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# Alma O'Keefe, Wichita's Angel of Mercy

By Julia Langel

The world-wide influenza epidemic of 1918-1919 was devastating, both globally and locally. World-wide, an estimated 21 million people died. In the U.S., it is estimated that roughly twenty-five percent of the population contracted the illness, and 675,000 died. The first wave of the epidemic, in the spring of 1918, largely missed Wichita, but the second wave, which hit in the fall, hit hard.<sup>1</sup>

In October, there were 2,247 cases of influenza reported to the Wichita Board of Health, with 109 deaths from influenza or influenza-related pneumonia.<sup>2</sup> The Red Cross opened a dedicated influenza hospital at 2146 N. Topeka. The need was so great that they put the hospital together in two days, opening with 50 beds and eighteen patients. The hospital was open to anyone, with fees on a sliding scale according to a patient's ability to pay. At times the hospital held all members of a family (including a family of nine!)<sup>3</sup>

The Chairman of the Sedgwick County Red Cross was Henry Wallenstein, who chose Mrs. Alma O'Keefe<sup>4</sup> to be the hospital superintendent. It was her job to manage the care of up to 150 patients at a time while coping with a shortage of trained nurses, a single staff physician, and a lack of funds and supplies.

If anyone could handle this challenge, Alma could.

Alma O'Keefe was born November 1, 1880, to John C. Revelle and his wife Elizabeth in what was then Indian Territory (now Oklahoma.) John was an adventurer, who came from Ireland as a boy, spent the Civil War years driving wagon trains from Old Westport Landing (now Kansas City) to Santa Fe, New Mexico, became a sheep rancher in Mexico and a cattle rancher in Indian Territory, before retiring to Wichita in 1897<sup>5</sup>. Alma graduated from Cathedral High School<sup>6</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Johnson, Judith R., *Kansas in the Grippe*, Kansas History (Spring, 1992): 44-55

<sup>2</sup> *Wichita Daily Eagle*, November 10, 1918

<sup>3</sup> *Wichita Beacon*, October 18, 1918

<sup>4</sup> *Wichita Daily Eagle*, October 11, 1918

<sup>5</sup> *Wichita Daily Eagle*, June 8, 1913

<sup>6</sup> *The Catholic Advance*, June 20, 1914

Alma married Joseph O'Keefe in Garfield, Oklahoma in 1904<sup>7</sup>. They had two children, Margaret, born in 1905, and Harry Michael, born in 1908, both in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Alma filed for divorce in 1908, citing abuse and neglect<sup>8</sup>, and by the time of the 1910 census, she and the children were living in Wichita with her parents, older sister Anna and younger brother James<sup>9</sup>.

Alma was a registered nurse working in private practice in those days, but even though she was a working mother with two small children, she was ambitious. In 1912, when her youngest was 4, she was elected president of the new Registered Nurses Association, formed primarily to lobby for a law requiring all Kansas nurses to meet education and registration requirements<sup>10</sup>. The law went into effect in 1913, and in 1914, Alma was the secretary of the board administering registration exams to hundreds of state nurses<sup>11</sup>.

By mid-July, 1916, Alma was the chairman of the Kansas committee of Red Cross nurses. That month, there was a brief scare about needing nurses to support troops going to war in Mexico<sup>12</sup>. In June of 1917, she was organizing the first three detachments of Kansas nurses to leave for the war in Europe<sup>13</sup>. In addition to keeping track of all Red Cross nurses in the state and getting them vaccinated and registered in case they were called up, she was running training classes to teach volunteers to be nurses' aides; these aides could volunteer to go to France, but were probably more important for filling the spaces left at home when registered nurses were called up<sup>14</sup>. In September of 1918, the Wichita Beacon called her "one of the busiest women in Wichita."<sup>15</sup>

But that was nothing compared to running the influenza hospital.

The primary challenge was the nature of caring for patients with influenza. There was no cure, so treatment meant addressing symptoms such as fever, lung congestion, nausea, diarrhea and hemorrhaging. Patients also had to be fed and bathed. This was hands-on, time-intensive work, and the risk of the nurses contracting influenza was quite high.<sup>16</sup>

This challenge was compounded by others. There wasn't much physician supervision; the first staff physician, Dr. George H. Shirley, was called up to army service after a few weeks<sup>17</sup> and was replaced by Dr. Francis M. Campbell, a retired doctor<sup>18</sup>. In addition, the hospital building was designed to be a community and recreation center, with swimming pool and bowling alley, so there was a lot of plumbing and construction work necessary to make it suitable for a hospital<sup>19</sup>. And finally, nursing staff was always in short supply.

The hospital was open for six months. In that time, the staff treated 763 patients<sup>20</sup>, admitting up to 27 people in a single day<sup>21</sup>. (For more information about the influenza hospital, see *MHGS Register* Vol. 54, No. 2.)

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<sup>7</sup> Ancestry.com. Oklahoma, County Marriage Records, 1890-1995 [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2106

<sup>8</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, April 18, 1908

<sup>9</sup> Ancestry.com. 1910 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Lehi, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006, Year: 1910; Census Place: Wichita Ward 2, Sedgwick, Kansas; Roll: T624\_456; Page: 2A; Enumeration District: 0109; FHL microfilm: 1374469

<sup>10</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, February 9, 1912

<sup>11</sup> Topeka Daily Capital, July 1914.

<sup>12</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, July 1 1916

<sup>13</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, June 15, 1917

<sup>14</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, March 24, 1918

<sup>15</sup> Wichita Beacon, September 21, 1918

<sup>16</sup> Keeling, Arlene W., "Alert to the Necessities of the Emergency": U.S. Nursing During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic, Public Health Report (2010; 125 Supplement 3): 105-112

<sup>17</sup> Wichita Beacon, October 23, 1918

<sup>18</sup> Wichita Beacon, October 21, 1918

<sup>19</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, January 26, 1919

<sup>20</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, September 28, 1919

<sup>21</sup> Wichita Beacon, November 25, 1918

The hospital closed in March 1919, but Alma didn't slow down. By April, she was back in her Red Cross office, organizing first aid and home hygiene classes<sup>22</sup> and by June she was helping to found the Kansas League of Women Voters.<sup>23</sup> In 1920, she was teaching home nursing in the public schools<sup>24</sup> and raising money to hire two public health nurses to work in the community,<sup>25</sup> and in 1921, she was elected to her second term as president of the State Nurses Association<sup>26</sup>. In 1922, she was involved with founding the Wichita Business and Professional Women's Club and was elected its first president.<sup>27</sup>

In 1921 or 1922, she became the superintendent of the Orthopedic Clinic.<sup>28</sup> The Orthopedic Clinic was funded by C. Q. Chandler (of the banking Chandlers) after his daughter Margaret contracted polio; she was treated in clinics on the East Coast, and he decided to start a clinic to provide similar services in Kansas.<sup>29</sup> In 1925, she was named the Executive Secretary of the newly formed Kansas Society for Crippled Children.<sup>30</sup>

In 1936 or 1937, she left the clinic and set up her own physio-therapy practice in the Orpheum Building.<sup>31</sup> She appears to have stayed in business there until 1943.<sup>32</sup>

Apparently, her physio-therapy career didn't keep her busy enough, because she had several other interests. In 1922, she founded Revelle Products with her sister Anna and sister-in-law Goldie. They were manufacturing conserves, jams, jellies and pickles using recipes from her grandmother and mother. As befitting a health professional, she was using techniques and recipes that did not require artificial colorings, flavorings or fillers.<sup>33</sup> In their first year, they produced over 2,000 jars of preserves.<sup>34</sup>

Alma was Catholic, and very active in a women's group called the Queen's Daughters. This was a group founded to do good works, and they did all the things you would expect, including giving food and household supplies to poor families, hosting Christmas parties for children, etc<sup>35</sup>. Alma held several positions in the group, including chairing several committees and serving as president. Under her leadership, the group embarked on a more ambitious project, pushing the diocese to improve its services to the Mexicans living in Wichita; this included hiring staff members who spoke Spanish, appointing a priest from Mexico, hiring a social worker to work in the Mexican community, funding two schools and, finally, renovating a school building into a neighborhood parish church, Our Lady of Guadalupe.<sup>36</sup>

In 1943, she left Wichita and moved in with her daughter, Margaret, and son-in-law James Hughes in Houston. She died January 12, 1962, in Houston and is buried there.<sup>37</sup>

Alma once told a newspaper reporter that the average professional life of a nurse was only ten years, due to the physical demands of the job and the risk of contracting an illness.<sup>38</sup> She, herself, managed a remarkable career spanning more than thirty years, earning and re-earning her 1919 standing ovation after being introduced as "Wichita's Angel of Mercy."<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Wichita Beacon, April 12, 1919

<sup>23</sup> Wichita Beacon, June 12, 1919

<sup>24</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, May 21, 1920

<sup>25</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, November 19, 1920

<sup>26</sup> Topeka State Journal, May 16, 1921

<sup>27</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, May 10, 1922

<sup>28</sup> Evening Kansan, May 3, 1922

<sup>29</sup> The Kansas Society for Children with Challenges website, <http://www.kssociety.org/about/history.html>, visited January 4, 2020

