, a block of ground on Greiffenstein's addition, upon which he agrees to erect five buildings immediately; also six lots on Main street, south of Douglas avenue. Work will commence on the buildings next week. And Wichita still grows.

The rumor reaches us that one of the Wichita and Ft. Sill stages was attacked by Indians and their horses driven off. Should the regular stage fail to arrive this evening the rumor will be taken as confirmed. The driver between Sewell's rance [sic] and the Cheyenne agency saw three dead men lying beside the road. They were supposed to have been horse thieves.

Judge M. S. Adams, an old and prominent citizen of Leavenworth, has located in Wichita for the practice of his profession, and his card will be found elsewhere. His family will be on in a few weeks. We have been personally acquainted with Judge Adams for several years, and knowing him as a good citizen and a sound lawyer, we welcome him to our midst.

We have received notification of the choice of a new postmaster for Wichita. As the gentleman has received no official communication yet we will not mention his name, as "there is many a slip between the cup and lip;" but in this instance we entertain no doubt but that we are correctly informed. We hope

that the appointment will be generally endorsed by our people, and we believe it will.

J. G. McCoy & Co., formerly of Abilene, Kansas, have established a commission house for the sale of live stock, at Kansas City, with corresponding houses at Chicago and St. Louis. Stock men can have frequent reports of the market by sending their address to this house. With facilities for liberal advances on consignments, McCoy & Co. will prove to be the friends of drovers and stock dealers.

Hon. H. F. Beman, one of the stockholders of the *Commonwealth* printing company and auditor of that large establishment, was in the city yesterday. The *Commonwealth* is now delivered here at 11 o'clock the same day of its publication, or nineteen hours in advance of all other dailies. Mr. Beman will make arrangements while here to have the paper delivered by carrier, also to have a regular local correspondent.

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The following is the programme of the county Sunday school convention, to be held in the M. E. Church, at Wichita, on Wednesday, May 28th, 1873:

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional exercises, to be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Post.

The object of the Sabbath school, by the Rev. J. W. Stogdill and E. G. Wright.

History and present status of the schools in the county, by the delegates.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises and permanent organization.

The opening and closing of the school, by the Rev. J. C. Post and others.

Uniform lessons – their value – by W. E. Stanley and others.

Can we dispense with the use of the Sunday school library? by the Rev. J. W. Stogdill and others.

How can we best secure the establishment of good schools in destitute parts of our county? by Rev J. P. Harsen and others.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Children's mass meeting. Procession to form at 2 o'clock p. m., at the M. E. church, and march to the Eagle hall, under the direction of F. C. Martsolf.

THURSDAY EVENING.

General religious meeting, with brief addresses from several speakers.

The teachers and the friends of Sabbath schools are cordially invited to attend this convention, and are requested to come prepared to take part in the above mentioned discussions.

Dr. Scholfield, of Lancaster, Penn., and Dr. McAdams, of Wichita, held a post mortem, Sunday afternoon, at the Douglas Avenue House, on the body of Mr. Black, a gentleman from Pennsylvania, who died with tubercular consumption, in Cowley county, this state. Mr. Black was advised by his attending physician in Lancaster to go west, thinking that the change in the climate would be beneficial. He did so, coming to Kansas. He located in Cowley county, where he gradually grew worse. A few days ago he sent for Dr. Schofield, his physician, to come after him and take him home. The doctor arrived on Thursday last, and his patient died Saturday morning. The body was brought to this place on Sunday. Dr Scholfield calling Dr. McAdams to assist him, they removed the viscera and embalmed the body to be shipped. In the post mortem the doctors made the following observations: Tubercular consumption of both lungs; atrophy of the left side of the heart; abnormal enlargement of the lymphatic glands, liver and spleen.

The district court in and for Sedgwick county has been in session during the week, his honor, Judge Campbell, presiding. As far as we can judge the docket is being cleared as rapidly as possible, commensurate with due deliberation. G. W. Reeves, the clerk, and and [sic] Sheriff Meagher and under-Sheriff Morehouse and Deputy Blake are all prompt, each in his place. We note the following lawyers in attendance: C. H. Kilpatrick, of Abilene; C. C. Nichols, of Sedgwick City; J. M. Balderston, B. H. Fisher, W.C. Little, S. M. Tucker, A. Emerson, Wm. Baldwin, W. E. Stanley, J. M. Wilcox, B. F. Parsons, James McCulloch, Geo. Salisbury, W. R. Kirkpatrick, J. K. Dyer, J. M. Atwood, H. E. Van Trees, S. M. Adams, J. Wade McDonald, and H. C. Sluss, county attorney, of Wichita. The court will probably be in session for fully a week yet.

The K. P. Railway fellows have much to say against the accessibility of Wichita as a shipping point for Texas cattle. Yet if any of their number

have business down the trail, or want to see Texas men, they always come via Wichita. Last year they kept a man here under pay to tell of the disadvantages of the place. This week thirteen of the K. P. officers and men went down the trail for the purpose of hoodwinking the cattle owners now enroute [sic] for this place, and of course had to pass through here. The truth is, it is almost impossible to get from the K. P. railway over to the trail without coming to Wichita, still they profess to believe that they can fool the Texas trade into going up to their prairies of dry streams and short grass.

Our office was honored with the presence of three Osage braves, in company with B. K. Wetherel. The dignitaries were names respectively "Hardrope," first counsellor of the White Hair band, "Kinoinka," second counsellor, and Peter LaForce, interpreter. They were all magnificently and gorgeously dressed, and painted most resplendently, according to the Indian idea. Peter, Mr. Wetherel informs us, is accounted a great dandy among his people. With their usual look of stoical indifference, they watched awhile the working of the two presses, gave an "ugh!" each, and sauntered majestically out. There were here as witnesses in the district court against certain parties whom they claimed had taken some of their horses.

