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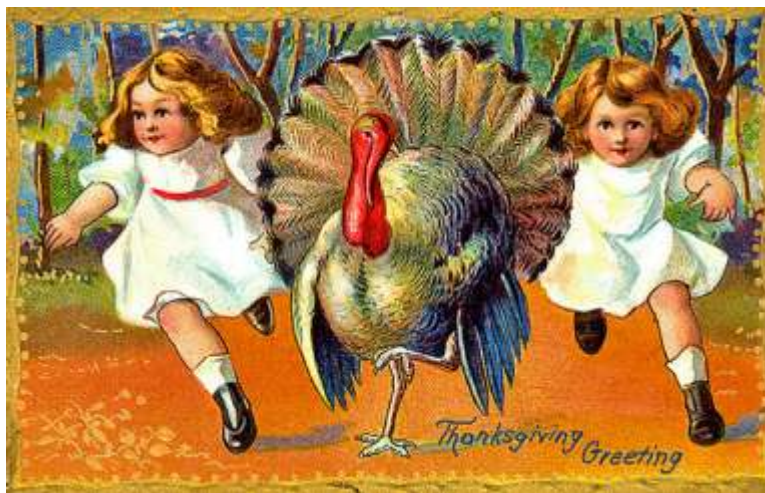
Well, I had hoped to get this issue of the *Register* out before Halloween... so much for that idea! We are still having lovely fall weather, and I am very grateful for that, since I still need to get outside and put up my Christmas lights. Yes, I am the one who gets to get up on the roof to put up the lights. The spouse does not like heights... and he is a pilot! Go figure!

Speaking of the spouse, he is in the process of going through and cleaning out the house where his parents lived for more than 50 years. They were people who valued history, or at least it appears that way because they saved EVERYTHING!! They were not hoarders, though, more like determined packrats, which seems typical of that generation. I can't complain too much, my husband is finding many genealogical treasures for me while he throws away canceled checks from 1972. One of the places he found family history notes was on the last page of an otherwise blank 2002 pocket calendar... if you ever find yourself in this same situation, check every page of every item before you recycle it! Personally, I wish his parents had done a better job of labeling photos with the date of the photo, who's in the photo, and maybe even where it was taken. The spouse found a photo that is in a frame labeled "Minden", which is the town in Germany where one of his great-grandmothers was born, but we have no idea who the people are in the photo. We also found two journal-type books that turned out to be the handwritten records of a church in Hamel, Illinois dating back to 1870; the record was written in German until the late 1930s, and then switched to English. The church still exists, and we were able to return the books to a delighted church historian. We still have no idea how or why the books came to be at my in-law's house. There are also three sets of china that have found their way to our house, two sets with 12 place settings and one with 16 place settings. I don't think I even know that many people I would want to invite for dinner at any one time! And did I mention the chiming grandfather clock and three chiming wall clocks, all from Germany, that are now at our house? I'm not complaining, their ticking is a peaceful, soothing sound to me, and thankfully, we can wind the clocks without having to wind the chiming mechanisms. This has certainly been an interesting, time-consuming, and slightly frustrating project so far, that's for sure!

I am pleased to publish another of June Johnson's wonderful articles on a west-side treasure, this time a short history of the Miller house on the west side of Wichita, built in 1905. You can read about it on page 41. Thanks much, June!

That's all I've got to say this time – see you again soon!

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The Wichita Weekly Eagle

Thursday, 12 December 1872, page 3

Column 1

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

The Big river is up again past fording with safety.

Snow, about two inches deep, fell here in Tuesday morning.

Don't forget the railroad meeting at Eagle Hall Saturday night.

The district court has been occupying the keno rooms this week.

C. F. Kendall, Topeka's merchant prince, paid our city a visit last week.

See notice of a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Wichita.

Mrs. Hazelrigg has built a neat cottage on Emporia avenue, between Second and Third streets.

Mr. I. W. Camp¹ is authorized to take names and solicit subscribers for the EAGLE in Eagle township.

The keno rooms, as well as all other gambling places, have been closed by order of the city council.

A paper is read before a literary society in Park township called the *Blunderbuss*. H. C. Ramlow, editor.

The Eldridge House, at Lawrence, still maintains its supremacy as the best public house in Kansas.

C. M. Garrison is fitting up a room one door north of his harness shop. When completed he will open a stock of groceries in it.

I. W. Camp has employed a practical workman who will commence manufacturing brooms on his farm in Eagle township.

¹ Isaac W. Camp was born about 1842 in Pennsylvania according to the 1870 census; he and his father Clark Camp, age 65 and also born in Pennsylvania, were living in Wanculla Township in Sedgwick County. Clark Camp was a millwright and Isaac W. Camp's occupation was listed as carpenter. Isaac was apparently enumerated twice in the 1870 census, he's also listed as living in Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa with his wife Phoebe and three children. Clark Camp died in Sedgwick County in 1879 and is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery near Bentley.

The steam grist mill is now nearly ready to start. The boiler and engine house is up and the boilers and machinery have all been set.²

Delter & Kayser, two of Wichita's straightforward, industrious boys, are building a neat and substantial cottage, 14x28, on Lawrence avenue.

Col. Vres Nicholas Smith, of Leavenworth, spent the greater part of last week in Wichita. While here he purchased quite a body of land of J. M. Steele.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the city council will be found elsewhere, and will be found interesting to every tax-payer and property holder.

Mrs. Wilcoxson will continue her lectures at the school house for the month of December on Thursday and Sunday evenings, commencing at 7 o'clock p. m.

The suit brought by the county attorney of Sedgwick county to compel Harvey county to pay certain taxes has, upon motion, been carried to the supreme court.

Keystone restaurant has changed hands. Messrs. Vance & Turnbaugh have bought out J. F. Reese and will continue the tables with the best the market affords.

See two interesting letters upon the outside of this issue, one of which is from the pen of Rev. J.P. Harsen, who has been spending several weeks in New York.

J. T. Watson³, at Waco, is our authorized agent for taking names of subscribers for the EAGLE. Mr. Watson is postmaster, and dealer in dry goods at that place.

C. M. Garrison has bought already this fall and winter over four thousand buffalo hides, besides a great number of beef hides, wolf pelts and furs of different kinds.

² Please see Historical Panel No. 100 on page 48 in this issue for more about the grist mill.

³ Joseph T. Watson was born 4 July 1836 in Indiana and died 8 October 1926. His wife, Mary Amelia (Nelson) Watson was born in Indiana on 17 October 1834 and died 5 March 1920 in Allen County, KS. Both are buried in Waco Cemetery in southern Sedgwick County.

J. F. Reese has gone east. We do not know exactly what for, unless it is to see his relatives and friends, but if anything should happen him [sic] we will endeavor [sic] to publish it.

Mr. Matthews has secured the services of B. V. Means, an eastern workman. We have seen some of Mr. Means' work and we have no hesitancy in pronouncing him a first-class jeweler.

The M. E. Sunday school are preparing for a concert to be given on the last Sabbath of this month. The officers, teachers and friends of the school are also making preparations for a Christmas tree.