<sup>30</sup> Catholic Advance, December 26, 1925

<sup>31</sup> R. L. Polk & Co, Wichita, Kansas, City Directory, 1937

<sup>32</sup> R. L. Polk & Co, Wichita, Kansas, City Directory, 1943

<sup>33</sup> Wichita Beacon, August 27, 1922

<sup>34</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, October 14, 1922

<sup>35</sup> Catholic Advance, February 9, 1935

<sup>36</sup> Catholic Advance, March 23, 1935

<sup>37</sup> Death Certificate 03078, Alma O'Keefe, January 12, 1962. Texas Department of State Health Services; Austin Texas, USA

<sup>38</sup> Wichita Beacon, July 12, 1915

<sup>39</sup> Wichita Daily Eagle, June 12, 1919

# The Wichita Weekly Eagle

## Thursday, July 17, 1873, page 3

### Column 1

#### CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

In calling the attention of the business men of Wichita to our enlargement [sic], and in thanking them most sincerely [sic] for the liberal patronage vouchsafed to us in the past, we would most respectfully remind them that while such enlargement necessitates heavier expenses, that the paper will be recognized as a greater power in building up our city and filling up this truly wonderful valley. All that is necessary to settle very quarter section of this county is to make known its value; and what medium can accomplish that end so well as a local paper of the respectable size and appearance of the enlarged EAGLE? To this end we are bending every energy. And, while we would not, by any means, have this paper considered in the light of a charitable object, yet it must be patent to every business man who expects to make this his future home, that the liberal support of such a paper will repay him in other ways than that received in increased trade through his advertisement. To make this enlargement we have been compelled to run in debt, trusting to the wisdom, business sagacity and liberal patronage of our business men to see us safely through the EAGLE is now the largest weekly paper in the state, outside of the cities, which fact alone will not only prove a matter of pride, but one of the great benefits to the city. All the earnings of the paper and the job office for the past year, besides between three and four thousand dollars of money that we possessed, has been faithfully employed in building up and improving it. With the hope that our city may continue to grow in importance, that her business men may continue to prosper, and that the EAGLE may prove an efficient auxiliary to both, we shall continue in our faith and work.

The following condensed table, which we have taken some pains to compile, will give eastern business men something of an idea of the business of Wichita:

No. Business	Ag. Capital
5 Groceries, wholesale and retail.....	\$80,000
19 Groceries, retail .....	65,000
4 Hardware, stoves, etc.....	30,000

3 Wholesale liquors and tobacco .....	20,000
5 Clothing .....	40,000
5 Drug stores.....	20,000
3 Flour and seed.....	20,000
3 Banks .....	140,000
5 Lumber yards.....	60,000
5 Dry goods, retail .....	34,000
12 Saloons.....	9,000
4 Billiard halls .....	8,500
2 Stationery.....	3,000
2 Auction stores .....	2,000
2 Boots and shoes .....	5,000
3 Jewelry.....	8,000
5 Millinery .....	6,000
2 Harness and saddle .....	6,000
2 Merchant tailoring .....	5,000
2 Furniture stores .....	8,000
4 Fruit stands .....	1,000
2 Coal and stone yards.....	9,000
7 Contractors and builders.....	24,000
3 Wagon manufacturers.....	14,000
7 Livery stables.....	26,000
2 Printing offices .....	10,000
2 Gunsmiths.....	2,000
4 Boot and shoe manufactories.....	4,000
3 Blacksmiths .....	3,000
4 Paint shops.....	3,000
7 Meat markets .....	4,000
2 Bakeries .....	3,000
1 Bakery and confectionery.....	3,000
2 Photographers .....	2,000
1 Cigar manufactory .....	1,500
3 Breweries .....	8,000
1 Soda manufactory .....	4,000
1 Match factory.....	500
1 Pump factory.....	500
5 Barber shops .....	2,000
3 Tin shops.....	5,000
25 Teams, expresses .....	7,500
2 Real estate firms .....	18,000
1 Toll bridge .....	30,000
1 Cattle yard, etc.....	4,000
1 Grist mill.....	6,000
1 Engine house.....	5,000
1 Depot, 60x150 .....	6,400
2 Brick yards.....	5,000
1 Southwestern stage company.....	25,000
1 Truss bridge company .....	10,000
Grand total .....	\$819,900



## Wichita Weekly Eagle, continued

Correspondence of the Eagle.

CALDWELL, JULY 12TH, 1873.

EDITOR EAGLE: Since my last report, June 23d, the following herds arrived at Caldwell, and registered for Wichita, viz:

Wells .....	980
Wells & Jackson .....	770
Woolf .....	900
Mabers.....	800
Hays .....	730
Low & Hinds.....	1,500
McAllen .....	900
Perry .....	850
Findly .....	901
Adams .....	2,000
Pope.....	2,025
Neal .....	700
Morris.....	1,700
Wade .....	1,500
Vance & Bro .....	1,200
Viviaa & Bruden .....	560
Bates.....	830
Franks.....	650
Robins .....	1,400
Southerland .....	1,000
P. Slaughter .....	930
Gray.....	606

The above, added to previous reports, give a total for Wichita to date of 123,985. Two-thirds of the entire number class as beef steers, and include many superior herds either for packing or feeding purposes. In conversation with Mr. C. C. Slaughter, one of the oldest and most successful among the Texan drovers, he assured me that during no season, from '68 down to the present time, have Texas cattle improved as rapidly as they are now doing, and are likely to do, if permitted to remain on the range a few weeks longer. The same opinion seems to be entertained by drovers generally, and I desire to notice this as one of the hopeful symptoms of this market.

MONT.

Has the EAGLE any influence abroad? Is its work effective? Read the following extract from a letter written in Europe by an American gentleman who has occupied high positions in this country. The letter is addressed to Steele & Levy, the great land agents here, and speaks for itself. We are sorry that we have not authority to use the name. It is

needless to add that we entertain the most profound respect for the judgment of both gentlemen named:

BROCKS DOLEN HOTEL.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, June 8, 1873.

DEAR SIRS: Where can I get 10,000 acres of good agricultural land, at fair prices.

I handed to A. N. Wise, in London, the editor of the *Free West*, published in London, England, a copy of the *Wichita EAGLE*, and he says, as I know, that it is incomparably the best weekly paper in America. He has already copied several articles from the *EAGLE* into his paper, which has an immense circulation and much influence. He is much interested in Southwestern Kansas. I sail for America by the Cunard line in a few days.

Respectfully.

ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE R. R.

WICHITA, July 14, 1873.

EDITOR EAGLE: Below find statement of receipts of this station from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>:

	Freight.	Passenger.
January .....	\$5,502.37	\$3,347.55
February .....	11,899.37	3,340.15
March .....	18,108.18	4,796.85
April .....	18,201.37	8,800.00
May .....	16,772.34	6,258.70
June .....	<u>17,497.44</u>	<u>5,975.30</u>
Total .....	\$87,980.74	\$32,519.30
Total freight and passenger		\$120,500.04

CHAS. MARSH, Agent.

In the line of industrial enterprises Wichita stands in need of nothing so much as a good flouring mill. There are no doubts as to the profitability of such an investment. We want a mill of such capacity as could turn out mercantile work – a mill with all the modern improvements in the way of cleaners, smut machines, etc., inside of a building built for permanency, of stone or brick. Such a mill as we speak of would bring wheat from fifty miles in every direction. Farmers could afford to haul wheat such a distance, knowing that they would take home an extra fine quality of flour. Such a mill as we speak of would not only encourage the growing of wheat, but would save to this country thousands of dollars monthly that now go to foreign markets to pay for flour. Where can the man of suf-



ficient means and experience be found for this enterprise?

From the *Chicago Live Stock Reporter* of July 11<sup>th</sup>, we gather the following facts relative to the Texas stock market: "The receipts of Texan and Cherokee cattle during the week have again been liberal, and above the average quality. Good cattle have sold well, and at better prices than were paid last week. One sale of extra heavy fat beeves was made at \$5.50, and several at a little over \$5. Through cattle are still coming forward, and some of them were in truly good condition. Still the fewer 'through' cattle we get, the better for the market." Wherever those through cattle may come from we don't know, but we know that they are not shipped from Wichita, as the cattle are doing too well – improving too fast – for owners to afford to ship at present.

Hugo Kullak, a man well known throughout the state as a successful business man and contractor, and withal a liberal and warm-hearted gentleman, died, at his residence in Topeka, on last Sabbath. His funeral was attended by a large concourse of people, the Odd Fellows and Turnverein societies participating. Mr. Kullak was for some time connected with the contracting firm and lumber dealers, Mills & Stem, of Wichita. His death will be sincerely regretted by a large number of the best men of Topeka and the state.

## Column 2

The EAGLE office employs the labor of six men.

See notice of republican central committee elsewhere.

Chas. W. Hill has just received some fine imported soap.

C. F. Pierce, of Emporia, with his wife and boy, are in the city.

Buffalo have been killed within nine miles of Wichita this spring.