The heavy firm and extensive lumber dealers, Shellabarger & Leidigh, have dissolved, Mr. Leidigh retiring. Mr. W. A. Oliver, who has had charge of the business for the past year, and who is so well and favorably known to our people, becomes a partner. The new firm takes possession of the yards, buildings and entire stock, and we can assure buyers throughout the southwestern counties that in the change the reputation of the old firm for low prices and fair dealing will in no wise suffer. Mr. Oliver is a true gentleman, quiet and liberal, and is not here for a day or a year, but expects to make this his permanent place of business, consequently has every incentive for building up a substantial and lasting trade.

Two cavalry companies, "A" and "C", of the 6th U. S. regulars, under command of Capt. Dan Madden, arrived here last Sabbath and went into camp on the west bank of the river. Company "A" is commanded by Capt. Nesmith. The other two officers with the command are Lieuts. Winchester and

Rucker. They will remain here until their supplies arrive, when they have orders to go into camp on the Nennescah [sic], from which point they will patrol this entire country until such time as the Modoc scare shall have subsided. The men are very orderly and the officers gentlemanly and courteous. We are indebted to Governor Osborn for the stationing of the troops at this point.

Several of our leading citizens became very indignant lately, and justly so, too, over an assertion made by some reckless correspondent through the *Commonwealth*, to the effect that owing to fraudulent entries in the Wichita land office government was not issuing patents for lands in this district. The assertion was the coolest possible falsehood and had a bad effect. Ordinarily patents are not issued sooner than from one to five years after proof has been made. We are happy to state that over two hundred patents were received at the land office here last week, covering titles to all the early settled claims, among them the grounds occupied by the city.

The lawyers' ball, or the social entertainment that is set for to-morrow [sic] night at Eagle hall, under the management auspices of the legal fraternity of the city and county, will probably surpass in brilliancy and *eclat* anything of the kind ever attempted in the city. Every one of our twenty-seven lawyers are busy with the details and are enthusiastic. All the dignitaries of the place and their ladies will be present. Music of the choicest character has bene engaged, and our own inimitable band will be in attendance to discourse such strains as will tend to enliven and awaken the most dormant spirit. The affair is to be *recherché* in every particular.

Is it not about time that some decisive steps were being taken looking toward the erection of the beef packing establishment in Wichita, proposed and talked of last season? It was the opinion of those best posted, including some experienced Texas cattle men, that this point, for several reasons, was preferable to any other in the west for such an enterprise. Our proximity to the cattle range, and the abundance and purity of the Little river water were among the prominent features. A meeting of our moneyed men should be had before long.

Notwithstanding a backward spring and a dry April, the late abundant rains and warm days and

nights have caused vegetation to grow with almost miraculous rapidity.

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The case of state of Kansas vs. Nicholas McCormack, up in this term of court, has excited considerable attention. Sluss and Dyer for prosecution, and Balderston and Emerson for the defense. After a strong fight, the jury retired. A few hours sufficed to show that they were as badly mixed as the lawyers and witnesses. But the judge was firm, and kept them locked up all night until the next day noon – eighteen hours – at the end of which time they were discharged without having found a verdict.

Two criminals, Clark Whisner and Tom Preston, who robbed a store at Twin Springs, Linn county, last week, were arrested by Marshal Meagher, ironed and in the calaboose within an hour after their arrival in town. The only means he had for identifying the thieves was a letter which he had received from the authorities of Linn, which speaks well for his efficiency and discretion as an officer. Wichita is a poor rendezvous for rogues.

We had the pleasure yesterday of an introduction to Mr. Evans, esq., late graduate of the Michigan university, who comes among us for the practice of the law.

MARRIED.

May 10th, 1873, at Cowskin Grove, by Rev. N. B. Cobb, Milo E. Fuller and Miss Frankie Woodruff, all of Sedgwick County.²

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Daly House has been enlarged and refurnished, and is now one of the best houses in the city. Day board reduced to \$5 per week.

TROTting AND RUNNING - \$1,500 in purses offered by Shawnee Driving Park Association. Excursion tickets to and from Topeka, good three days, with admission to the grounds, \$11.50. Racing commences at 2 o'clock.

A. J. HANTOON, Prest.

² Milo Emerald Fuller, b. 12 Dec 1853 Richland County, IL, d. 29 Dec 1905 Andover, Butler County, KS; Mary F. (Frankie) Woodruff Fuller, b. 5 Apr 1858 IN, d. 27 Dec 1920 KS. Both are buried in Andover Cemetery in Butler County, KS.