The Odd Fellows are preparing to dedicate their new hall on or about the holidays. The grand master of the United States and the grand master of the state have both consented to be present and assist in the ceremony.

It is said that the first day of December is an index of the rest of the winter. By this rule we will have a delightful winter, for as yet we have had sunshine week in and week out and no cold weather except a day or two at a time.

Mr. Fechheimer is becoming to be recognized as one of the steady-going and reliable business men of the place. The talk of hard times in no wise affects him – for the spring-time cometh, when Wichita will be livelier than ever before.

Our subscription list is increasing more rapidly in the last month than at any time since we began publication. Eighteen names have been added already this week. We hope by the beginning of the year 1873 to swell the list fifteen hundred.

The firm of Oldham & George has been dissolved. Mr. George remains in business at the old stand. No particular reason being given for the dissolution it is generally supposed that Mr. George intends taking in his son as partner – he weighed 12 pounds.

At an impromptu meeting, held Monday night, C. F. Gilbert and the editor of this paper were chosen delegates to attend the railroad congress or convention held at Solomon City yesterday. A report of the doings of said convention will, no doubt, appear next week.

Hard times, high prices and little to do are the cries that come up from every portion of the country. A portion of the same calamities, we are compelled to admit, affect us of the Great Arkansas val-

ley, especially the high taxes. With but few lands to tax as yet, those who have secured their titles feel it most severely.

W. A. Shuman has opened an auction and commission house and employed Mr. Conklyn as auctioneer, where he can be found ready to sell goods or property of any description either at auction or private sale. Persons from abroad wishing to transact business with Mr. Shuman will find him prompt and reliable. See his advertisement.

As Mrs. McAdams and Mrs. Ream were starting out in a buggy, Monday afternoon, their horse suddenly whirled and unceremoniously spilled both ladies out upon the ground, turning the vehicle over them. The accident was seen by several, who caught the frightened horse and prevented any damage. The ladies were not hurt in the least.

That fine span of sorrel, three-year-old colts driven around by Hon. A. A. Moore are from thorough-bred Morgan and Glencoe. They are just as good as they are beautiful, and with all their show of life and spirit are as gentle as kittens when Mrs. Moore takes the reins. We had the pleasure of a dash around the city behind those same sorrel nags last Saturday. Mr. Moore is not going to leave Wichita, but will probably launch out in the wholesale trade, in a permanent building, heavier than ever, in the spring.

The *Commonwealth*, the great state paper, for whose opinions we entertain the profoundest respect, appropriated in toto an editorial of this paper last week, headed "The Osage Lands." We heartily commend the wisdom and discretion of the editor of the state organ in publishing so sound and timely an article, but we would suggest that, hereafter, where no credit is given, such articles should be headed, to the end that they may have some weight and not be taken by the ordinary reader as buncombe-miscellany.

Column 2

We reproduce from the columns of the Leavenworth *Commercial* quite an extensive article on Wichita. These articles which we republish from foreign journals generally contain many little inaccuracies, but they are republished in the Eagle for the general good they may do our town in the way of advertising. It is impossible for a stranger in a short day or two to gather up all the facts touching the history of a town, to learn all the names which

may have contributed to its prosperity, and to properly discriminate between the good and bad. These traveling correspondents necessarily overdo some matters, but because of these failures, we think it would be unwise and against the interests of our city not to reprint them in this paper. We want the name of Wichita to be heard in every town and county throughout the United States. We want the great superiority of this valley to be known and recognized everywhere, and newspapers are the most and effective medium. We hope those who are in the habit of criticizing us for the publication of some of these articles will at least endorse the motive and be a little lenient. The future dense settlement of this valley is only a question of time, but the sooner it can be settled and cultivated the sooner will the earlier settlers reap their reward for privations.

The concert and dramatic entertainment to be given to-morrow (Friday) night promises to be the best affair of its kind this season. Aside from the home talent, so warmly applauded at the last concert – Mr. and Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Smith, Miss Pittenger and Messrs. Bromwell, Hyde, Henry and others, will again take part – they are to be assisted by Mrs. Davis, who is pronounced one of the finest singers in the state. She has come here on purpose to sing at this concert, and we promise her as good and appreciative an audience in Wichita as she has met anywhere. As before, the programme contains an entertaining variety, consisting of instrumental and vocal music, choruses, quartettes, duetts, [sic] and solos, interspersed with farces, tableaux, etc. Miss Peak, with her inimitable performance on the silver cornet staff bells, has again been imported at an immense expense. Turn out and give the Presbyterians a rousing benefit.

We wish we could prevail upon all the residents of the city of Wichita to put fences around their homes. Our herd law protects all from night prowling old cows, we know, but, somehow, homes look so bare and uninviting without a fence. It looks as though the occupant was only one of the great herd, out upon the street straggling around minus an anchor. The truth, is, we have dozens upon dozens of neat, tasty and comfortable little cottages in Wichita that only need a light paling or other fence in front of them to render them inviting and home-like. A

nice fence around a home lends it an air of privacy, retirement and comfort that it cannot otherwise possibly have. Then, too, a fence and a few trees enhances the value of any property much more than the simple cost of such a fence and trees. Our city would actually appear twice as large and dense were all our homes fenced. Let us all fence.

One of the fine passenger coaches belonging to the A., T. & S. F. railroad company was discovered to be on fire Saturday about 11 o'clock. The coaches run out from here are alternated every day, which leaves two coaches and a mail car always on the side track at this place. It appears that the car cleaner had built up fires in both coaches preparatory to scrubbing out. After being outside a little while he attempted to go back into No 7, but was met by a burst of flame. We were there in a few moments, and from the way the fire appeared to fill the canopy of the coach from end to end, concluded the fire had originated from the pipe where it passes through the roof. The other coach was uncoupled and pulled away. The loss is something like \$5,000.

The M. E. church is now completed entirely we believe, and the entire cost provided for. It is cozy and substantial within and without, and is provided with a bell and an organ. The seats and preacher's stand are tasty and comfortable, the aisles and platform carpeted. The only thing in which the building committee deserve anything but praise is, the seats are three inches too close together and the aisles rather narrow. Two broad aisles would have been better than three narrow ones. But upon the whole little criticism is called for. The new and comfortable place of worship calls out large congregations, which must be extremely satisfactory to the Rev. J. F. Nessly, who is an earnest and hard-working christain [sic].

A railroad meeting will be held at the Eagle Hall, on Saturday night, which meeting will be addressed by D. V. M. Stewart, who favors us with a short communication upon the subject in another column. Mr. Stewart has been engaged for some time past in working up the interests of a trans-continental railroad up the great Arkansas valley, whose eastern terminus shall be at Mobile. There is but the track from Hutchinson or Wichita to Little Rock to be built in order to have such a completed line. Our business men will please come out on

Saturday night, as we have no doubt Mr. Stewart will have much to offer that will be of interest to them.