W. B. Mead has been appointed deputy postmaster by R. L. West.

Ex-Governor Samuel J. Crawford honored our town by a visit this week.

U-cha-og-gra is the Indian name for our beautiful stream, the Little Arkansas.

Harris keeps an ice box on the sidewalk for the accommodation of the public.

See advertisement of "new route via the El Paso bridge," in another column.

Al. Thomas has gone to Ohio to take a look at the home of his childhood days.

Mrs. Page is offering her millinery stock at cost, to make room for a fall stock.

The most cheering news of all kinds of crops reaches us from every portion of the Arkansas valley.

Wichita has seven building and contracting firms, all of which find employment for themselves and men.

Doc. Fisher and Cashier Hyde are talking of sending for a fine scull boat for pleasure on the U-cha-og-gra.

In a week or two we shall publish full statistics of the crops of this county, as returned by the assessors.

Quite a large German settlement is being made upon the Cowskin, a few miles southwest of the town.

Cleveland & Stephens, grocerymen, near the depot, ask through a special a portion of the public patronage.

The probate court of Sedgwick county was in session day before yesterday, his honor, W. C. Little, presiding.

Another flat boat came down the Arkansas river from Colorado this week, which had five passengers aboard.

Dr. McAdams has preserved in alcohol a young centipede, which was captured in a watermelon patch in this vicinity.

The real estate and money loaning firms of Wichita, outside of the regular banking institutions, represent \$145,000 capital.

It is the firm of Reese & Sawyer that is building the artistic and finely finished summer house on the grounds of Mr. Greiffenstein.

Read our article entitled "The Arkansas Valley – farms for the million," on the fourth page, then mark it and send your paper east.

The *Guide Board*, published at Chicago, contains a full page illustration of the Chisholm crossing, on the road leading to Phillips' brick yard.

A "meeting of praise" will be held at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath evening, at Eagle hall. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

All the leading business men of Wichita advertise in the EAGLE. Consult its columns as to where to buy and as to who are the liberal dealers.

The proper basis for the drainage of Main street and Douglas avenue has, evidently, at last been hit upon. The work is progressing rapidly.

Thirty-one dollars worth of white paper was used for this week's issue, and we have no doubt the paper will be read by ten thousand persons.

Owing to a press of other matters the proceedings of the county commissioners, as a board of equalization, will not appear until next week.

Wichita, morally, legally, physically, and mentally, stands as follows: Ministers, 5; attorneys, 19; physicians and dental surgeons, 13; editors, 2.

The Douglas Avenue House is thronged from day to day with guests. The number of arrivals since the first of June foot up to twelve hundred and sixty.

Judge M. S. Adams has shown his faith in our future as a city by removing his family here. We welcome the judge and his inestimable lady most heartily.

We print one thousand extra copies of this, our emigration issue. Parties desiring one or fifty copies can procure them, ready folded and in wrappers, at the office.

Read the \_?\_cker ink-slingers' opinions of this town and county, published upon the first page of this paper. We have more of them which will appear in good time.

There is invested in hotels, restaurants and boarding houses in Wichita \$89,000, not counting the new \$30,000 Metropolitan on Second street, which is now above the second story.

James L. Dyer, esq., was overcome by the intense heat last Saturday while passing down Main street. Cold water and a liberal application of ice soon brought him around all right.

Capt. Folks announced in his last paper that the Oxford *Press* would be removed to Wellington, the county seat of Sumner, from which point we will regularly hear from him hereafter.

The Wichita Savings bank publishes its quarterly statement this week, which if perused with understanding is a bigger puff of its solidity and business than we could put in mere words.

R. Nichols & Co., heavy stock commission merchants, represented by R. R. Dunbar in Wichita,

have an advertisement in this week's paper. Mr. Dunbar was a large buyer throughout last season.

The total number of buildings erected during the past year in Wichita is 166, at a cost of \$205,520. These figures are not guess work. Where is the town or city in the state that can make such a showing?

Wm. Greiffenstein sold five of his Berkshire pigs this week to Geo. R. Campbell, of Newton. The latter gentleman purchased them and will bit them up for the purpose of exhibition at the state fair this fall.

When you have read your EAGLE this week, mail it some [sic] acquaintance east, who may desire to know of the west. It contains much valuable information, compiled with care. Send it as an emigration document.

From one of our heaviest business men, who is an interested party, we learn that there will be erected this fall, or in the early spring, in Wichita, a large manufactory. The kind and details we are not permitted to give.

Thos. Coklyn [sic], city auctioneer, sold on the street, last Saturday, for I. B. Smith, sheep to she [sic] amount of \$1,040. The purchasers were Allen & Foultz. This is the largest auction sale that ever occurred upon our streets.

We are in receipt of several communications, pro and con, touching the moral status of Wichita and certain actions hereinbefore had. Believing that no good would result therefrom to either, the town or this paper, we must respectfully decline their publication.

Fred. Schattner, our county clerk, is putting up a substantial residence on Wichita street, 25x42. The indications are that some fair one will soon be made happy in the change of her name. Good name, high sounding and of foreign distinction. We wish them, etc.

PERSONAL. — We acknowledge calls from Col. Knapp, of Oxford, Sumner county; C. S. Brodbent, Wellington; Mr. Bryant, of Independence; Messrs. Merrill & Dunbar, cattle buyers; Doctor White, of Eldorado; John M. Crowell, U. S. mail agent, and many citizens of our own county.

Mrs. S. L. Davidson will accept our acknowledgments for a mess of fine, large and fully ripe tomatoes, grown in the garden adjoining her home in the city. They were the first of the season, as far

as our table was concerned, and were appreciated all the more on that account. Thank you.

The EAGLE makes some strong expressions this week touching the Arkansas valley, its resources, capabilities, climate, etc., but readers will notice that we have not colored things anything like so high as some of the Illinois editors and others whom we quote this week, and who ought to be disinterested judges.

There is invested in the mercantile business of Wichita, \$568,000; in corporations, \$121,000; in miscellaneous, \$145,000; in hotels, restaurants, etc., \$89,000; making a total of \$1,057,000. What kind of a showing is that for a town three years and three months old?

### Column 3

A much larger amount of money is being put into buildings this year in Wichita than last, although the number is much smaller. There are in course of construction at present seven business rooms, all of brick, and upon modern styles. Five of these rooms are under the Metropolitan hotel, which is three stories high and will cost \$30,000. Hills & Kramer are erecting another of brick, open front, two stories high, 25x70 feet, at a cost of \$5,000. Todd & Royal, wholesale grocers, the seventh, on the corner of Main and First streets, open front, two stories high, brick, 25x80 feet, cost \$5,000. In addition to these, a two story brick, the Commercial block, containing two store rooms, 25x65 each, just finished and occupies on Douglas avenue, cost \$6,000. Our business men are rapidly realizing the necessity of getting into more permanent and safer quarters, where they can obtain insurance upon their immense stocks. As soon as a sufficient number of good rooms are built it will be next to impossible to rent a frame building in which to do business. By Christmas the business streets of Wichita will present quite a solid and substantial look.

No town of its size, east or west, can boast better church privileges than are enjoyed by the people of Wichita. The Episcopalians, Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists have all regular organizations here, with settled pastors. The Catholics and Methodists have neat, comfortable and well appointed places of worship. The Presbyterians and Baptists are arranging as fast as possible to build yet this season. The Baptists hold services in the school

house, the Presbyterians hold their services in the Eagle hall, and the Episcopalians in a building formerly occupied for a court house. The ministers of these several denominations are earnest, intelligent men, and their congregations are large, orderly and appreciative. Let no one stay away from Southern Kansas under apprehension that their families would be cut off from Christian privileges.

While Wichita society does not plume itself upon rivaling in ostentatious show and flimsy nothings that which spreads itself at Newport and Long Branch, yet we are proud to say that a majority of our people could put in an appearance at either of those fashionable resorts without disparagement to themselves or anybody else. When it is taken into consideration that we are out upon the border, the terminus of a railroad, and in possession of a trade that gathers the most uncontrollable elements around it, the select character and refinement that distinguishes the society of Wichita is truly wonderful. Men of means and culture who contemplate making a home in the west should not fail to visit our city.

In pursuance of an ordinance the mayor closed up all places of business last Sunday, including all places of resort, etc. In front of Dagner's is a town pump which is kept locked. A thirsty long-horn genius who had been trying all the saloon doors in the vicinity, just struck above the pump handle Sunday morning as we happened along, when he propounded the following unanswerable conundrum: "Say, mister, by the eternal and mythological deity Jove, has this town become so all-fired high-toned that they even lock up the pumps on Sunday?"

The one other word we would say here is, these columns are always open to any merchant, farmer or stock-raiser who desires to give or impart information upon any subject pertaining to those interests, or trades, free, as our columns weekly attest; for, as we have often said before, the great and only hope of this valley and city, with all their multiplied interests, lie in the encouragement, protection and success of the agricultural and stock-growing interests, which overshadow all others.