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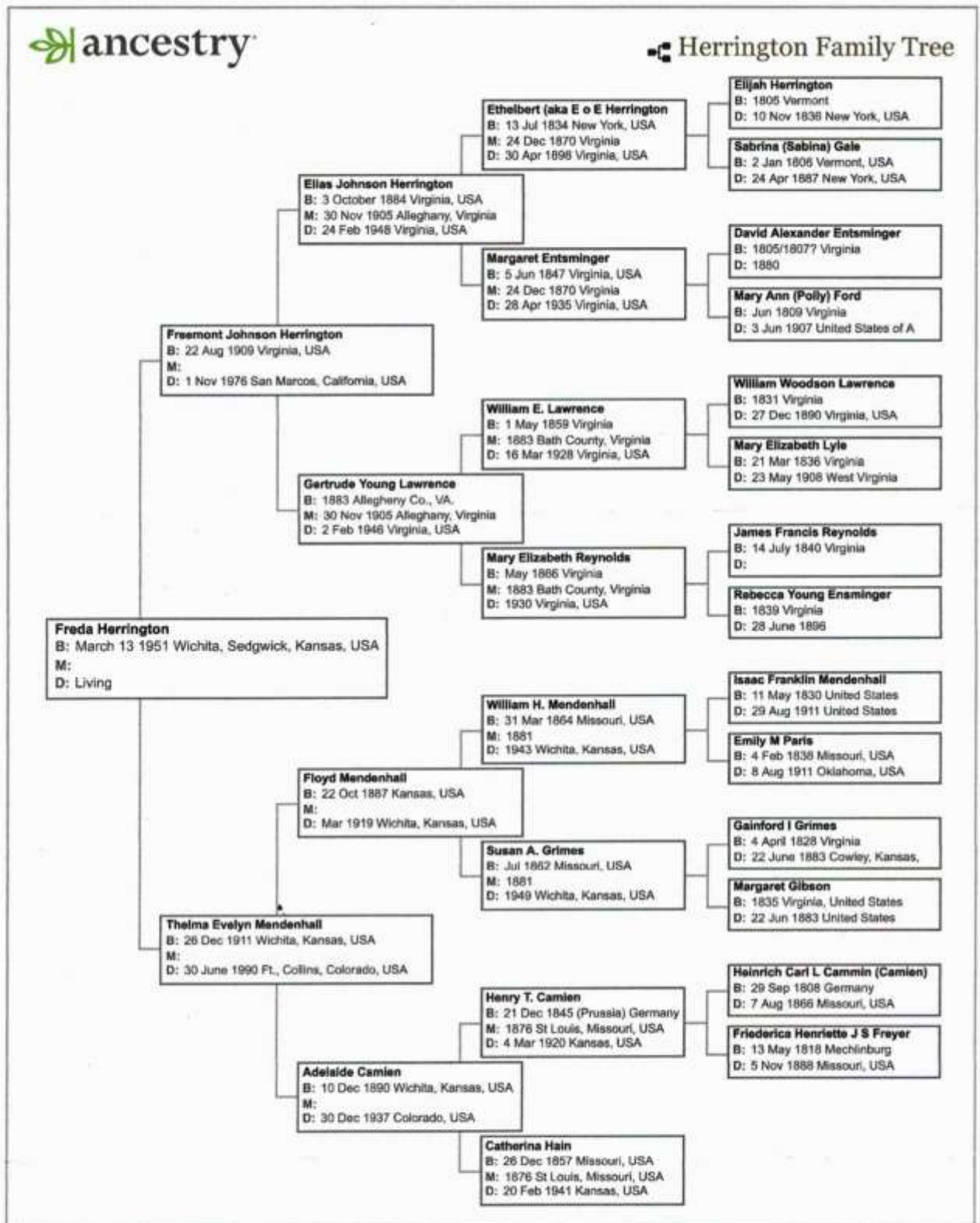
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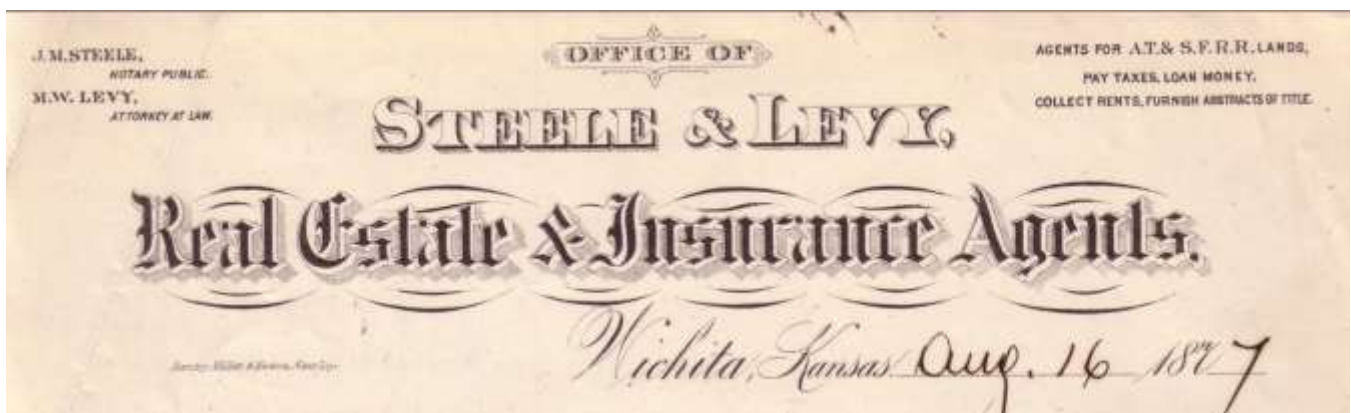
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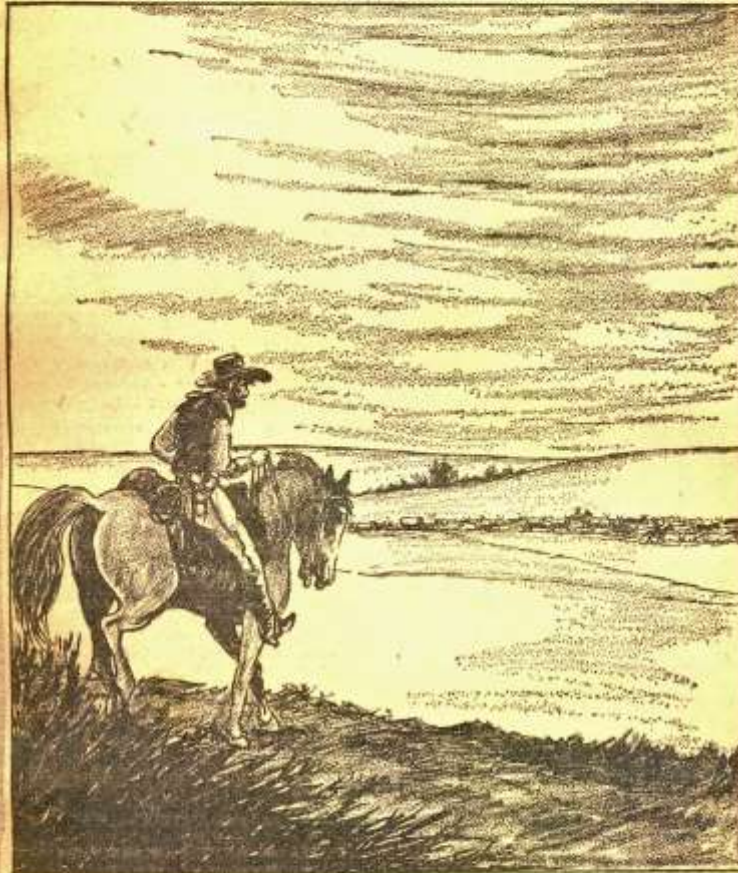
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WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 120