The show windows of Mr. Nixon, for some days past, have been very attractive and have drawn out many exclamations of surprise. The same taste and richness displayed in the windows marks the inside of the establishment. In many lines his goods cannot be excelled in beauty and fashion anywhere. In silks, lustres, fine woollens and furs he invites competition from all dealers and a critical examination from all purchasers. He finds the demand for first class goods far exceeding his expectations upon first arrival in the spring, and he is compelled to continually keep orders out for fresh supplies.

We received a letter this week from a gentleman east requesting us to send him an EAGLE containing an article or articles on the agricultural advantages and resources of our valley, and what is most successfully raised in it. As to what is successfully raised in the valley we should think, after looking at the stalk of corn standing in Steele's ;and office, that that particular stalk had succeeded admirably in raising the ears so high a six-footer could not even touch the highest ear with the tips of his fingers, and this stalk is said to have been an average in the field.

Those bridges across Chisholm! What is to be done? Something must be done, and that immediately. The farmers and others east of town are not only growing nervous, but indignant. Taxes are outrageous, yet every time they come to town their lives and that of their teams are endangered. We hope, we urge, that our county commissioners at their next session will go out and inspect the above bridges.

Fred. Daley is not only a success as a landlord, but as a house mover, also, which he clearly demonstrated last week by loading a log house on wagons and moving it about two squares and setting it down again with perfect ease. Mr. Daley is prepared to move buildings or raise them on the shortest notice, guaranteeing satisfaction. See his advertisement in another column.

Remember the poor around you. We have but little doubt that there are those in our midst who will really suffer this winter if some aid is not ex-

tended. We do not desire to see the city and county taking care of indolent bloats, but we think that some organized effort should be put forth to fine out and succor families that may be sick. Who will move in this good cause?

M. R. Moser, the big, good-natured, fat, sinewy son of Vulcan, whose shop is at the sign of the big wheel, and who will guaranty anything in his line from shoeing a Texas mule to making a printing press, has a card in this week's EAGLE. All successful mechanics and business men will do well to advertise in a paper that is rapidly gaining admission to all the homes in this county.

It is evident that the law organizing and governing cities of the second class is lame in several particulars. Our representative, Hon. E. B. Allen, having been at the head of this city as mayor for the past year, will be enabled from his experience to suggest valuable amendments to the law this winter.

Column 3

LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Wichita Literary Society met at the school house last Monday evening, and was called to order at half past seven o'clock by the president, W. E. Stanley.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Nessly, followed by the regular programme, as arranged for the last meeting.

The proceedings were interspersed with very fine music, kindly furnished by Miss Kellogg, Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Mead and Judge Atwood.

The essay of Mr. Hyde – subject "Darned fools" – was a splendid and truthful production, and was highly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Stanley and Dr. Fisher edited the *Wichita Astonisher*, Vol.1, No. 2, and showed themselves capable of their allotted task; although in taking pattern from nearly all of our weekly papers, they indulged in altogether too much personal abuse.

The following programme has been arranged for next Monday evening: Oration, W. C. Little; essay, Prof. Jno. Tucker; declamation, W. E. Stanley; *Wichita Astonisher*, Vol. 1, No. 2, edited by Q. A. Smith and Mrs. Wilcoxson; recitation of poems, A. A. Hyde; essay, W. R. Kirkpatrick; report of criticism, J. L. Dyer.

Owing to the fact that important business will be brought before the society, the regular debate will be dispensed with for the evening.

The society is steadily and rapidly increasing in numbers and interest, and a cordial, earnest and pressing invitation is extended to all. Come and bring your ladies with you, and having been present at one of the meetings, we have no doubt that your regular attendance will have been secured. Quite a number of ladies were present last week, and we hope and expect they will continue to favor us with their attendance. Come one, come all, and have a good time.

A new switch of eight or nine hundred feet in length, was put in just south of the depot last week. Notwithstanding there was already over a mile of switches around the engine house, the cattle yards, depot and lumber yards, yet the business of the place demanded still more.

The office of the Wichita EAGLE is said to be the "wickedest place" in Kansas. Four persons connected with that establishment are the sons of preachers. Our young typo, Nessly, must be in bad company since he left Olathe. - *Olathe News Letter*.

Yes, he is; the very worst imaginable, yet it is a great improvement upon that with which he was identified in Olathe.

W.A. Thomas & Co., of the Green Front, have just received two car loads of salt.

Correspondence of the EAGLE.

Wichita Public Schools.

Roll of Honor - Conditions - 1. Present every day.
2. Never tardy. 3. Good lessons. 4. Unexceptional in conduct.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Willie McClees,	Jesse Matthews,
Walter McClees,	Lida Royal,
Nelson McClees,	May Hilton,
Allie Mead,	Minnie Miller,
Homer Roschelle,	Lillie Jewett,
Alonzo Devashier,	Emma Cook,
Mary Owens,	Joseph Shearon,
Nina Hilton,	Ola Stewart,
Matt Grantham,	Sue Anderson,
Newton Stage,	Flora Redfield.

HELEN M. FEES, Assistant.

INTERMEDIATE.

Louis Bord,	Rachel Royal,
Alice Myers,	William Devashier,
Lucy Magee,	Eunice Royal,
Willie English,	Lolo Bates,
Nettie Myers,	John Morris,
Maud Jones,	Sarah Wallace,
Alice Hilton,	Charles Allen,
Eddie Lauck,	Edgar Mead,
Harry Arment,	Belle Egan,
Medford, Devashier,	Myrtle Egan,
Charlie Malander,	Robert Moore,
Ira Moore,	Clinton Walker,
William Adams,	Bennie Stout
Mollie Miller	Edith Allen

LISSA TUCKER, Teacher.

PRIMARY.

Annie Hall,	Clarence Woodman,
Emma Wallace,	Ernst Harris,
Lucy Lauck,	George English,
Maurice Wright,	Harry Stiers,
Harriet McQuiston,	Joseph Gerard,
Mattie Kendall,	James Lauck,
Jennie Moyer,	Ralph Millison,
Nina Brown,	Willie Cook,
Frank Hilton,	Thomas Moore,
Louis Clark,	John Patterson,
Lincoln Magee,	Walter Walker,
Harry Hilton,	Charles Miller,
Charlie Miller,	Willie Woolsey,
Charles Burg,	Willie Brown,
Charles Roschelle,	Charles Brown.

LIZZIE HIGDAY, Teacher.

ENROLLMENT.

High School	92
Intermediate	75
Primary.....	86
Total	253

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN TUCKER, Sup't.

Council Proceedings.

WICHITA, KAN., Dec. 4, 1872.

Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present - Mayor Allen; Councilmen Stevenson, Schattner, Bayley, Owens, Fraker, Longsdorf, and Martin.

Absent - Smith.

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On motion of Mr. Stephenson the committee on jail and police were allowed further time to report.

On motion of Mr. Fraker report of committee to examining [sic] police office was accepted by the following vote:

Yeas – Bayley, Owens, Longsdorf and Fraker.

Nays – Stevenson, Schattner and Martin.

On motion of Mr. Schattner committee on sidewalks were granted further time.