The Avenue hotel, situated on Douglas avenue, between Lawrence and Emporia avenues, was burned to the ground last Friday morning. The building was 25x60, two stories high, with addition, and had been vacated the night previous. The prop-

erty belonged to N. A. English, and having no insurance, proves a very serious loss, being worth about three thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Some way or other the rumor got afloat that this office was about to issue a daily, when M. R. Moser, the enterprising wagon builder, rushed up stairs with the money in his fist, with the exclamation, "Put me down for a year for the daily EAGLE." Not yet, friend M., but we are fully prepared whenever we think such an enterprise [sic] can be legitimately supported.

Mr. Bettes, of whose accidental shooting we gave an account two weeks since, came very near bleeding to death, the other evening, before medical assistance could be attained. It appears that an artery had sloughed off, and his life's blood was only retained by the determined efforts of a woman who held on to the arm until the doctor arrived.

Elders Hobbs and Lance will hold a basket meeting at Shaner's grove, township 26, 3 west, section 12, on the Cowskin<sup>1</sup>, one week from next Sabbath, July 27<sup>th</sup>. The occasion will be an interesting one, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to join in the worship that will be conducted in God's own temple.

#### MARRIED.

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1873, by Rev. J. F. Nessly, Mr. Calvin Wagner and Martha S. Jackson<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> South of 69<sup>th</sup> St N, east of 231<sup>st</sup> St W; about a mile north and a mile east of Andale.

<sup>2</sup> Calvin Charles Wagner was born in April 1840 in Germanay and died 14 Nov 1920 in Junction City. Martha was born 21

#### DIED.

On Friday evening, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at his residence, in Ohio township, this county, Mr. Joseph Rochette, formerly of Forrest, Illinois, aged thirty-eight years<sup>3</sup>.

Cut down in the full vigor of manhood, his sun went down while it was yet day, just in the full career of usefulness, building up a comfortable home upon the prairies of the Arkansas. Mr. Rochette was a man with a good natural disposition of making friends, and whom [sic] once made, always friends. Kind hearted, intelligent and sociable, he was loved and respected by a large circle of friends; linked also to the good and true in the bonds of friendship, love and truth, the last tribute of respect was paid to his memory by a numerous company of the order on last Sunday, in all the formula of the ceremonies of burying the dead of that order. His remains now rest beneath the greensward of his native home. May sweet recollections remain of him fresh and green in the minds of his brothers. He leaves a sorrowing wife and four small children to mourn his loss.

July 1852 in Canada, and predeceased her husband on 10 January 1914 in Junction City. They are buried together in that town's Highland Cemetery.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph O. Rochette, born about 1835 in Great Britain (per naturalization record of 13 Oct 1871), married Mary H. Wilson (born ca. 1845, Illinois) in 1864, Livingston County, Illinois. They had four sons: Edward F., Frank O., James S., and William. Joseph is buried in Clearwater Cemetery. Mary married Samuel M. Manion in July 1888 but they were divorced in early 1890; no further record of Mary was found during a brief Internet search.



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O001	Ditgen, Nick W.	Andale, KS	32		
	Cordell, Nora K.	Andale, KS	17	31 Jan	22 Feb 1911
O001	Hill, Roy C.	Brownsville, TX	24		
	Flaudes, Mercedz	Point Isabel, TX	24	31 Jan	01 Feb 1911
O002	Hicks, John H.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Wolfe, Mona	Wichita, KS	20	01 Feb	01 Feb 1911
O002	Prather, Ivard Dean	Wichita, KS	22		
	Cornell, Amy Elizabeth	Wichita, KS	20	02 Feb	02 Feb 1911
O003	Bessey, Charles Henry	Wichita, KS	28		
	Fletcher, Bertha V.	Wichita, KS	22	03 Feb	05 Feb 1911
O003	Miller, Bert	Furley, KS	22		
	Elliott, Edith	Furley, KS	21	04 Feb	07 Feb 1911
O004	Schumacher, Albert E.	White City, KS	22		
	Brown, Blanche B.	Wichita, KS	20	04 Feb	04 Feb 1911
O004	Sidles, Hal	Wichita, KS	22		
	Helena, Myrtie	Wichita, KS	20	06 Feb	19 Feb 1911
O005	McMullen, Clifton	Wichita, KS	29		
	Shimel, Bertha	Wichita, KS	25	07 Feb	07 Feb 1911
O005	Wakefield, Frank W.	Douglass, KS	31		
	Rowe, Leah	Douglass, KS	25	07 Feb	07 Feb 1911
O006	Samples, Fred	Winfield, KS	29		
	Rhodes, Cleo	Winfield, KS	19	07 Feb	07 Feb 1911
O006	Smith, Frank M.	Wichita, KS	35		
	Newell, Daisy M.	Wichita, KS	23	07 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O007	Frambers, Raymond L.	Wellington, KS	21		
	Whittaker, Harriett M.	Wellington, KS	22	08 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O007	Raine, George L.	Maple Hill, KS	23		
	Romick, Mary Belle	Maple Hill, KS	18	08 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O008	Gray, Charles J.	Wichita, KS	27		
	Brill, Alta	Wichita, KS	19	08 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O008	Sanders, Frank J.	Alma, KS	21		
	Raine, Annie	Maple Hill, KS	20	08 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O009	Dohner, Irwin	Peabody, KS	23		
	Hannah, Gladys Ruth	Peabody, KS	18	08 Feb	08 Feb 1911
O009	Gerety, Richard P.	Wichita, KS	36		
	Cogdell, Cornelia Pendleton	Wichita, KS	35	08 Feb	09 Feb 1911
O010	Cummins, Henry E.	Wichita, KS	23		
	Sites, Agnes	Wichita, KS	20	09 Feb	09 Feb 1911
O010	DeFrance, George M.	Wichita, KS	47		
	Whitmoyer, Minnie	Wichita, KS	41	09 Feb	09 Feb 1911
O011	Brown, Harry B.	Wichita, KS	23		
	Smith, Mabel Mae	Wichita, KS	21	10 Feb	10 Feb 1911
O011	Vandusen, Nelson	Wichita, KS	41		
	Marlin, Mahalie	Wichita, KS	45	11 Feb	11 Feb 1911
O012	Harrison, Edward	Wichita, KS	21		
	Ward, Grace	Benton, KS	18	11 Feb	11 Feb 1911



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O012	Wellborn, Harry	Hutchinson, KS	22		
	Kraff, Mabel	Wichita, KS	21	12 Feb	12 Feb 1911
O013	Bonto, Harvey	Cherokee, OK	22		
	Hinds, A.E.	Cherokee, OK	23	13 Feb	14 Feb 1911
O013	Woolfolk, John F.	Ashland, KS	49		
	Clayborn, Clara B.	Ellsworth, KS	36	13 Feb	13 Feb 1911
O014	Ireland, S.D.	Whitewater, KS	26		
	Kendall, Grace	Wichita, KS	24	14 Feb	14 Feb 1911
O014	Wilson, J.W.	Wichita, KS	40		
	Miller, Martha	Wichita, KS	30	11 Feb	
O015	Becker, D. Beals	Wichita, KS	24		
	Naramore, Helen Cecil	Wichita, KS	23	14 Feb	14 Feb 1911
O015	Wright, Benjamin	Mt. Hope, KS	19		
	DeVaughn, Luella	Mt. Hope, KS	22	14 Feb	15 Feb 1911
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O017	Eilert, Walter	Furley, KS	20		
	Barker, Lillie	Whitewater, KS	20	15 Feb	15 Feb 1911
O017	Kinne, William C.	Wichita, KS	35		
	O'Brien, Clara	Wichita, KS	29	15 Feb	15 Feb 1911
O018	Ramirez, Bonifacio	Wichita, KS	21		
	Maga, Guadalupe(pa)	Wichita, KS	18	15 Feb	16 Feb 1911
O018	Stubbs, Almon	Wichita, KS	45		
	Eyman, Lue	Wichita, KS	46	15 Feb	15 Feb 1911
O019	Chaparro, Eugenia	Wichita, KS	26		
	Escenilla, Trinidad	Wichita, KS	27	15 Feb	16 Feb 1911
O019	Franklin, Marshall	Ingersol, OK	52		
	Pierson, Alice D.	Evansville, IN	41	15 Feb	15 Feb 1911
O020	Goemann, Henry A.	Wichita, KS	32		
	McGary, Katherine (Ca.) E.	Wichita, KS	28	16 Feb	16 Feb 1911
O020	Vanover, Roy W.	Sulphur, NV	41		
	Norfolk, Clara	Chester, OK	41	16 Feb	16 Feb 1911
O021	Bishop, W.K.	Andover, KS	27		
	Erdwien, Tillie Mary	Greenwich, KS	18	16 Feb	16 Feb 1911
O021	Strickland, Chester	Valley Center, KS	24		
	Tjaden, Ella	Valley Center, KS	22	13 Feb	15 Feb 1911
O022	Miller, George F.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Paul, Vera A.	Wichita, KS	16	17 Feb	23 Feb 1911
O022	Stevens, Harry F.	Wichita, KS	38		
	Wray, Laura G.	Wichita, KS	25	16 Feb	18 Feb 1911
O023	Bosserman, Bert	Wichita, KS	28		
	O'Neil, Ethel	Wichita, KS	20	20 Feb	20 Feb 1911
O023	Cole, J.H.	Peabody, KS	22		
	Bare, Maude	Peabody, KS	19	18 Feb	18 Feb 1911
O024	Hawkins, Thomas	Wichita, KS	27		
	Standfor, Mittie	Wichita, KS	25	20 Feb	20 Feb 1911
O024	Henry, Virgle	Wichita, KS	26		
	Forsythe, Pauline	Wichita, KS	16	20 Feb	20 Feb 1911
O025	Boyce, Ben W.	Beaumont, KS	24		
	Studley, Mabel	Beaumont, KS	19	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911