Wichita's First Traveling Salesman Was Here in 1868

Sold Texas Cattlemen on Facilities Available at Abilene for Sale of Texas Longhorns



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 120)

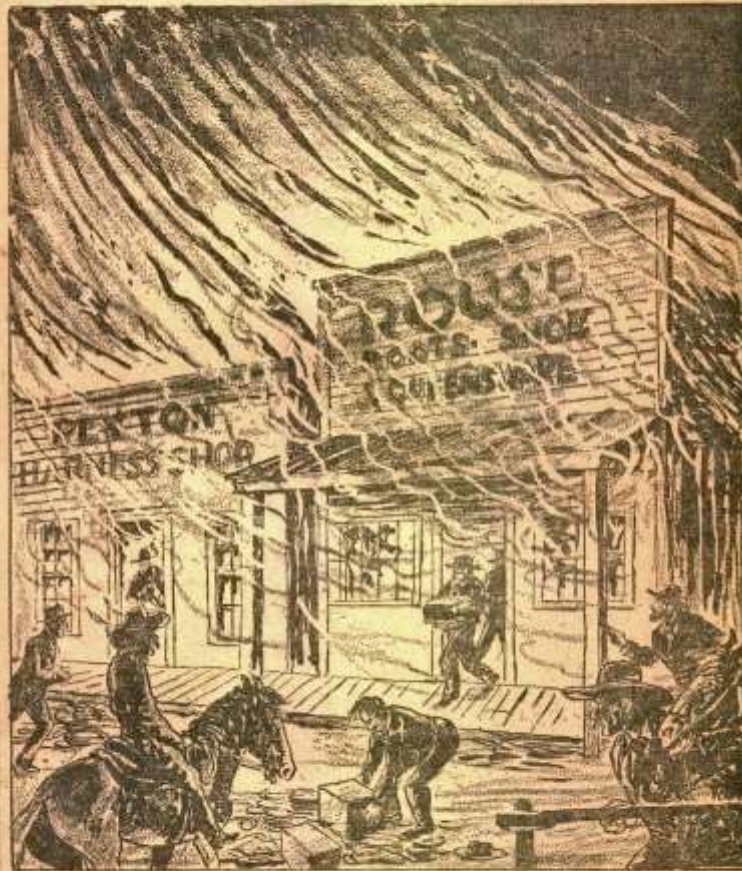
WICHITA'S first traveling salesman or drummer was here prior to regular commercial establishments. He arrived in 1868, not to sell goods, but to sell cities to Texas cattlemen en route with their herds of longhorns to an eastern market. A number of such salesmen were in Wichita as early as 1868, but probably the first was W. W. Suggs, representing the town of Abilene. At the start the Texans attempted to reach markets through established trails through Missouri but the people in that state were hostile and resented the herds. And the more enterprising Kansas cities went after the business and employed salesmen to meet the Texas herds and sell the Texans on the market afforded in the town they represented.

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WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 121

Two Stores Were Burned in the City's First Serious Fire

Loss in 1871 Estimated at \$5,000—Started Talk of
a Volunteer Fire Department



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 121)

WICHITA'S first serious fire took place on March 18, 1871, when two buildings with their stocks of merchandise were burned to the ground, an almost complete loss estimated at \$5,000. The stores were of frame construction, a type then common to the city. The loss included stock of goods consisting of boots, shoes and queensware owned by W. P. Rouse and the saddle and harness stock owned by John Peyton. Townsfolks, aroused by the fire, had no equipment to fight the blaze, and could only attempt to save some of the merchandise. However, this fire caused business men to recognize the need for a fire department and to talk about organizing a volunteer company.

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Column 1

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Travel has fallen off considerably in the last month.

Several herds of long horns are within hailing distance of Wichita.

Johnny McIver has been sick for several days, confined to his bed.

J. M. Steele has just returned from a visit to his former home in Doniphan county, in fine spirits.

The familiar form and sonorous voice of Shanghai Pearce is again seen and heard upon our streets.

What is the matter with our West Wichita correspondent? We haven't heard from him in a long time.

W. C. Woodman & Son offer some choice lands for sale at low prices, at 12 per cent. per annum on deferred payments.

Mr. John Cline informs us that three car loads of cattle have already been shipped from this point to an eastern market.

The Ft. Sill stages arrived all in good shape. The reported attack proved all moonshine. The drivers say everything is quiet in the Indian territory.