On motion of Mr. Schattner the city clerk was authorized to advertise for sealed bids for putting down stone crossings – one across Douglas avenue on the west side of Main street, and one across Main street on the south side of Douglas avenue – according to specifications in clerk's office.

On motion of Dr. Owens the city clerk was authorized to advertise for sealed bids for building street crossings on Main street south of Douglas avenue, and on Douglas avenue, both east and west of Main street, on Third street from Main street to Topeka avenue, on Lawrence avenue from Third street to Elm street, on Second street from Main street to Emporia avenue, and thence to the school house.

On motion of Dr. Owens the Mayor was authorized to order Geo. DeAmour to settle judgment against the city as garnishee.

On motion of Dr. Owens the mayor was authorized to have the marshal's office fitted up in a suitable manner to hold council meetings therein.

On motion of Mr. Stevenson the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the salaries of all city officers be allowed for the month of November, 1872.

On motion of Mr. Fraker it was decided that the services of three policemen be dispensed with.

Bill of John Exton was deferred.

The following bills were then allowed:

T. H. Conklin & Co., fourteen pounds rope for fire apparatus	\$2.52
Mrs. Kate Martin, boarding city prisoners	18.60
Kullak, Millis & Stem, lumber, etc., for crossing	40.43
M. Meagher, office rent for month of November	20.00
H. Bolte, one mattress for calaboose	2.50
Martin, Phillip & Co., office rent for November	10.00
M. B. Pride, services as street commissioner and fire warden	6.00

On motion of Mr. Fraker the city marshal was ordered to have all flues removed that do not conform to the fire ordinance.

On motion of Mr. Schattner Mr. Bayley was added to the committee on fire apparatus.

On motion of Dr. Longsdorf bill of Schlichter & Russell was deferred until committee on fire apparatus make report.

On motion of Dr. Owens the following resolution was adopted:

Be it resolved by the mayor and council of the city of Wichita:

That all fines, license and taxes collected by the city, and all expenditures of money on account of the city, shall be reported monthly to the city council, and that such report be published in the official paper of the city, provided such report can be published without expense to the city.

Report of city marshal, showing fines collected by him, amounting to \$150.00, for the month of November, accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fraker the mayor was ordered to have all gambling houses within the city limits suppressed. Carried, by the following vote:

Yeas – Stevenson, Bayley, Owens, Fraker, Longsdorf and Martin.

Nays – Smith.

On motion of Dr. Longsdorf the report and bill of the police judge was referred to committee on jail and police.

The following applications for dram-shop licenses were granted: W. G. Woolsey, John Wall.

On motion of Dr. Longsdorf the clerk was authorized to give receipt for sidewalk to such persons that built sidewalks at their own expense.

On motion of Mr. Martin the city attorney was authorized to settle the case now pending before the police judge, wherein the city of Wichita is plaintiff and McFarlan, defendant.

Council adjourned to meet Wednesday, Dec. 18, 1872.

Column 4

MARRIED.

November 28, by Rev. J. F. Nessly, Mr. Wm. F. Stevens and Miss Dorcas A. Imblen, all of Sedgwick county.

December 10, at the house of the bride's mother, in Wichita, by the same, Mr. John Exton and Miss Annie L. Herrington.

The happy couple took their departure on the eastern-bound train this morning on a tour. "Her gentle spirit commits itself to you to be directed as from her lord, her governor, her king."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Something new at Baldwin's gallery! Improvements in photography! Background from original drawing of fine interior in Paris, printed by a new and superior method. Other backgrounds will be added soon. Also, just received, a fine, new instrument, made expressly for out-door photography, doing such work better than any other kind of lens. There are many buildings and residences in

town that would be grandly beautiful in photograph. Views of such distributed among eastern friends would speak volumes of praise for the prosperity and enterprise of Wichita, and would be among the best advertisements to send abroad. Specimen work of new instrument and the new background can be seen at Baldwin's gallery, near Douglas avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.

Drs. H. Owens and P. A. Medlin having this day entered into copartnership for the general practice of medicine offer their professional services to the people of Wichita and vicinity. Strict attention to business and charges reasonable. Office at the old stand, one door south of Chicago Drug Store, Main street, Wichita.

Wichita's "House of Seven Gables"

By June Johnson

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Nestled among tri-level and ranch-style homes just south of Maple on Shefford Court is West Wichita's own "House of Seven Gables." The stately old two-story farmhouse was built in 1905 on the Miller homestead. Mrs. Miller, who helped design her new house, wanted each of the four upstairs bedrooms to have three different exposures, and she wanted gables. As a result, the top part of the house was built into a cross shape. Each room sticks out as an arm of the cross and boasts windows facing three different directions. The story is also told that the windows were built low to the floor so small children could look out.

Harold Miller, whose parents built the house, was born and raised in it. He brought his bride, Clara, to the farmhouse, reared his own six children there, and died there.

After his own children were grown and gone, Harold entertained the neighborhood children, letting them play with his collection of toys from around the world, and telling them stories. One story was about the days in the late 1920's when he was a water boy during the construction of Maple Road or U.S. 54, then known as the Cannonball Highway. He made about a nickel a day carrying water to the construction workers.

Mr. Miller allowed the children to play hide and seek in the big old house. There was a secret stairway connecting the first and second stories, so the place was ideal for their games.

Mr. Miller even treated the children to candy and gum. He had a gumball machine in the house, and he always seemed to have an endless supply of pennies for the kids. When he passed away, his funeral was held on Saturday so his little neighborhood friends could attend, and that gumball machine was set up for them at the service!

The house has been remodeled several times over the years, including the enclosing of the big front porch; however, the seven gables remain. Parcels of the farm were sold off in the 1950's to create Millbrook and part of Hidden Lakes. The old barn still stands on Cardington Street, just west of the farmhouse.



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	Myers, Sophia	Wichita, KS	24	27 Oct	27 Oct 1909
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	Porter, Nellie	Mt. Hope, KS	21	27 Oct	28 Oct 1909
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	Harris, Carrie	Wichita, KS	40	30 Oct	30 Oct 1909
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	Miller, Mary	Wichita, KS	20	06 Nov	06 Nov 1909
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	Knife, Frankie A.	Wichita, KS	23	08 Nov	08 Nov 1909
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	Burton, Blanche	Winfield, KS	23	10 Nov	10 Nov 1909
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WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 100

Wichita's First Grist Mill Freighted to City by Wagon

Gus Cather Brought Mill and Steam Engine and Boiler
From West Virginia



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 100)

WICHITA'S first grist mill came to this city by wagon from West Virginia in 1871. It was owned by Gus Cather who came to this community with Cyrus Webb. The mill, together with steam engine and boiler, had been loaded into wagons back in West Virginia, home of the two men, and by wagon brought all the way to Wichita. The mill was set up in Wichita to grind the first grain produced in this area and operated for a short time. It's operation was cut short by a fire which so damaged the equipment that it could not be operated. In those days the "cradle" was the accepted manner of harvesting wheat, since mechanical harvesting equipment had not been perfected, and if it had, could not have been operated successfully on the first small patches of wheat, spring wheat, for winter wheat had not yet been introduced to these prairies.