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O025	Mynatt, Hugh L.	Wichita, KS	40		
	Mynatt, Mary	Wichita, KS	40	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O026	Brewer, Alfred W.	Tonkawa, OK	36		
	Bond, Calista Grace	Tonkawa, OK	30	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O026	Cousins, A.J.	Douglass, KS	28		
	Causey, Bertha E.	Augusta, KS	19	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O027	Carnahan, A.J.	Kechi, KS	32		
	Davies, Lydia L.C.	Kechi, KS	30	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O027	Greer, Thomas S.	Potwin, KS	34		
	Pendleton, Carrie C.	Wichita, KS	27	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O028	Bennett, Roy F.	Sedgwick Co, KS	21		
	Spaur, Pearl	Sedgwick Co, KS	19	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O028	McCluggage, Thomas V.	Wichita, KS	28		
	Dorsey, Katherine	Wichita, KS	28	22 Feb	22 Feb 1911
O029	Bishop, Samuel L.	Martinsville, IL	69		
	Gates, Maggie	Wichita, KS	56	23 Feb	23 Feb 1911
O029	Miles, Howard P.	Valley Center, KS	22		
	Fitzgerald, Vassie K.	Valley Center, KS	22	23 Feb	26 Feb 1911
O030	Baldwin, S.E.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Hanes, Carrie	Wichita, KS	26	24 Feb	24 Feb 1911
O030	Cornell, Carlyle P.	Wichita, KS	25		
	Kraft, Louise M.	Wichita, KS	20	25 Feb	25 Feb 1911
O031	Koors, Elmer	Wichita, KS	21		
	Bittman, Elizabeth	Wanette, OK	21	25 Feb	07 Mar 1911
O031	Pirtle, Thomas A.	Eldorado, KS	23		
	Esley, Ina	Augusta, KS	19	25 Feb	25 Feb 1911
O032	Dunn, John W.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Robinson, Susan	Wichita, KS	19	27 Feb	27 Feb 1911
O032	Rodabaugh, Etna (Elna) J.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Bowdlear, Sybil May	Wichita, KS	19	27 Feb	27 Feb 1911
O033	Brian, Burnace A.	Belle Plaine, KS	21		
	Redmon, Josephine B.	Belle Plaine, KS	22	27 Feb	27 Feb 1911
O033	Prosser, Arthur R.	Wichita, KS	33		
	Smith, Ethel M.	Wichita, KS	24	27 Feb	28 Feb 1911
O034	Liggett, C.R.	Valley Center, KS	24		
	Evans, Grace Edith	Valley Center, KS	31	28 Feb	01 Mar 1911
O034	Westover, Count I.	Wichita, KS	24		
	Pentico, Flo E.	Wichita, KS	16	27 Feb	28 Feb 1911
O035	Nelson, John A.	Conway Spgs, KS	30		
	Shannon, Bertha	Hutchinson, KS	28	28 Feb	28 Feb 1911
O035	Waite, S.B.	Marion, KS	42		
	Winter, Josephine	Wichita, KS	34	28 Feb	01 Mar 1911
O036	Miller, Arthur	Wichita, KS	26		
	Cole, Leona	Wichita, KS	27	28 Feb	28 Feb 1911
O036	Schulze, Henry J.	Bentley, KS	24		
	Owens, Nora L.	Bentley, KS	17	28 Feb	01 Mar 1911
O037	Elting, Charles E.	Valley Center, KS	21		
	Strong, Gladys V.	Valley Center, KS	18	01 Mar	01 Mar 1911
O037	Mansfield, David	Wichita, KS	21		
	Spray, Lillian	Wichita, KS	20	01 Mar	01 Mar 1911
O038	Carpenter, Joseph	Wichita, KS	55		
	Jones, Bertha	Wichita, KS	27	01 Mar	01 Mar 1911

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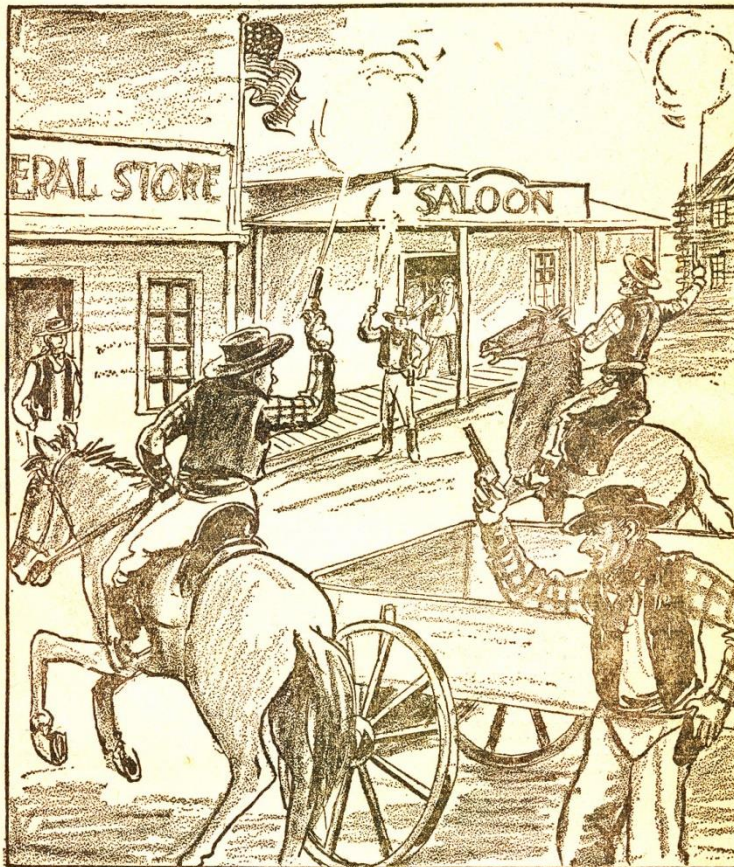
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O038	James, Boyd	Rardin, IL	23		
	Daugherty, Grace	Augusta, KS	20	01 Mar	01 Mar 1911
O039	Seavey, Charles J.	Wichita, KS	20		
	Stein, Rose	Wichita, KS	21	02 Mar	02 Mar 1911
O039	Stewart, Joseph	Wichita, KS	28		
	Roberts, Estella	Colwich, KS	28	01 Mar	01 Mar 1911
O040	Booher, Wesley G.	Wichita, KS	25		
	Grant, Ida	Wichita, KS	24	02 Mar	02 Mar 1911
O040	Newell, Owen D.	Hutchinson, KS	27		
	Slayton, Opal L.	Hutchinson, KS	19	02 Mar	02 Mar 1911
O041	Cue, Joseph	Wichita, KS	70		
	Robertson, Emma	Wichita, KS	52	04 Mar	04 Mar 1911
O041	Lentz, Herman	Garden Plain, KS	26		
	Scheumann, Ida	Anness, KS	17	03 Mar	16 Mar 1911
O042	Anneler, R.	Floris, OK	38		
	Brandt, Dora	Wichita, KS	38	06 Mar	07 Mar 1911
O042	Jones, Roye C.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Walden, Lenora	Wichita, KS	18	04 Mar	04 Mar 1911
O043	Fry, George H.	Valley Center, KS	31		
	Murray, Lottie (Mrs.)	Valley Center, KS	30	07 Mar	07 Mar 1911
O043	Nelson, Clarence W.	Alta Vista, KS	23		
	Reynolds, Linnie	Fall River, KS	20	07 Mar	07 Mar 1911
O044	Colen, Arvel	Wichita, KS	20		
	Kinsey, Mamye	Wichita, KS	16	09 Mar	09 Mar 1911
O044	Roach, Rolland	Derby, KS	25		
	Means, Carrie	Wichita, KS	23	07 Mar	08 Mar 1911
O045	Casebeer, W.C.	Wichita, KS	40		
	Sleese, N.J.	Wichita, KS	38	09 Mar	09 Mar 1911
O045	McMurtry, Henry	Wichita, KS	36		
	Harris, Ines Belle	Wichita, KS	18	09 Mar	09 Mar 1911
O046	Anderson, R.C.	Harper, KS	30		
	Harrington, Blanche	Kansas City, KS	22	09 Mar	09 Mar 1911
O046	Oonk, George A.	Wichita, KS	46		
	Cummings, Annie	Wichita, KS	36	09 Mar	09 Mar 1911
O047	Jones, G.W.	Clearwater, KS	29		
	Gubitz, Mary	Clearwater, KS	23	11 Mar	12 Mar 1911
O047	Murray, J.B.	Wichita, KS	29		
	Leonard, Barbara A.	Wichita, KS	24	10 Mar	10 Mar 1911
O048	Langley, John S.	Wichita, KS	40		
	Bowers, Belle	Wichita, KS	33	11 Mar	12 Mar 1911
O048	Stringer, H.S.	Goddard, KS	21		
	Lane, May K.	Goddard, KS	21	13 Mar	14 Mar 1911
O049	Boylan, Joseph Scott	Breckenridge, CO	17		
	Harsh, Thankful Mai	Breckenridge, CO	17	11 Mar	12 Mar 1911
O049	Croson, Frank C.	Wichita, KS	19		
	Rohrbach, Grace	Wichita, KS	22	13 Mar	19 Mar 1911
O050	Ayres, Dick Hervin	Cheney, KS	22		
	Whaley, Almira Ella	Cheney, KS	18	15 Mar	15 Mar 1911
O050	Montague, Thomas H.	Wichita, KS	21		
	Fletcher, Frances Belle	Cairo, IL	19	14 Mar	15 Mar 1911



# WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 131

## Revolvers Barked Here in 1870 at Huge Celebration

Pioneer Wichitan Awakened July Fourth by Towns-  
men and Cowboys Having Fun



(Wichita Historical Panel No. 131)

WICHITANS CELEBRATED the Fourth of July with revolvers instead of firecrackers in 1870, according to the diary of an early-day Wichitan, Charles C. Fees, who observed the celebration of the day and set it down in writing. He records he was awakened from his slumbers by shooting by townsmen and cowboys and continues: "Early in the morning the people began to gather in and at 11 o'clock the town was full. The celebration was held in a grove near the town. A number of speeches, some lively, were made, after which a free dinner. This eve, while I am writing, a brilliant dance is going on at the Wichita House. Truly this is a wondrous country. Ladies dressed in all the fixings of an eastern belle."

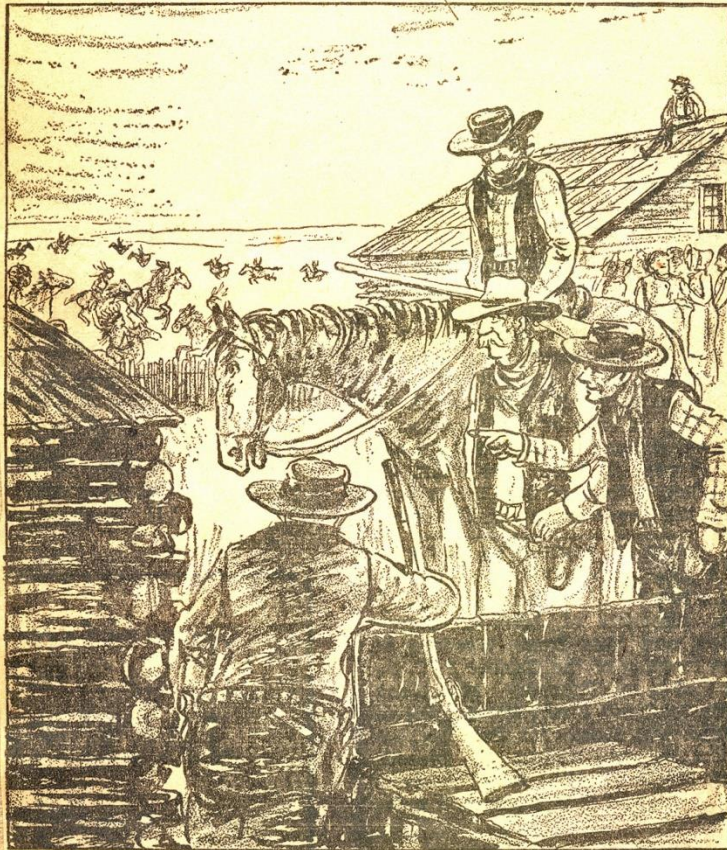
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# WICHITA HISTORICAL PANEL NO. 132

## Early Indian Scare Ended Here with Dance of Redmen

Charles Fees Tells of How 75 Osages Scared Residents of Wichita in August, 1870



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FROM 1868 TO 1874 the community of Wichita was not without Indian scares. There was one in August, 1870, which ended in an Indian dance according to an early-day Wichitan, Charles C. Fees, who in his diary recorded that on August 1, that year, reports were received that Indians were about to come to town and had the community in a dither while the men were preparing for an attack. In part he wrote: "Some of the ladies were nearly crazy with fear. At about 1 p. m. about 75 Osages came to town and afterward had quite a dance. Quite a crowd of citizens gathered and all passed off quietly." Such scares as recorded by Mr. Fees caused settlers in outlying cabins to rush their families, and if possible their livestock to town.

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# **The Wichita Weekly Eagle**

## **Thursday, July 24, 1873, page 3**

### **Column 1**

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#### **CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.**

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Al. Thomas has returned home from Ohio.

It is growing hot again since the late rains.

See Treasurer's notice of sale of school lands.

Mr. Fraker, from Eldorado [sic], brother of J. C., was in the city this week.

See notice of assessment of stock by R. L. West, secretary of the agricultural society.

Mr. J. W. Phillips has been awarded the contract for building a brick school house in district No. 1.

Friend J. Corwin will please accept our thanks for a late Idaho paper, the Silver City *Owyhee Avalanche*.

The Atchison *Champion* and Lawrence *Journal* will please accept thanks for kindly notices of our enlargement [sic].

Every permanent resident in Sedgwick county ought to furnish something for exhibition at the county fair this fall.

The Hutchinson *News* contains four large double-column advertisements of drug stores. They have no saloons in Hutchinson.

The Methodist sociable, held at S. L. Davidson's on Tuesday night, was largely attended, and was in every way a perfect success.

Quite a number of our farmers have stacked their grain and laid their corn by, as they term it, and have commenced putting up hay.

The sale of extra EAGLES was immense last week. May ladies of the city even purchasing extra copies to send away to their friends.

R. Nichols & Co., through R. R. Dunbar, sold 900 head of cattle for Jacob Woodward this week, at \$2.12½. The buying season is fairly opening.

W. A. Thomas & Co., the Green Front grocers, are doing an immense business in the supply trade. They are supplying sixty or seventy cattle camps.

PERSONAL — We acknowledge calls from J. S. Danford, A. L. Redden and Mr. Gossard, of Eldorado [sic]; Dr. Herington, of Augusta; and Jacob Smith, of Topeka, this week.

Dr. Moorhead's residence, on the corner of Lawrence and First streets, looks inviting. The taste

and order there shows the taste and refinement of the lady who presides within.

In the excellent article touching Sumner county, its present and future, the printer makes Mr. Brodbent say, in speaking of school buildings, \$2,000. It should have been \$20,000.

The official card of P. T. Weeks, esq., will be found in the city directory this week. Mr. Weeks command a lucrative practice, we should judge by the amount of legal notices he has published.

C. M. Garrison, the old and well established harness maker, and wide awake advertiser, is doing a good, solid business this summer. His work stands high in the estimation of patrons. Give him a call.

An Emporia minister visits our city, preaches a sermon; subject, love toward one another; takes up a collection to defray [sic] expenses, returns home and writes a letter for the *News*, in which he abuses our town.

At most any depot between here and the capital can be seen soda cases with Harris & Co.'s name on them. Harris' soda is very popular. No pains are spared by him in manufacturing a first-class article.

J. R. Mead returned from Topeka last Saturday, where he had been to look after the wheat harvest of his farm. The brown hands and sunburnt cheeks of the president of the First National were very becoming.

Emporia, as a town, is a type of mortality, high-toned and irreproachable, but one of her ex-ministers, we learn, was down in this country palming off a young woman as his wife, while his better half in fact was east on a visit.

Mr. E. Gilbert, of Cincinnati, brother of our fellow townsman C. F. Gilbert, came west last week, paying Wichita a visit. Mr. G. is just off on a summer's tour, and being a genial and intelligent gentleman, we wish him a pleasant season.

Judge Wade McDonald made us a call on Tuesday. He is about to remove to Wellington, when [sic] he will enter into a copartnership with W. P. Hackney, esq., for the practice of law in the courts of Sumner and adjoining counties.

The Lawrence *Tribune* of last Friday contained a very readable communication from its special cor-

respondent, touching this valley and Wichita, which we had intended to publish, but the article has been mislaid and as yet has not turned up.

During one of the recent severe storms at Emporia, a man was struck in the throat by lightning three times, and yet escaped death. His recovery was the more remarkable as the lightning was of the Jersey variety.

Col. Oakes, commanding the 6<sup>th</sup> U. S. regulars, spent a portion of last week in the city. He had been down visiting one of his companies, stationed at camp Wichita. The colonel is a very fine appearing officer, and held the position of major general during the war.

Rev. J. W. Stogdill has about recovered from his late sickness and, no preventing providence, will be in his pulpit next Sabbath. His subjects of the day will be "The nature of moral law," in the morning, and "The fulfillment of the Jewish law," in the evening.