The Douglas Avenue House has been thoroughly renovated and repaired [sic] for the benefit and accommodation of its immense number of patrons.

The mayor, by proclamation, calls for a special election on the 3d day of June, to vote on the proposition for bonds to build an addition to the school house.

The flour contract for the commissary at Fort Sill, Indian territory, has been awarded to Mr. T. C. Peet, a resident and property owner of this place.

Trickey Brothers & Co. have just received an immense invoice of the choicest family flour and the sweetest sugar cured hams, the latter not too salty or too dry.

Todd & Royal received a whole car load of canned fruits last Saturday and another of syrup and vinegar. This will give some idea of the magnitude of their trade.

W. H. Reed, general western agent of the Chicago & Alton R. R., is visiting our city in the interest of said road. He is well pleased with Wichita and its surroundings.

Miss Emma C. Russell, of Leavenworth, will open a large stock of furniture in the room now occupied by

J. L. Clarke, opposite Woodman's bank, about the 1st of June.

Capt. Spivey, of the great land agency of Wise & Spivey, of Newton, was in our city on Monday. Harvey county as well as Newton is growing and filling up with good citizens.

During the thunder storm on Sunday evening the lightning struck Col. Woodbury's derrick, at the coal mine, and tore it all to pieces. He has it repaired again and is at work.

M. D. Ellis, of Eldorado, Kansas, clerk of the district court, will attend to collections on all points, pay taxes, furnish abstracts, draw deeds, mortgages, bonds, bills of sale, etc. See his advertisement elsewhere.

Our friends, H. V. Ferris, master machinist, and C. E. Hillyer, master of transportation of the A. T. & S. F. R. R., both called last Saturday. They are both thorough men, standing high in the estimation of the company.

On last Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night the trains were rendered irregular by the washing away of a bridge near Safford, in the Cottonwood valley. The rains in the Cottonwood and Neosho valleys were very heavy.

Shlichter & Russell keep the most extensive stock of pistols, ammunition and sportsmen's goods that can be found in the city. They received a new invoice this week. Go and look at them if you want to see nice firearms.

Our Catholic friends are straightening up their church and remodeling it inside, as also in external appearance. The congregation are initiating steps in building a parsonage, when they expect to have a regular stationed pastor.

The superintendent, officers, stockholders and directors of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. were out on the main line this week. Many of them were Bostonians looking for the first time upon the country in which they have ventured so much money.

All those interested in properly observing the 30th day of May (Decoration day) will meet at the old court house building on Main street, opposite U. S. land office, on Friday evening, May 23d, 1873. All members of the Grand Army of the Republic will please attend.

A fellow from a neighboring town south of this place undertook to get up a "stand-off" on the toll-

keeper for his toll. After flourishing a revolver around and shooting off his mouth awhile [sic], a policeman arrested him, and it cost him just \$20.25 to get over the Big Sandy.

Dr. Owens writes to his partner, Dr. Medlin, that he has finished the regular course of lectures, passed a thorough and rigid examination, and will be at home this week. We presume the doctor will be glad to get back to his home and meet his family and many warm friends.

The Big Arkansas river has been slowly rising for several days. The stockholders of the big bridge are anxiously praying for a continuation of the rise. For nearly seven months the river has been fordable, and the way that that big corporation is wanting to sell out is amusing.

Brick laying has commenced upon the business house of Todd & Royal. The brick are of Phillips' make, and pronounced of a superior quality. The house till now go rapidly forward to completion, and will be one of the finest and most substantial business edifices in Southern Kansas.

A gentleman by the name of Glenn took charge of a herd of beef cattle, eleven hundred and seventy-four in number, belonging to Mr. Quinland, drove them from the mountains in Texas to near this place, and when he arrived he had eleven hundred and sixty-nine of them. How is that for driving?

Thaddeus Cord and S. K. Ohmert, parties implicated in the stealing of sixteen head of ponies, the property of an Indian named "Hardrope," of the Osage tribe, have been found guilty and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the state penitentiary. The bail of W. G. Woolsey, same charge, has been forfeited.

On returning from the races last Saturday, Joseph Lowe's – familiarly known as Rowdy Joe – horse fell, throwing Mr. L. under him. He was picked up insensible and carried into the house of Ida May and a doctor sent for. At this writing (Monday) we have not heard further, but several who saw the accident thought him badly hurt.

Hon. A. A. Moore and his family, in company with a couple other families, start for the mountains of Arizona in a few days, overland. They go for health. They will stop for several weeks at the Los Vegas hot springs. They have complete camping and transportation outfits and will travel comfortably and independently. We wish them health and safety.

We are in receipt of the premium list of the next annual state fair, which will be held at Topeka, commencing Sept. 22d, and continuing until the 26th, in-

clusive. Many fine premiums are offered, and handsome purses for fast trotting. We see that the A. T. & S. F. R. R. offers \$100 for the best display of productions from any line of railroad in the state.

Annie Melander, a little Swede girl who makes her living by hard work, picked up a pocketbook the other day back of Hobbs & Pittenger's store which contained fifty \$10 bills, or \$500. Stepping into the store to make some inquiries a stranger present remarked, "That's my pocketbook." Annie handed it over to him. We did not learn the man's name, but our informant says he did not even give the child a single cent.

Column 2

District Court.

Since our last week's report the proceedings of the court have attracted considerable interest.

In the case of C. M. Garrison vs. Ohmert, replevin for a stock of goods levied on by the defendant as the property of J. W. Grantham, a jury trial was had, resulting in a verdict and judgment for the defendant.

The State vs Thaddeus Cord, jury trial, verdict of guilty; defendant sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years.

The State vs S. K. Ohmert, jury trial, verdict of guilty; defendant sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years.