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WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 101

Prairie Fire Was One of Pioneers' Worst Enemies

Fire Guards Had to Be Plowed Around Every Country
Home in the Good Old Days



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 101)

FIRE GUARDS were as necessary as food to early settlers in and near Wichita. That was when the prairies were mostly grassland and when hot summer dried out buffalo and bluestem grass. Unless homes, barns and feed stacks were protected a prairie fire would wipe out a home and might possibly kill all members of a family. These guards were made by plowing a strip of land around the homesite or burning off a strip of grass. Even then it was necessary for settlers to watch for burning tumbleweeds which would tumble across a guard strip. Such a prairie fire was recalled by Charles Smith Rowsey whose family resided in the southwest corner of Sedgwick county. On the day of the disastrous fire the family was in Wichita on a buying trip. Their wide fire guard had failed to stop the tumbleweeds, but three men retreating before the fire noticed the wide fireguard and sought its protection. They were able to save the Rowsey home, but barn, feed and livestock were burned.

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6558	Woodworth, Benjamin F.	1-Sep-1916	D	32	
6559	Gillon, Margaret	1-Sep-1916	M	3	Writ of Habeas Corpus
6560	Fimmen, Gretke Maria	7-Sep-1916	D	36	
6561	Hyer, H.C.	7-Sep-1916	D	51	
6562	Bell, R.S.	9-Sep-1916	D	27	
6563	Hanes, Benjamin Franklin	9-Sep-1916	D	21	Plus 11 receipts
6564	Oldham, J.E.	13-Oct-1916	D	36	
6565	Charles, Frank	1-Sep-1916	D	29	Plus 26 receipts
6566	Rankin, Elizabeth C.	14-Sep-1916	D	35	
6567	Revard, Edgar Todd	13-Sep-1916	G		See Revard, Nellie Isabel
6567	Revard, Mary Gladys	13-Sep-1916	G		See Revard, Nellie Isabel
6567	Revard, Nellie Isabel	13-Sep-1916	G	20	Also Revard: Edgar Todd, Mary Gladys - Plus 16 receipts
6568	Dewey, Henry H.	13-Sep-1916	D	33	
6569	Ald, William	11-Sep-1916	D	59	Plus 36 receipts
6570	a Main, Eva	15-Sep-1916	D	106	Plus 114 receipts
6570	b Main, Eva	15-Sep-1916	D	39	Plus 212 receipts
6572	Bowser, George W.	18-Sep-1916	D	38	
6573	Shattuck, S.W. Jr.	19-Sep-1916	D	20	
6574	Rigosa, Adolpho	22-Sep-1916	M	4	Writ of Habeas Corpus
6575	Matthews, Lyman J.	22-Sep-1916	D	41	Plus 15 receipts
6576	Williams, Dora	23-Sep-1916	G	33	
6577	Colville, W.B.	14-Sep-1916	G	13	
6578	Ross, R.W.	26-Sep-1916	D	40	Plus 14 receipts
6579	Wiggs, Julia A.	27-Sep-1916	D	56	Plus 33 receipts
6580	a Anawalt, Elias H.	17-Oct-1916	D	73	Plus 33 receipts
6580	b Anawalt, Elias H.	17-Oct-1916	D	68	Plus 39 receipts

Case	Name	Date	Type	Pgs	Comments
6582	Collins, Henry	15-Nov-1916	D	59	
6583	Higbee, Charles S.	4-Oct-1916	G	27	Also Higbee, Georgie Lois
6583	Higbee, Georgie Lois	4-Oct-1916	G		See Higbee, Charles S.
6584	Rush, Louisa A.	2-Oct-1916	D	10	
6585	Beck, Lewis	6-Oct-1916	D	44	
6586	McComb, Nellie	9-Oct-1916	D	27	
6587	McComb, Nellie E.	9-Oct-1916	G	65	
6589	Hamilton, E.E.	14-Oct-1916	D	35	
6590	Snyder, Eleanor	17-Oct-1916	D	51	Plus 96 receipts
6591	Kirk, Mary E.	14-Oct-1916	D	22	
6592	Campbell, Estella May	16-Oct-1916	G	27	Also Campbell, Melvin Delbert
6592	Campbell, Melvin Delbert	16-Oct-1916	G		See Campbell, Estella May
6593	Quiring, Boyd H.	16-Oct-1916	G		See Quiring, John B.
6593	Quiring, Herman D.	16-Oct-1916	G		See Quiring, John B.
6593	Quiring, John B.	16-Oct-1916	G	23	Also Quiring: Herman D., Walter G., Boyd H. - Plus 13 receipts
6593	Quiring, Walter G.	16-Oct-1916	G		See Quiring, John B.
6594	Umlauf, Irwin P.	16-Oct-1916	G	35	
6595	Wood, Emily M.	17-Oct-1916	D	30	
6596	Briggs, Swain	14-Feb-1917	D	35	Plus 24 receipts
6597	Hutchison, W.A.	16-Oct-1916	D	28	
6598	Lyon, Clark B.	11-Apr-1916	D	12	
6599	Harmon, Joel A.	16-Oct-1916	D	30	
6600	Harmon, Dorsey Al- len	21-Oct-1916	G	17	
6601	McCune, William C.	28-Oct-1916	D	52	Plus 48 receipts
6602	Stafford, Thomas J.	19-Oct-1916	D	17	Plus 14 receipts
6603	Cattell, Louisa J.	4-Oct-1916	D	15	
6604	Worthen, Charles K.	3-Nov-1916	D	13	
6605	Powell, Albert G.	5-Dec-1916	D	60	Plus 25 receipts
6606	Simpson, Herbert	3-Nov-1916	D	32	
6607	Mulhrine, John	17-Nov-1916	D	57	
6608	Ogden, Jennie	4-Nov-1916	D	93	
6610	Winans, Lewis	9-Nov-1916	D	38	
6611	Dozier, Anna	8-Dec-1916	D	29	
6612	Kirchner, William F.	7-Nov-1916	D	15	
6613	VanDyke, D. Ma- nuel	11-Nov-1916	G	36	Also VanDyke, -May-L.
6613	VanDyke, -May-L.	11-Nov-1916	G		See VanDyke, D. Manuel
6614	Wheat, J.H.	11-Nov-1916	D	26	
6615	Ragan, Grace	9-Nov-1916	G	24	
6616	Eckhardt, Jennie N.	12-Sep-1916	D	17	
6617	Frost, Madison H.	9-Apr-1917	D	9	
6618	Hoyt, Edwin Alonzo	9-Nov-1916	D	38	

