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Died.

Mrs. Edna Harding-Sterns died at the home of her parents in Humboldt last Thursday. The deceased was a daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. W. Harding and was raised in Humboldt. She was favorably known to many throughout this vicinity, and to all her acquaintances, her death has brought sincere regret. Her parents, and her young husband have the sympathy of all these friends.

She was married in January, 1905, to Bernard Sterns. Shortly after her marriage her health began to fail and she was taken to New Mexico in the hope that the change of climate might prove beneficial. Such was not the case and she was brought home to await the summons of the destroyer. The funeral was held from the Harding home in Humboldt last Sunday afternoon, and impressive services were conducted by Rev. Calvert, of the Methodist church. The attendance was very large, and at the conclusion of the services the body was given interment in the Humboldt cemetery.

William David Brown, the infant son of Fred Brown and wife, died at the family residence three and one-half miles east of town, on last Wednesday, the cause of his death being cholera infantum.

The age of the child was 8 months, 2 weeks and 6 days. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have the deepest sympathy of many friends in the sorrow occasioned by the death of their little one.

The funeral was held at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Mohler, of this city, and Rev. Kincaid, of Rulo. The interment was in the Rulo cemetery.

Card Of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our darling baby, in this, our sad hour of bereavement.

MR. AND MRS. FRED BROWN AND FAMILY.

Real Estate Transfers.

County Recorder Reiger reports the following real estate transfers: Jesse A Forbes (single) to Cass Jones wd to ne1/2 sec 32 1-18 consideration \$75. G B Johnson (widower) to Elizabeth H Orr wd to se1/2 6-2-14 consideration \$8,000.

John Boomgaarn sr and wife to John Boomgaarn jr wd to e1/2 sw1/2 and w1/2 sec 18-3-13 consideration \$2,500.

John Boomgaarn jr and wife to Fred Boomgaarn wd to n1/2 sw1/2 18-3-13 consideration \$3,400.

John Boomgaarn jr and wife to J J Boomgaarn wd to s1/2 sw1/2 18-3-13 consideration \$3,000.

John Helm and wife wd to Henry Sipple lots 1-2 blk 37 Helm's add to Dawson consideration \$145.

Anna Nemechek and husband wd to Mary Eise s1/2 ne1/2 34-2-13 consideration \$5,500.

John Weber [single] qod to Richardson county pt ne1/2 6-2-16 consideration \$180.50.

Charles Nitzsche [widower] qod to John Futscher s1/2 sec 23-2-17 consideration \$300.

Jesse W Bunch and wife wd to Edwin S Towle ne1/2 15-1-15 consideration \$6,400.

John Wiltse and wife to Wilson Lowe wd to ne1/2 sw1/2 sec 17 and s1/2 n1/2 sec 18 all 3-17 consideration \$4,000.

John Wiltse and wife to W C Dunn wd to ne1/2 nw1/2 and w1/2 sw1/2 ne1/2 17-3-17 consideration \$3,000.

E B Dorr and wife to Will McDougall wd to pt nw1/2 ne1/2 20-1-15 consideration \$750.

R E Fenton and wf to Jacob Auch wd to lot 3 blk 41 Ulmers add to Dawson consideration \$2,000.

F. F. Dietrich and wf to William F Mowery wd w1/2 lots 1-2 blk 12 Verdon consideration \$700.

Kate E Molony and husb to James Roby Molony wd to und 1/2 pt n1/2 and sw1/2 ne1/2 2-2-13 consideration \$1,700.

Ferdinand M Harlow and wife et al wd to sw1/2 ne1/2 11-1-15 consideration \$1200. Total amount of transfers for week ending August 22, 1905, \$42850.50.

City Water.

It has been maintained by those opposing the bond issue that there was no need of the removal of the water works from its present location, because the present plant is sufficient for all legitimate wants of the city, when in good working order, and that there is also an abundance of water there.

The writer attended the meeting at the court house on last Monday evening, to learn something, if possible, as to the pros and cons of the controversy.

Mr. Lapp being called upon, gave a very interesting and intelligent account of the present condition of the wells, they being in his opinion totally inadequate for present wants, he being favorable to the removal of the whole plant to the bottom. Mr. Lapp was asked how much more water the city was using now than it did when the water works was started, he answered that not any more water was being used now than then, as the B. & M. and the M. P. then filled thirty or more engines each day, and now they take but little water. He was asked what were our facilities for putting out fire. He stated he kept the stand pipe holding 85,000 gallons and the cistern holding 170,000 gallons full all the time, and in case of fire 255,000 gallons of water was available to put out fires, proving the claim of the anti-bonders that there is just as much water today as there was when the water works was started for fire purposes; but, he added, he could only furnish sufficient pressure to use one line of hose in case of fire, instead of two lines of hose, as could be done when the plant was new, owing to the large force pump being out of order from the sand in the water. In answer to inquiries he stated the pump could be repaired as good as new for \$300.00.

Why has not the city administration repaired this pump? What if their negligence should result in a large fire loss in the business section of the city?

Mr. Lapp was asked how many hours per day he pumped water, and stated about as long again as when the water works was new, that he began at about four o'clock in the morning and pumped three or four hours and then rested the pumps, because the water did not flow to the wells fast enough for continuous pumping owing, as he thought, to sand or cave-ins.

Being asked what he thought of the meter system for saving water, he answered that by putting in meters everywhere we would save fifty per cent of the water, as users of water would be more careful under the meter system. If the meter system will save fifty per cent, as we believe it will, why don't the city administration adopt it? This would be no expense to the city, as each user must pay for his own meter.