The State vs. W. G. Woolsey, recognizance forfeited, case continued, alias warrant issued; bail fixed at \$1,500.

The State vs. Chas. Brindle, charge of Stealing [sic] set of harness; defendant pleaded guilty.

The State vs. Henry Thompson, jury trial, verdict of guilty of assault and battery; defendant fined \$25 and costs.

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First National Bank vs. Jordan English, judgment for plaintiff.

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D. F. Higginbottom vs. A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co., case continued with alias summons.

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After all that we have written and said about the urgency and wisdom of tree planting, it is particularly gratifying to note the hundreds, yes thousands of trees that have been transplanted in Wichita this spring. On both sides of Emporia, Lawrence and Topeka avenues, in Mead's addition, in particular, have the property holders come fully up to the spirit of tree adornment. On these avenues, for a half mile, symmetrical rows of forest trees have been carefully and tastefully set. All that is needed now is proper care. Trim properly, and in case of dry weather, mulch the top of the ground around the roots, and in four or five years those avenues will become beautiful drives and pleasant places of resort, while property will be valuable. Our city site is very level and the only way to diversify and beautify its scenery is by the planting of trees. The kind of tree is not so much of importance, so it is a thrifty and rapid grower, with plenty of foliage. Costly firs, pines, cedars and fancy maples and poplars here and there in yards for variety are all very well, yet after all our native cottonwood is hard to excel. The city of Houston, Texas, is situated exactly like Wichita, yet it is a most delightful place, and all its beauty is owing to its trees and shrubs, which line every street and fill every yard, embowering the city in a forest of densest green. To see such a place, every street has to be traveled in turn, while every turn and every square sets forth new beauties. We have in Wichita the finest natural streets, the finest natural drives in the world, but for one thing, the lack of trees. Let us have a forest of them throughout the city, which will break the winds, lay the dust, will give us shade and cool walks, and render our location almost a paradise upon earth.

We have said so much through these columns, and so many of our farmers have had so much to say touching the growing of special crops, especially those of cotton, castor beans and tobacco, that our readers, especially the farmers of this valley, will be anxious to know of the success or failure attending the efforts of those who are testing the matter. Let us hear from you through the columns of the EAGLE. Give us the time and circumstances of planting, of the first appearance of the crops, their continued growth and

subsequent maturity, and whatever incidental facts or surroundings that may prove interesting or valuable. Don't forget this, farmer friends. So far as the growth of this valley, its development and adaptation to crops is concerned, as also all interests of the farmer and stock-grower, these columns are yours, and we hope you will use them in helping us make a valuable paper for the farm and fireside. That there has been quite a breadth of cotton planted we know from the amount of seed sold here in Wichita, and we are anxious to hear how it all does, to the end that we many be able to form some opinion of its promise of future profitability.

The lumber business will be one of the staple trades of this country for all time to come. The scarcity and inferiority of the native woods makes it necessary to patronize the pineries of the north, and it is astonishing how cheap all grades of pine are laid down at our doors. Lumber sells at Wichita for prices only ten per cent. in advance of those demanded in Central Illinois. It comes through competition. The trade not being liable to fluctuations [sic], heavy amounts of capital are invested in the business. Among the heaviest dealers in the west is the firm of C. F. Pierce & Co., who have a large yard at this point. The yard here is in the personal charge of one of the firm, Mr. Dean. They have a side track of their own, and the amount of lumber handled at this yard, adjoining the depot, passes belief, almost. The firm has built up a reputation throughout Kansas for honorable, straight-out dealing. Mr. Dean prides himself on the fact that he never has any trouble or misunderstanding with his customers or with any one making a bill with him. This firm regularly advertise [sic] in the EAGLE, and the attention of buyers throughout the Southwest is called to it.

The number of beef and stock cattle driven through from Texas this year, to the present writing, and have permanently located on Wichita's unexcelled grazing grounds, are as follows:

Pinger & Rogers, beeves	1,000
Keyes & Rutledge, "	900
Cram, "	800
Sam Johnson, "	840
Geo. Johnson, "	800
J. D. Reed, "	940
Wm. Bennett, stock	600
D. Thompson, "	669
Carmichael, beeves.....	775
Birchfield, "	900

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W. S. Frye, ‘‘	700
McCoy, stock	1,000
Quinlon, beeves.....	1,400
Scattering herds of beef and stock cattle:	
R. Burney	850
Houston & Anderson.....	1,200
S. A. Anderson	900
A. B. Anderson.....	1,100
R. Clereston.....	1,365

The Ft. Scott *Monitor* in giving a list of railroad assessors for the state, gives the name of Mr. Millison as the member from the 13th district. It would seem that there was a determination to keep John M. Steele out of the position. D. L. Payne went up to Topeka and claimed the seat. We know of but one Millison in this district. He is a printer, lives in Wichita and could not have been an applicant for the place, as he was not a voter at the time of the election. We guess there is some mistake upon the part of the *Monitor*. John M. Steele was the regular republican [sic] nominee, and was overwhelmingly elected, and it surprises us that there should have even arose a question as to his eligibility. Had he even been a director in some paper railway, he could have resigned the honourous [sic] position in two minutes.

We mentioned last week that Mr. L. Hays, a citizen of Wichita, has started to Europe to attend the Vienna exposition, and that he would furnish these columns with something of what he might see in that far-off country. We expect the letters will be interesting. The Hays Bros. are and have been doing an extensive business in the line of clothing and in the purchase and shipment of furs to the east. Their stock of goods for the summer trade is simply immense, and they are determined to sell so low as to demand an immense trade with the Texas cattle drovers. See their advertisement in another column.