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6619	Featherly, Mollie	13-Mar-1917	D	9	
6620	Allison, James	16-Nov-1916	D	44	
6621	Bramer, John G.	20-Nov-1916	D	33	
	Jaquith, Bret				
6622	Wendell	20-Nov-1916	D	39	Plus 14 receipts
6623	Shields, John H.	21-Nov-1916	D	45	Plus 56 receipts
6624	Stanton, Honorah	21-Nov-1916	D	33	Plus 24 receipts
6625	Malone, Andrew J.	22-Nov-1916	D	44	Plus 17 receipts
6626	Southard, Edith	9-Oct-1916	G	29	Also Southard: Edna May, Willa
6626	Southard, Edna May	9-Oct-1916	G		See Southard, Edith
6626	Southard, Willa	9-Oct-1916	G		See Southard, Edith
	Carpenter, Clara				
6628	Mabel	23-Dec-1916	D	17	
6629	Mitchell, Emma	27-Nov-1916	D	44	
6630	Forbes, George Irvin	22-Jul-1916	D	92	Plus 22 receipts
6631	Crawford, L.C.	23-Oct-1916	D	39	
6632	Joslyn, George A.	2-Dec-1916	D	26	
6633	Clute, Francis J.	4-Dec-1916	D	16	
6634	Anderson, Carl	4-Dec-1916	G	39	Also Anderson: Nona, Raymond
6634	Anderson, Nona	4-Dec-1916	G		See Anderson, Carl
6634	Anderson, Raymond	4-Dec-1916	G		See Anderson, Carl
6635	Evans, Bert Roy	4-Dec-1916	G		See Evans, Margaret
	Evans, Claude				
6635	Franklin	4-Dec-1916	G		See Evans, Margaret
6635	Evans, Esther	4-Dec-1916	G		See Evans, Margaret
					Also Evans: Esther, Claude Franklin, Bert Roy
6635	Evans, Margaret	4-Dec-1916	G	43	
6636	Culver, William P.	28-Feb-1917	D	79	Plus 36 receipts
6637	Goldsmith, Michael	7-Dec-1916	D	27	Plus 20 receipts
	Appling, Winkfield				
6638	L.	8-Dec-1916	D	32	Plus 23 receipts
6639	Salisbury, Thelma	20-Nov-1916	G	41	
6640	Brown, George F.	2-Apr-1917	G		See Brown, Mary M.
					Also Brown, George F. & Lay, Rebecca L. - Plus 153 receipts
6640	Brown, Mary M.	2-Apr-1917	G	59	
6640	Lay, Rebecca L.	2-Apr-1917	G		See Brown, Mary M.
6641	Albert, Joseph	13-Dec-1916	D	66	Plus 63 receipts
	Eberly, Ralph				
6642	Clayton	13-Dec-1916	G	50	Plus 26 receipts
6644	Loudenslager, H.H.	13-Dec-1916	D	37	Plus 17 receipts
6645	Lubbers, Bernhard	14-Dec-1916	D	99	
6646	Becker, Everett C.	16-Dec-1916	G	20	Also Becker: Grace-Marie, Norval Paul
6646	Becker, Grace-Marie	16-Dec-1916	G		See Becker, Everett C.
6646	Becker, Norval Paul	16-Dec-1916	G		See Becker, Everett C.
6647	Bennett, Julia K.	18-Dec-1916	D	18	
	Sias, Louise				
6648	Elizabeth	21-Dec-1916	D	14	

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6649	Howe, Abdallah M.	19-Dec-1916	D	41	Plus 25 receipts
	Newton, Charlotte				
6650	M.	15-Nov-1916	D	62	
6651	a Maule, Charles I.	26-Dec-1916	D	130	Plus 107 receipts
6651	b Maule, Charles I.	26-Dec-1916	D	93	Plus 245 receipts
6652	McIntyre, L.A.	24-Jan-1918	D	54	Plus 40 receipts
6653	Dorsey, J.K.	20-Jan-1917	D	90	Plus 12 receipts
6654	McClees, Philena	2-Jan-1917	D	27	
6655	Reynolds, Dorothy	22-Dec-1916	G	23	
	Schollenberger,				
6656	Jacob D.	30-Dec-1916	D	41	Plus 28 receipts
6657	Pomeroy, Karen	4-Jan-1917	D	47	
6658	Cottman, J.D.	5-Jan-1917	D	32	Plus 43 receipts
6659	Fuller, T.W.	8-Jan-1917	D	29	Plus 130 receipts
	Cornwall, Lloyd				
6660	Carrol	1-Jun-1916	G	32	
6661	Ogden, William Jr.	2-Jan-1917	G	90	Also Ogden, Jean - Plus 50 receipts
6662	Gamble, Robert K.	9-Jan-1917	G	20	
6663	Porter, Ellen B.	27-Dec-1916	D	11	
6664	Miller, Susan	11-Jan-1917	D	34	Plus 32 receipts
6665	Gordon, Viola K.	11-Jan-1917	D	21	Plus 14 receipts
6666	Knapp, Harriet L.	28-Dec-1917	D	2	
6667	Burke, Lula Berry	25-Jan-1917	D	60	Plus 79 receipts
6689	Gross, Albert	8-Mar-1917	D	36	
6690	Rollins, J.C.	23-Jan-1917	D	39	
6691	Weatherson, A.J.	26-Jan-1917	D	62	Plus 132 receipts
6692	Weatherson, Perry	26-Jan-1917	G	73	Plus 56 receipts
6693	Hillis, Lafayette	7-Feb-1917	D	48	Plus 26 receipts
6694	Haward, Ann	2-Feb-1917	D	38	
	Campbell, Howard				
6695	Tiner	2-Feb-1917	G	12	Also Campbell, Mary Virginia
	Campbell, Mary				
6695	Virginia	2-Feb-1917	G		See Campbell, Howard Tiner
6696	Diehl, John E.	3-Feb-1917	D	56	Plus 15 receipts
6697	Klopfstein, Sophie	7-Feb-1917	D	36	
6698	Shull, Uzzile H.	13-Feb-1917	D	110	Plus 76 receipts
6699	Norvell, Ethel	7-Feb-1917	G	35	Also Woodman, Omer
6699	Woodman, Omer	7-Feb-1917	G		See Norvell, Ethel
	Hunter, Margaretta				
6700	H.	8-Feb-1917	D	6	

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The Wichita Weekly Eagle

Thursday, 12 December 1872, page 4

Column 1

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mr. Harris is putting up ten hundred tons of ice. Farmer Doolittle playfully handles the Wichita P. M. this week.

Martin, Philip & Co. have made some good sales, this week, of city lots.

Col. McDougal, of Topeka, was in attendance during the present court week.

John Allison, five miles above town, is the owner of a choice lot of pure Chester White hogs.

J. W. Grantham, esq., and T. E. Parkinson, esq., were admitted to practice during the present term of court.

The Masonic supper and dance spoken of last week will occur on the 27th, instead of the 29th, as we had it before.

The district court is in session. Judge Balderston informs us that the docket will be cleared by tomorrow evening.

"Sykes" is winning some fame and notoriety in his spicy letters to the *Oxford Press* and *Wellington Banner* from this place.

It is proposed to have a genuine, old-fashioned Christmas tree at the M. E. Church, on Christmas eve. Oh, my! won't we little folks be happy?