A Mr. Parker, a Texan, died at the residence of Dr. Owens on last Sabbath, and was buried on Monday, his remains [sic] being followed to the grave by a large number of cattle men and other citizens. Mr. Parker, after an attack of the measles, took cold in fording or swimming the North Fork, resulting in a relapse and death.

John M. Steele, in company with other gentlemen, while out riding the other day, eight or ten miles northeast of the city, ran on to a lake of fine pure water, situated upon the high prairie. The lake had no outlet. The bottom was covered with bubbling springs, and the waters were full of fish, among which were regular speckled trout, as they determined.

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A young man from the country slapped a big copper cent under the nose of the stamp clerk at the Wichita postoffice, the other day, saying: "I guess I will take one of them 'eer pastoraal cards, mister." — *Ft. Scott Monitor*.

"A young man from the country with a big copper cent" didn't do any such thing. The language is more like that of a class dwelling in the bottoms around Ft. Scott, besides the postmaster at Wichita takes no such risks with his nose.

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A. H. Pierce, esq., the large wholesale dealer in Texas cattle at Wichita, bought last Monday two choice herds of Texas cattle. One herd of Burney Bros., picked cattle, for \$27.75; through cattle and a

lot of picked cattle from Col. L. B. Harris, at \$30 wintered, outbidding the representative of Ellsworth, who sought to draw the cattle from this range by offering a larger price.

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Friend J. M. Copeland, one of the successful farmers of Waco, appreciating the fact that a poor editor has but a slim chance for a garden, and that an editor's wife and babies enjoy fresh vegetables as well as anybody else's wife and babies, came lugging into our sanctum an immense quantity of peas, roasting ears, etc., last Saturday. For this thoughtful act may his crops yield an hundred fold. [sic]

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W. W. Turner, who owns a place six and a half miles above town, put in last fall about two bushels of walnuts and one-half bushel of peach pits, together with other tree seeds, and he informs us that the growth is wonderful. Mr. Turner is stopping this summer at Joplin, Mo. He had had a team of horses stolen from him and was up looking for them and for the purpose of purchasing another tem. The lead mines are at Joplin, and he reports money matters easy thereabouts.

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ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE R. R.,  
WICHITA, July 21, 1873.

EDITOR EAGLE: Excursion tickets will be placed on sale at our office July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> to Topeka and return, at \$11.10 for the round trip, and to Carbondale at \$9.90 the round trip (for all who wish to attend the state grange meeting at Lawrence), good to return until August 3d exclusive. And to Topeka and return July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, at \$11.10 the round trip (to all colored people who wish to attend the colored peoples' barbecue), good to return until August 2d inclusive. And to Emporia and return July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>, at \$6.85 the round trip (to those wishing to attend the Friends' meeting), good to return until August 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive.

CHAS. MARSH, AGENT.

### Column 2

From the county clerk's abstract of the assessment roll for Sedgwick county for 1873, we obtain the following interesting figures. The total number of acres assessed in the county is 286,817, at an average valuation of one dollar and sixty-three cents and seven mills, to three dollars and ninety-four cents and seven mills, at an aggregate valuation of

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\$671,678. Number of town lots, 3,109, at an aggregate valuation of \$365,877. The aggregate valuation of personal property in the county foots up \$321,594. The following table shows the total valuation of all taxable property in the county by townships:

Wichita city .....	\$548,000
Wichita township .....	92,978
Union.....	74,955
Gypsum .....	62,707
Eagle .....	62,356
Waco .....	67,378
Rockford .....	54,645
Grant .....	56,932
Kechi .....	50,668
Delano .....	48,644
Minneha .....	47,121
Watson .....	40,000
Park .....	37,146
Lincoln .....	38,364
Ninnescah.....	27,059
Payne.....	26,409
Ohio.....	23,301
Greeley .....	37,140
Railroad.....	85,800
Grand total .....	\$1,448,790

We have on exhibition in our office still additional evidences of the successful growth of what in this valley. The first is a bunch of stalks and heads from the farm of D. H. Miller, living at Pleasant Hill, northeast of town. The variety is spring, and is called the iron-clad or California Clyde. This wheat was sown on sod the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, and harvested the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, and will yield nearly 30 bushels to the acre, in his estimation. The straw is clean and stands over three and one-half feet high, and stood so thick on the ground that an ordinary felt hat thrown in on it would be held up. The next is from L. D. Gossler<sup>1</sup>, seven miles northwest of town, sowed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March. The wheat has been

pronounced by what dealers to be “grade one,” per Chicago standard. At any rate it is very fine what. He also brings us a handful of rye, which was sown late last fall, but which did not come up until spring. It is good. Mr. Gossler has farmed in five different states, and has no hesitency [sic] in saying this valley surpasses all other localities of which he has any knowledge in the production of small grain. We have also a specimen of Norway oats raised by a farmer in this county, that is perfectly enormous, some of the heads measuring eleven inches in length.

Mr. David Hays, of the firm of Hays & Brother, who are among our heaviest and most liberal advertisers, and the figures of whose immense sales last year we published a few weeks since, returned from a trip made to the eastern cities on last Monday, where he had been to lay in a new stock of clothing. He found the fall stocks of clothing already made up, but business dull, sales slow and jobbers anxious to sell. Being a cash buyer, this state of affairs was most auspicious. He purchased at extremely low figures an immense stock of ready-made clothing of the very best goods and latest styles. No such a stock has ever been brought into this city. Being an older dealer he well understands the advantage in low prices this will give him over competitors. There will be a grand rush for Oak Hall upon the arrival of these goods. It is well. The Messrs. Hays are every inch gentlemen, and liberal and very fair dealers. We never hear a word of complaint from their regular customers, and we can sincerely advise all those desiring gents’ or boys’ furnishings goods to go to the old reliable Oak Hall. In addition to the above there has already arrived at the above establishment a complete and varied stock of summer clothing.

The pine lumber trade is one of the most important and heavy lines of business in Wichita. Prominent among the dealers here for the past year has been the firm of Shellabarger & Leidigh, whose names are as familiar as household words throughout the towns of Southern Kansas. The business of the firm at this point was under the able management of and control of Mr. A. W. Oliver, to whose honesty, zeal, fair and honorable dealing the popularity and prosperity of the firm in this city was wholly due. Mr. Leidigh’s [sic] health having failed

<sup>1</sup> Lorenzo Dow Gossler (b. 25 Aug 1841 in Northumberland County, PA) married Anna Mary Criswell (b. 14 Mar 1839 in York County, PA) about 1867 and came to Sedgwick County before July 1869; their daughter Ada was born 13 July 1869, died 3 days later, and is buried in Maize Cemetery. After the 1885 Kansas census and before the 1900 Federal census the family traveled west to Oregon City, OR. Lorenzo died 11 Feb 1903 and Anna died 11 Sept 1906; they are buried together in the Mountain View Cemetery in Oregon City.

him he withdrew this spring from the firm, and Mr. Oliver became an active partner. The firm now, as will be seen by their advertisement, is Shellabarger & Oliver. We take great pleasure in recommending buyers and dealers throughout the Southwest to give these gentlemen a call before making their purchases, and we assure all those improving farms throughout the counties of Butler, Cowley, Sedgwick, Sumner and Barber, that no more honorable and square dealers than Shellabarger & Oliver can be found in the west.

T. H. Dunlap, of Park township, was in our office the other day, at which time he gave us a little of his experience in the growing of crops in this valley. His first wheat crop was in 1870, he being one of the first settlers here. The wheat yielded about 28 bushels to the acre, the same crop in 1871 did not fall short of 30 bushels to the acre. Mr. D. has harvested this year 60 acres of wheat which he thinks well [sic] net 25 bushels to the acre strong, he sowed a few oats in 1870 which yielded splendidly. His faith in this valley as one of sure crops and big, is great. He brought into our office a sheaf of "fife" wheat the grains of which equal the best, the straw and heads are almost golden. Mr. D's. success with both Irish and sweet potatoes has been splendid, he farmed in Illinois ten years and he has seen better corn here than he ever saw in Illinois. He thinks Colifornia [sic] alone can excel this valley in what in both of which places he has farmed.

WELLINGTON, KANSAS, JULY 18, 1873.

*Col. M. M. Murdock:*

DEAR SIR: The full grown Eagle has just swooped down upon the Press office suspending work and almost our breath. Allow me to congratulate you upon its enlargement. It needed no new dress. Always beautiful, this number is perfect. Hurrah for the Eagle and Wichita! Nine cheers and three tigers for the Arkansas valley and the Southwestern Kansas! Success to the biggest Eagle in America! and [sic] may its enterprising proprietor be rewarded by a reasonable amount of filthy lucre for his enterprise.

Fraternally yours, John H Folks.

The above congratulatory and complimentary note is from the hands of Capt. John H Folks, the editor of the Sumner county *Press*. Such encouraging words from such a source we assure him are duly appreciated. By economy and close attention to business we hope to keep the EAGLE up to its pre-

sent standard. The business men of Wichita are enterprising, liberal, and, we believe, fully appreciate the importance to the place of such a paper as the EAGLE. With Capt. Folks, we most heartily join in three times three cheers for the Arkansas valley and Southwestern Kansas.