Column 3

The social hop on Friday evening of last week, under the auspices of the legal fraternity, notwithstanding the storm in the early part of the evening, was very largely attended and was highly enjoyed by those present. It was in every respect a success. The music – discoursed by Schattner’s string band – was first-class – in fact, excelled the usual No. 1 music of this favorite corps of musicians. The ‘bus was kept running all night for the benefit of the dancers, and Browney added new laurels to his already great popularity as an affable and courteous

gentleman. The dance was kept up until the “wee sma’ hours,” when everybody returned to their homes apparently as “happy as a big sunflower.” Messrs. Bromwell and Schattner know how to conduct these things – they know no such word as fail, the weather to the contrary notwithstanding.

The new residence of J. C. Fraker is rapidly progressing. The building will not only be architecturally tasty, but particularly comfortable. It will consist of basement, main story and Mansard [sic]. The basement is built of stone, almost entirely above ground; the main story of studding, lined inside with boards, with an outside brick veneering. It will in reality be a wooden house, but from the outside will look like an ordinary brick house with slate Mansard. It has two fronts – south and east – each with a large window. The grounds surrounding the building are being filled or raised, and laid out and ornamented. Already the place promises to make a suitable home for the president of the First National. When the building has nearly enough approached completion, we shall give a full description of it.

Hobbs & Pittenger, one of the firms that came here to stay, and a firm that has built up a retail trade in the surrounding country second to no establishment in Wichita, are doing a big business this spring. The man or woman that goes there to buy once will go again. Mr. Poston is still with the firm – kind, genial and accommodating. Everybody likes him. Messrs. Hobbs & Pittenger both have pleasant homes here, are men of families, came here to stay, are satisfied, and will be doing business in Wichita when she will have reached twenty-five thousand inhabitants – long after many of the wild-cat firms of to-day [sic] will have been forgotten. Such men deserve the encouragement and patronage of farmers and permanent citizens. We note that they have lately received a splendid stock of queensware, etc.

The council and mayor of Emporia, after having spent thousands of dollars in drug store cellars in coloring their noses pink, have this spring licensed the sale of the “Oh be joyful.” A healthy colored nose can now be obtained at ordinary cost, while the revenue of the city was so increased that the council were enabled to purchase a fire engine at once. Yet it was a terrible blow to the “drug trade,” and the howl set up by the two dozen medicinal establishments and their many friends, makes it a little hot for four of the council and the mayor, we should judge by reading the *News* and *Ledger*. Try the new engine on them.

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We understand that Mr. E. S. Glover, who has published views of Emporia, Topeka and Kansas City, and many other places in the western country, proposes to get up a fine bird's-eye view of our city. He is now preparing the sketch, and after it is completed will solicit orders for photograph copies of the same. Every business house, public house and private residence will be shown, and the names given to the streets. We hope Mr. G. will receive liberal patronage from our citizens and property holders.

Bolte has got into new quarters with his furniture establishment. He is full from cellar to garret, and business from "turret to foundation stone." And why shouldn't he be? Henry is industrious, economical, quiet and obliging, besides his stock of furniture is unexceptionable as to prices or quality. He is another of those fellows who are going to stay with us – is not building up a trade for a day, but for life. We flatter ourselves that we can tell the sticking kind, and we are right no [sic] Henry.

From a private letter from the Indian territory, we learn that a battle was fought between the Cheyennes and Arrapahoes [sic], about the 23d of April, at Salt Fork, in which it is stated that the Arrapahoes [sic] got badly worsted, losing many killed and a large amount of stock. Trouble between the tribes is incomprehensible as they have been friends for years. The noble red man is tiring of the peace policy. The Modoc fun has fired them, it would appear, with some of their old enthusiasm for blood.

"A-sad-a-wah," the head chief of the Wichita tribe, was murdered by a band of Osage Indians, on the 13th inst., while on a hunt on the Red Fork of the Arkansas. "A-sad-a-wah" is well known to some of the old residents of this place, as he and his tribe formerly had their village where Wichita now stands. He was noted for his intelligence and friendship for the whites. His tribe have sworn vengeance on the Osages unless they give up the murderers.

Mr. Wm. H. Silverwood, who is farming on the Cowskin, ten miles south of here, has under cultivation half an acre of peanuts. The seed costs in Wichita twenty cents per pound. It is planted two feet apart. From an experimental crop raised last year in the same locality a yield of two quarts was obtained from each pod. This production is one of the most remunerative that can be grown, finding ready sale at four and five dollars per bushel.

On last Monday Col. Woodbury was down with his coal drill something over fifty feet and into a solid ledge of gypsum. His machinery is working entirely satisfactory, and as he is keeping a record of his progress it will be but a few weeks until we know something of what lies in the next few hundred feet beneath the surface of the valley. That among other wonderful deposits a good vein of coal may be found, is what everybody hopes.

This portion of the state has been visited with splendid growing rains within the week, and it looks now that notwithstanding our backward spring, crops will mature nearly as early as usual. The growth of grass and vegetation is surprising, and while we dislike invidious comparisons, we think the beauty of the Arkansas valley now would not suffer much if situated along side of the wonderful vale of Cashmore.

The Otis house, at Atchison, is said to be the grandest hotel west of the Big Muddy.¹ It is the headquarters of the cattle shippers and buyers. This is where Messrs. Stockwell & Hamilton, stock agents of the A. T. S. F. R. R., have their office. McDaniels & Savage, proprietors, are in full earnest, and it shall not be a fault of theirs if the shippers and buyers do not receive every attention required.

The dispatches of last Sunday announced that the president had appointed R. L. West postmaster at Wichita vice J. T. Holmes, suspended under the tenure of office laws [sic]. We were notified of this change some ten days ago, as we announced last week, but did not give Mr. West's name because he requested us not to until he should receive his notification. He will make a good postmaster.