We were pleased to receive a call this week from Amos Walton, attorney, of Arkansas City. He was in our city looking after the interests of some of his clients.

John C. Derby, one of Wichita's sober and steady young men, started yesterday for a visit to Plymouth, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. Wish him a pleasant trip.

Mr. Perry, of the Hutchison [sic] *News*, spent several days in the City of the Valley this week. The *News* is one of the papers, not only of the Southwest, but of the state.

A grand school exhibition will be given tomorrow night, at Eagle Hall, by the students of the high school of this city, for the purpose of raising funds to procure an organ.

A private letter from Col. St. Clair informs us that Belle Plaine is alive to her railroad interests, and that the good people of that town have organized a literary association.

Several officials of the A., T. & S. F. R. R. paid our town a visit in a special train on Tuesday. We acknowledge calls from Mr. Chapin, road master, and Mr. Fagan, assistant superintendent.

Last Saturday and Sunday we thought winter had set in sure enough, but at this writing soft southern winds have knocked our thoughts of winter into the middle of next week. What a country.

The fine fat bucks, wild turkeys, and other choice wild meats being brought into this market, causes considerable grumbling among our catchers. Live prairie chickens are the latest agony.

See important and interesting communications from Washington, also other interesting correspondence. The Washington letters are both from residents of this valley – one from Hutchinson and the other from Wichita.

J. M. Balderston, esq., was chosen by the bar to act as judge pro tem in the absence of Judge Campbell. Mr. B. evinced his ability and fitness for that high station. Judge Campbell started on Monday morning for Little Rock, Arkansas.

In another column we publish, by request, the proposed Osage land bill. Every few days we are forwarding to Washington petitions upon this subject at the request of some of our settlers. While we concede that there are two sides to the question, yet, everything else being equal, we are for the settler.

We stepped into the office of Drs. Owen and Medlin this week and saw a few samples of their skill and ability – one in particular, in the form of a cancer, as large as a saucer, taken from the left breast of H. Leichhartt, a citizen of this place. The doctors say the old man is doing well and recovering rapidly.

We make our best bow to commissioner R. A. Neeley for a club of ten subscribers from El Paso. This nearly doubles our subscription list at that point, and being names of substantial men, the acquisition is apportionately prized. Mr. Neely had just received his fall stock of goods and was feeling in the best of spirits.

We published some time since an account of the robbery of M. M. Emanuel's Bazar, in which Mr. Baron was implicated. Mr. Baron called on us yesterday and informed us that the courts had cleared him, and that he was entirely innocent. We are happy to know that Mr. Baron is innocent, and gladly make the correction.

The weekly *Beacon* made its appearance last week. It is a quarto in form, bright in appearance, and in every other way worthy the heads of the gentlemen who control its columns. Both Mr. Sowers and Mr. Millison are clear-headed, warm-hearted gentlemen, just the stamp that we desire above all others as contemporaries and co-laborers.

James Dagner has bought the lot just north of the Syndicate, on Main street, upon which he has commenced the erection of a building. Mr. D. sold out this fall a large proportion of his real estate. After visiting Denison, Texas, and Pueblo, Colorado, and other points, he comes back satisfied that Wichita, taken all in all is much the best point. Accordingly he buys one of the choicest lots in town and again becomes a fixture.

The Eagle Baking Powder manufactory is established and is successfully running, a few miles west Wichita, by A. G. Peck. He, it appears, has taken a claim and is manufacturing a baking powder – an article that is said to be superior to Dooley's or any other known manufacturer. The principal hotels of this city, together with several of our leading grocerymen, are patronizing Mr. Peck by buying and using his baking powder in preference to other brands.

While Col. D. M. V. Steuart was loading his wagon with lumber at the depot, on Tuesday evening, his team became frightened at the cars and started to run. The colonel, in leaping from the wagon, broke the os femoris or thigh bone at the lower third. Drs. Owen & Medlin were called to set it. This morning the doctors say he is doing well. We are sorry to record this sad mishap. Of course the meeting called for to-night must be postponed.

The contract for a semi-weekly mail from Wichita to Ft. Sill, Indian territory, via Pond creek, Shawnee creek, Cheyenne agency, Turkey creek, and Wichita agency, has been awarded to Henry Tisdale, in behalf of the Southwestern stage company. The new route will be put in operation about the middle of January. There is already a daily mail, by the same company, from here to Caldwell, via Belle Plaine and Wellington, so that the new route will virtually be opened up and stocked south from Caldwell.

John M. Steele's team has never failed us as yet with a local item. This week we had about dispaired [sic] of them, but just as we were going to press they came tearing around the corner, in the rear of the Eagle office, dragging two or three men and upsetting an important row of buildings which happened to be uninhabited at the time. The last we saw of them, one

had found a mare's nest, or other kind of a hole, some six or eight feet deep, into which he sat down. The other went on east and has probably epizooted by this time.

Column 2

Extended notes were taken of the musical and dramatical entertainment, given at the Eagle Hall last Friday night for the benefit of the Presbyterian church, but owing to the crowded state of our inside pages we cannot give the highly successful entertainment other than a passing notice. The audience was large and in the best of humor; the acting was good and was applauded to the echo. Mark Twain could hardly have suppressed a smile and the rendition of the "Foreign Guide," and the dramatization of his Christy Columbo. Hyde, Bromwell and Miss Pittenger have all become acceptable stars, and may safely count on having an invitation to figure in every amateur entertainment hereafter gotten up. The musical part of the entertainment was a decided improvement, in some respects, upon anything that we have yet heard in this city. Mrs. J. B. Davis, of Augusta, who possesses a pure, clear soprano voice, was encored in all her solos, while Mrs. Dr. Hendrickson, in her piano solos, was no less admired and encored. Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. King – mother and daughter – sang some beautiful duets, which were highly appreciated. For the sake of the fun-loving portion of our readers we should enjoy sketching the ridiculous phase of the performance, but lack of space forbids.

Correspondence of the EAGLE.

EDITOR EAGLE: Having noticed a notice in reference to the bridges across Chisholm creek east of your city, and being personally interested in their being kept in proper repair, shall venture a suggestion, which will meet the approval of most of the citizens in the southeastern portion of Sedgwick county, and it seems to your correspondent ought to meet the approval of the board of commissioners. The lower bridge should be replaced by a new one without delay, and instead of rebuilding upon the old site it should be built upon the section line running east and west, about an eighth of a mile south of its present location. Persons going east and south must necessarily travel as far south as the section line before they can go east, and could travel that distance on the west side of the creek just as easily and quickly as upon the east side. The prospect now is that it will be a very important change for the convenience both of the town and country people.

ple. The erection of a grist mill upon that line makes it appear necessary for the citizens east to cross the creek at the place named, or travel an extra mile to get to or from the mill or the southern part of Wichita.