A sad occurrence was the sudden death of Johnny Lane, on last Thursday, by lightning. The little fellow was out on his pony herding his father's cattle, when the storm came up that carried in its dark folds the fatal shaft that bereft him and his faithful pony of light and life. The body was not discovered until the next day. The father went out in the evening and drove in the herd supposing that his boy had gone to some neighbor's house for shelter. He had sought refuge in a ravine, and it was strange that he should have been struck in such a place by the death dealing fluid. Mr. Lane lives about twelve miles northeast of town. The family have the sympathy of the community in this hour of their bereavement. Johnny was said to be only twelve years old, and a bright, promising boy.<sup>2</sup>

A young man by the name of Wolf, living some eight miles from town, was bitten by a rattlesnake on last Monday. Hurrying to town for relief, whisky was recommended as an antidote. He drank about two and one-half pints. That was in the forenoon. By night he was in an insensible condition, the exertions of two or three physicians failing to arouse him. Still continuing in a comatose or lethargic [sic] state, on Tuesday morning a galvanic battery, douching and the injection of amonia [sic] were resorted to, which after two or three hours had the effect of arousing him, and yesterday morning hopes were entertained for his recovery. It will not be forgotten that whisky was what the matter was, and not the snake bite, although either are deadly enough.

Reese & Sawyer have been awarded the contract for the building of M. R. Moser's new mansion. The building is to be erected on a choice and slightly location one mile and half east of town, there Mr. M. purchased last spring, and from which point he can overlook the city and the valley for

<sup>2</sup> John J. Lane, son of Reuben C. and Susan (Wood) Lane, was born 17 Apr 1860 in Iowa and died 17 July 1873; buried Fairview Cemetery, Kechi.

many miles. The building is to be made of brick, with cellar under the whole of it, the dimensions being 16x30 feet, with an L 12x16 feet, one story and a half high, to cost something over \$3,000. Mr. Moser has been improving and ornamenting the grounds for some months past, and judging from the draft of the front elevation he will have one of the most beautiful and artistic homes yet erected in the valley.

### **Column 3**

News reaches us through a reliable source that three hundred Indias [sic] entered the Ft. Sill trading post on last Saturday week and took from one of the stores of that place, without leave or for pay, goods to the amount of six or seven hundred dollars. They were painted up to the war standard, and had on nothing save the unique breech-clout. They flourished revolvers in the faces of peaceful citizens, and swore that unless Satanta and Big Tree were released they proposed to return within the present moon and kill and lay waste everybody and everything. The gentleman who gave us the above information was at Ft. Sill at the time, and he says things are looking rather dark.

Two horse races occurred last Saturday, upon one of which \$800 was staked. Of course the decision was unsatisfactory, and much loud talk during the evening was indulged in upon the street, especially at the postoffice crossing on Douglas avenue, where three or four fellows on horses blocked up the walk and cursed and swore, and used vile epithets at a fearful rate, regardless of passing ladies. We noticed two policemen in the crowd who never raised a hand to clear the walk, to stop the oaths or to make an arrest. At last John M. Steele stepped forward and told the horsemen to clear the track.

The suppositions embodied in a private note accompanying "Farmer Doolittle's" communication this week, we assure him are without the least foundation in fact. No cream of the kind, my dear sire, and we would refer him to the closing sentences of an editorial on the granges, to be found elsewhere. Time will demonstrate that ever word of it was penned from an honest conviction. We are not a member of the order, and do not know whether it will stand or fall, but of the possibilities of the or-

ganization, if it prove true to itself, there is not the least doubt.

With sickness prevailing throughout the land, the cholera and cholera morbus scourging many of our larger cities, many have expressed surprise that Wichita has not been visited by some dire epidemic or contagion. The truth is that the place is surprisingly healthy, when we take into consideration the wet weather and rank vegetation of the past summer and spring. We account for the extreme healthfulness of the place upon no other hypothesis than that of the prevailing breeze which sweeps up from the south and southwest, and our contiguity to the salt and other elevated plains over which these prevailing, health-giving breezed [sic] sweep.

Messrs. Bishop and Fenton have collected quite a menagerie of native animals, which they care for and keep in a recess back of their office. They have three full grown prairie dogs and a fox squirrel that live happily in the same apartments; a young bison or buffalo calf, and a hawk. The animals are very tame, the young bison answering to the call of his name, which is "Modoc." These gentlemen have a couple of very fine bird dogs and a young arsenal in the way of guns, and as the first of August is nearly here, we expect to hear from their field exploits.

At the depot, on Monday, we saw several fourteen foot iron box columns from our foundry, billed to Wichita, which, as Mr. Graves said, were the finest the foundry had yet turned out. They certainly were fine specimens of casting. The foundry is filling a great many orders of this kind now, and is fast acquiring notoriety. — *Emporia Ledger*.

The work spoken of above was for the new business house of Hills & Kramer. With the manufacturer, we think them the finest columns that have yet been put up here, being tasty, neat and airy, their strength being in their depth.

Assistant Superintendent Fagan was down along the line of the railroad this week making arrangements to protect the farmers along the road against fire from the engines this fall. Where farmers do not object he will plow a strip one hundred feet distant from the track, and as soon as the grass becomes dry enough have the section hands burn the grass between the strip and the railroad. We are glad to make a record of such thoughtful and just work upon the part of the railroad.

Mrs. S. King, the treasurer of the school district on Cowskin, brings in for publication this week a notice of the reception of proposals. They are going to have a school house. The specifications can be found at Schlichter & Russell's. See notice elsewhere.

Teachers and friends of education throughout the county and city will not forget the teachers' institute, which will be held in this place commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, or the examination of teachers which is to follow. Superintendent Emerson is already making preparations for the important meeting. Several prominent educators of the state will be present, among them President Hoss and Prof. Norton, of the State Normal school.

The opera, in its new location and under new management, has become exceedingly popular among the mirth-loving portion of the community. Miss Gladstone has been pronounced by competent judges a fine singer.

We are pleased to hear from our readers, from every portion of the county and valley, touching local subjects and matters of general interest, at any time, but we must warn some of our correspondents against personalities. We cannot afford to make the EAGLE a vehicle for the venting of personal dislikes. We will not publish letters containing reflections upon private character. The reason for the non-appearance of some communications will by this be understood. Please eschew everything of the kind from matter intended for these column [sic].

Immense clouds of grasshoppers passed over this valley last Friday. Their flight seemed to be southeast. But few, if any, concluded to stop in this vicinity, owing to the heavy vegetation, we suppose, their grasshopper judgment telling them that to at-

tempt to make an impression upon such grass and corn as abounds in this valley were little else than insanity.

Wichita is filling up every day by a class of men that cannot fail to build up a prosperous town. Why is it that the price of landed property, of every description, is so much on the increase? What is it that gives to every stranger that confidence in the future prospects of our town, if it is not the go-ahead and everything-go class of men that reside in our midst? One last week our town was favored by a call from an illustrious gentleman from England, of large fortune, and descendant from the noble house of Whitworth, of the barony of Lancashire. Baron Whitworth, after looking around our city, was fully convinced of the substantial basis on which our town is built, and has now invested \$10,000 in the town and country property, through Messrs. Steele & Levy, for the purpose of settling among us, and is the forerunner of a great many influential and moneyed Englishmen who propose coming to this country. He telegraphed last Monday for his family, to Europe, and has gone east to meet them.

#### MARRIED.

On Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1873, by David Hartwell, justice of the peace, in Park township, at his office, Mr. Willard Barber to Miss America V. Cavanaugh, all (with accompanying friends) of Sedgwick county, Kansas.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Willard Barber, born April 1841 in New York, died 29 Jan 1920 and is buried in Los Angeles (CA) National Cemetery. He married, as his second wife, America Viola Cavanaugh, born 19 Sept 1858 in Iowa and died 23 Oct 1942 in San Bernardino, California. Willard's first wife, Mary E., was born 29 Sept 1850 and died 2 Mar 1872; she is buried in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Bentley, Kansas.





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**February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10**

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.

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**February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14**

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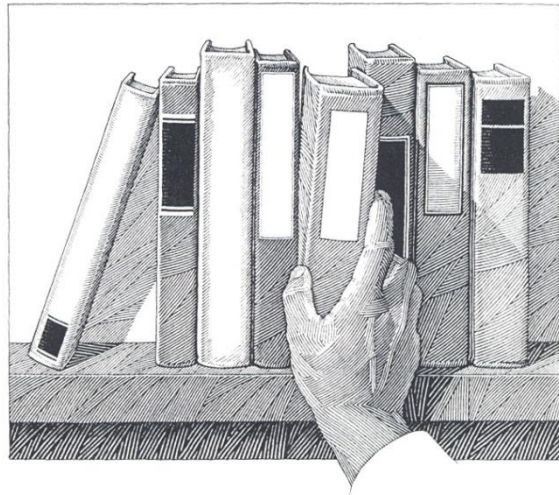
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