The church at Eldorado has risen to the dignity of an organ, much to the edification of the simple denizens of that rural village. Last Sunday a lady took her little boy to church for the first time. Upon hearing the little \$45 arrangement he was on his feet instantan [sic]. "Sit down," said the mother. "I won't," he shouted, "I want to see the monkey."

¹ Ed. Note: The Otis House at 208 Commercial in Atchison was named for Amelia Otis Earhart's maternal grandfather, Alfred Gideon Otis (1827–1912), a judge and president of the Atchison Savings Bank. The Otis family home on North Terrace Street in Atchison is now a museum run by the Ninety-Nines and filled with Otis family and Amelia Earhart memorabilia.

UPCOMING MHGS EVENTS

**The MHGS library will be closed until April 15
to help keep our guests, members and staff safe and healthy.**

All events and programs will take place at the MHGS Library, 1203 N Main,
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Genealogy Power Up! SIG - Second Tuesday, 1:30 PM to 3 PM -Julia Langel

Sessions held May 12, June 9 from 1:30 PM to 3 PM

Let's power up our research techniques! This is a casual discussion group on genealogy topics. Please bring a question, suggestion, story, website or book to share.

Writing the History of a House, Farm or Business SIG - Third Saturday at 1:30 PM - Julia Langel

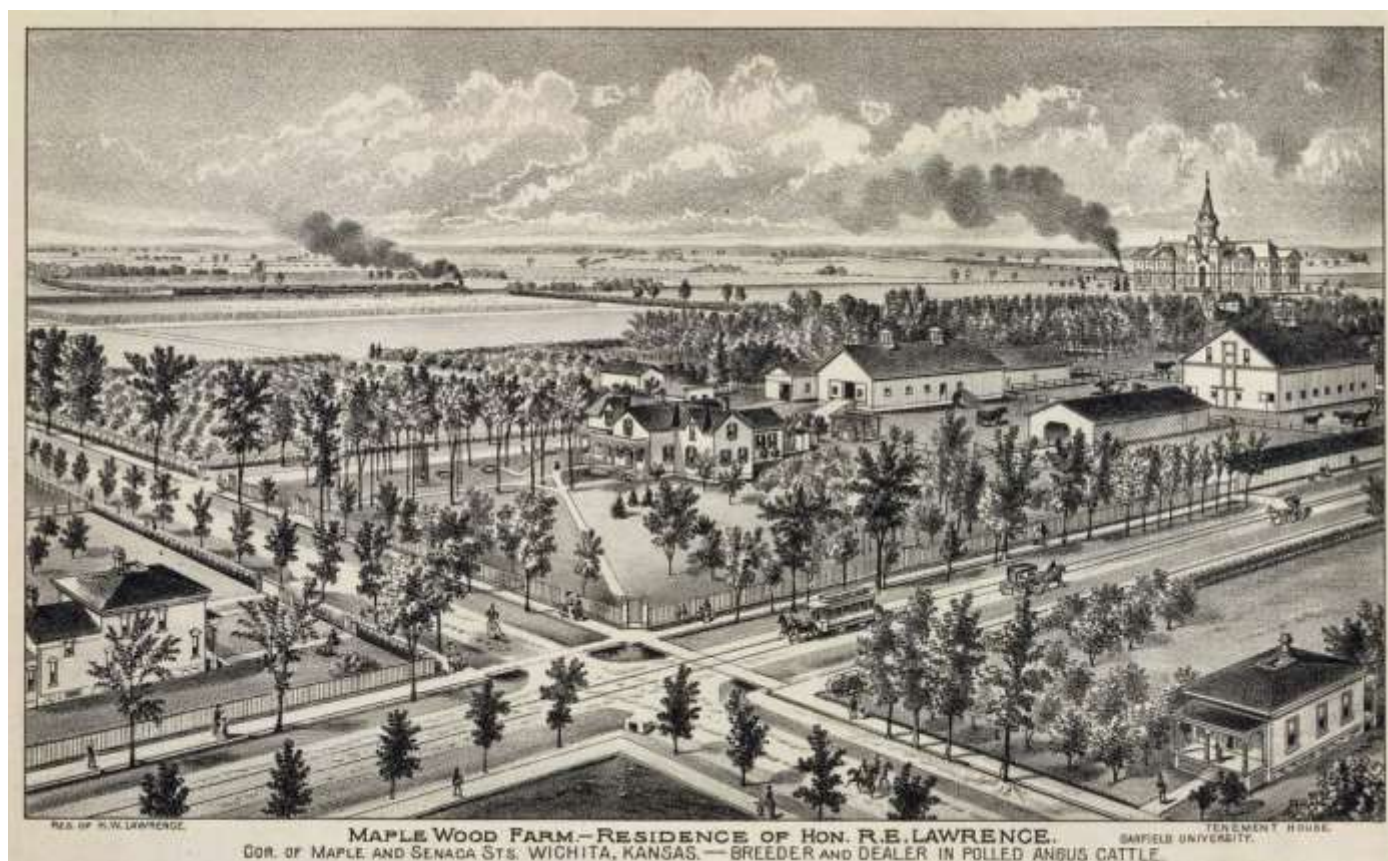
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Researching and Writing about the History of Your House, Farm or Business will be a series of 9 monthly meetings during which we will each create a profile of a property of interest. Topics discussed will include courthouse records, maps, city directories, newspaper articles, architectural styles, historic preservation and historic registries.

Photo Mysteries Special Interest Group - Third Tuesday 1:30 PM to 3 PM - Rex Riley

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