Last Sabbath evening we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Wilcoxson in one of her lectures at the school house. The audience was large, attentive, and evidently more than ordinarily interested. The subject was "The Lesson of the Hour, or the death of Horace Greeley." Her estimation of the great journalist, his character, his candidacy, and his connection with the history of the country was a true one, and evidently the conclusions of no ordinary observer, while her appreciation of his life's great work was in language most appropriate – at times truly touching and poetic. At considerable length she dwelt upon the effects of the merciless war of caricature and abuse waged against the sensitive nature of the people's great champion, declaring that Horace Greeley was a effectually assassinated by the stabs of the pen and pencil as was Lincoln by the bullet at the hands of J. Wilkes Booth. We have not space to review the lecture at length, suffice it to say that we were not only edified but instructed. She lectures again tonight at the school house.

And now we rise to explain how a whole barrel of very choice apples, accompanied by a can of oysters, was rolled into our office last Saturday morning marked "free," and to give our opinion of any firm that would be guilty of such an unexpected act. It was from Wheeler Brothers, No. 22 Main street. The popularity of the above firm is no mystery, and it is not surprising that they have built up a trade that reached into the Indian territory. Men of such generous disposition and action will command a big trade anywhere, and we are glad to know that their grocery house is one of the busiest places to be found in the city. They make apples, butter and choice groceries a specialty. Their last invoice of butter, two and a half tons, came directly from New York, and it is sweet and nice. Don't forget to call upon the Wheelers.

Rev. J. P. Harsen returned from New York last Saturday night, looking improved in health and expressing himself as having been delighted with his trip. As to his success financially we have not been informed. We have been permitted to peep at the

plan of the front elevation of the new church contemplated by Mr. Harsen's congregation. It is not only fine, but rather on the imposing and magnificent order. The drawing is from the firm of Millis & Stem, well known contractors of this place. The estimated cost of the new building is about \$8,000. We wish them very success, expressing the hope that the early spring may find the mechanics busy at work upon the new building.

The cry of "fire!" broke in upon the stillness of last Sabbath night some time between 10 and 11 o'clock. The calaboose was in flames. There were several prisoners confined there at the time, among them Chas. McWilliams and Jack Reynolds, who had the day before been sentenced by his honor, Judge Campbell, for four and five years respectively in the state penitentiary. The officers were promptly on hand to release and take care of the prisoners. The night was very quiet and the Pioneer hook and ladder company being promptly on hand quenched the flames by the time the roof was partly consumed. The fire originated from the flue, we believe.

Among the many important improvements and manufacturing interests secured for our city, and which will be built next spring, is that of a plow factory. On last Saturday Mr. J. F. Taylor, who is connected with Richards & Co., of Leavenworth, purchased of A. A. Moore a tract of land between the Empire House and the river upon which he will, as soon as the weather permits, commence the erection of the Wichita plow factory. Mr. Taylor could not have chosen a better point for such a manufacturing interest. Mr. Moore informs us that Mr. Taylor will in a short time make a survey of the water powers of the two rivers at this point.

Mr. O. G. Jacobs, who has been for some time postmaster at Valley Center, is a conscientious and faithful officer. He has been going a mile and a half, in the night, for the mail, merely as a matter of accommodation to his neighbors, and we do not want anyone to understand that we blame him personally for the non-arrival of the EAGLE at that point. He does not want the office, and has made arrangements for another party near the track to take it. Since dotting the above Miss Allie Mocher came into our office and informed us that no possible

blame should attach to Mr. Jacobs, whom she deems a worthy and faithful officer.

The First National Bank took formal possession of their new building on last Saturday. The new quarters are superb and commodious. Good judges pronounce the inside arrangement of vault, counter, parlor and private room the most complete of any in the state. The stockholders and officers, together with a few friends, celebrated the opening in a supper given by the president, J. C. Fraker, at O. Martinson's dining parlors. Of course the whole affair passed off very pleasantly and with the utmost decorum.

In this week's issue will be found the advertisement of W. J. Hobson, the builder of the Baker National Truss Bridge, several of which fine substantial structures already span the Arkansas river. Mr. Hobson, as is generally known, is a permanent citizen of this city, and he has purchased the entire right of the patentee for the erection of these excellent bridges in this portion of the state. These structures never fail to give entire satisfaction, being complete in design, comparatively inexpensive, and substantial.

The small-pox – which has been prevailing both as a contagion and epidemic, to an alarming extent, in the eastern cities, and as far west as St. Louis – has reached Kansas. Its spread is not slow-paced. It might not be amiss for the citizens of Wichita to prepare for this dread disease. We suppose our doctors have armed themselves with healthy virus.

At a late funeral the undertaker arranged for the husband and mother-in-law to ride in the same carriage. "Must I," said the broken-hearted man, "must I ride with that awful woman?" "I think you have to," answered the undertaker. "Well, if I must, I must," replied he; "but to ride with her destroys all the pleasure of the occasion."

Correspondence of the EAGLE.

Wichita Public Schools.

Report for the week ending December 13th.

Roll of Honor – Conditions – 1. Present every day.
2. Never tardy. 3. Good lessons. 4. Unexceptional in conduct.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A. W. Saunders,	Alice Owens,
Emma Cook,	Joseph Shearon,
Emma Hills,	Allie Davidson,
Lillie Jewett,	Minnie Miller,
May Hilton,	Robert Neff,
John Packer,	Newton Stage,
Louise Caldwell,	Lulu Langel,
Elmore Everett,	Walter McClees,
Lee Nessly,	Ernest Gerard,
Edward Payton,	Harry Miller,
Lida Royal,	Alonzo Devashier,
Dora Walker,	Wilber Magee,
Mary Owens,	Nat. Marsh,

HELEN M. FEES, Teacher.

INTERMEDIATE.

Harry Arment,	Myrtle Egan,
Charlie Allen,	Alice Hilton,
Willie English,	Clara Jenkins
Eddie Lauck,	Nettie Myers,
Robert Moore,	Alice Myers,
Hallie Morris,	Mollie Miller,
John Morris,	Lucy Magee,
Charlie Malander,	Hallie Millis,
Ira Moore,	Rachel Royal,
Edgar Mead,	Philinda Thomas,
Clinton Walker,	Eunice Royal,
Bennie Stout,	Sarah Wallace,
William Adams,	Hallie White,
Alice Alton,	Louis Bord,
Lolo Bates,	Martha Tudor,
Belle Egan,	Katie Alexander.

LISSA TUCKER, Teacher.

PRIMARY.

Emma Wallace,	George English,
Eva Millis,	Frank Fraker,
Bell White,	Ernst Harris,
Minnie Millis,	Joseph Gerard,
Maurice Wright,	Walter Walker,
Mossa Baldwin,	Thomas Moore,
Jennie Moyer,	Fred Baldwin,
Addie Moyer,	Charles Cooper,
Mattie Kendall,	Ralph Millison,
Frank Hilton,	Harvey Harrison,
Harry Hilton,	Henry Harrison,
Lincoln Magee,	Charlie Harrison,

LIZZIE HIGDAY, Teacher.

ENROLLMENT.

High School	92
Intermediate	75
Primary	86
Total	253

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN TUCKER, Sup't.

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