Granted the meter system will make consumption of water fifty per cent less, will it not also make fifty per cent less pumping, and fifty per cent less coal bill for the water system?

Mr. Holland was chairman of the meeting, and before its close he very carefully stated why he knew there was an abundance of water at the present location.

There is no one in the city better prepared from practical experience and a close study of the subject, to give an opinion on this subject. While Mr. Holland was serving his last term on the council, he made a test for water at the plant to learn if water could

be found at a depth of one hundred and twenty-four feet, as this depth was necessary in order to use the compressed air system of pumping. Mr. Lapp then being favorable to and advocating a change to the compressed air system. A well was bored through and below the present source of water supply, the water and sand was "effectually" cribbed out, Mr. Holland laying particular emphasis on this fact; and at the depth of one hundred and twenty-four feet an artesian supply of water was found, that arose eighty feet in the well. Mr. Holland specifically stated he wished to be corrected if he had misstated in any particular, but no one differed with him. This test showed an abundance of water at the present location. The above statements are made from memory, not having made notes, but think they are correct in every particular.

J. L. CLEAVER, Ex-Water Commissioner.

Horse Thieves at Work.

Two cases of horse stealing have attracted the attention of the authorities this week.

On last Thursday a pony belonging to C. D. Grush was stolen from the Salem chautauqua grounds. Mr. Grush supposed that the animal had simply strayed away and did not notify the sheriff until Monday. Sheriff Hossack succeeded in tracing the thief to a point near Nemaha City, where he had sold the saddle and the same was recovered. There it was learned that the horse had been taken in the direction of Auburn and a hot pursuit was begun. The horse was located at Auburn and recovered. Mr. Grush recovered possession of his property and the reward of seventy-five dollars which had been offered was promptly paid.

On Saturday a horse was taken from the place of Wm. Haeffle near Preston. Mr. Haeffle is a member of the anti-horse-thief association and promptly notified the other members of the association of the theft. A posse was organized and started in pursuit and in less than four hours the thief was apprehended and the horse recovered. Sheriff Hossack was notified and took charge of the prisoner who was brought to this city and taken before Judge Moran for preliminary hearing. It developed that the prisoners, who is an Indian, is insane and irresponsible and he was accordingly discharged. At the hearing he admitted taking the horse but declared that he was old and infirm and unable to walk and he had simply borrowed the steed as an easy way of getting home from Preston.

Family Reunion.

The annual meeting of the Daeschner Ancestral League is in progress at the home of Mrs. Henry Sherman in Holton, Kansas. About thirty members of the Daeschner family from Falls City and Preston and vicinity are in attendance. The meetings of the league are held every summer at the home of some member of the family and are always very enjoyable occasions. Last summer the members of the family chartered a car and went to Texas where the reunion was held.

Eclipse of the Sun.

Those of our readers who desire to see a total eclipse of the sun will have to be out of bed by 5:30 the morning of August 31st. This is the first total eclipse for many years and will be watched with great interest by scientific men over the entire world.

Society News.

Mrs. Allan D. May was hostess at the regular meeting of the Married Ladies Kensington club yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Wilhite entertained seventeen little folks on last Wednesday in honor of her granddaughter, Erma Schoenheit of Kansas City. The guests were very nicely entertained and all enjoyed the party very much. Nice refreshments were served.

Mrs. Will Goolsby delightfully entertained about twenty young people at her home in the south part of town on Thursday evening of last week. Cards were the principal entertainment of the evening although during the evening many stories were told and all enjoyed. Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Norman Musselman entertained the members of the L.B.T. in a very delightful manner on Wednesday afternoon. No more charming place than the Musselman home could be found for a social gathering on a summer afternoon, the spacious parlors and the pretty lawn being especially adapted to this purpose. The hospitality of the home also lends charm to any gathering held there. Very elaborate refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening J. H. Miles, Clay Davis, Charles Rickards and T. L. Himmelreich met in solemn convocation at the Himmelreich home on North Stone street for the purpose of playing whist. There are four no more expert nor enthusiastic whist players in the town and many are the fierce battles that have been waged between them. Heretofore Miles and Davis had invariably carried off the honors, but on Tuesday evening the tables were turned and these gentlemen were led to believe that Rickards and Himmelreich were engaged in the pleasant occupation of teaching them the game. The contest was very exciting and just at the proper moment Mrs. Himmelreich appeared on the scene and served dainty refreshments.

Council Meeting.

A special meeting of the city council was held on Wednesday evening and considerable business of a routine nature transacted.

It was ordered that the Burlington railway company be notified that after twenty days, no more water would be supplied from the city mains for its use. It was further ordered that D. H. Harvey be charged at the rate of twenty cents per thousand gallons for water to be used in sprinkling the streets. After the discussion of a few minor matters, the council adjourned.

Barn Struck by Lightning.

During the electrical storm on Monday night the barn on Geo. Abbott's place northwest of the city was struck by lightning. When the storm came up Chas. Stanton went out to the barn to see that everything was all right and was in the structure when the bolt struck it. The shock was so great that the horses were thrown to their knees, but strange to say, no material damage was done.

Fire at Middleburg.

The general store at Middleburg, an inland town south of Humboldt, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The origin of the fire is unknown. The proprietor, Mr. Stauffer, and his family occupied apartments in the building and escaped with difficulty. We understand that the building and the contents were a total loss.

Drainage Meeting.

The drainage meeting held at the court house on Tuesday afternoon was attended by a number of land owners and a profitable discussion took place. A large map was produced and the situation gone over in a careful manner. R. E. Grinstead was present and gave much valuable advice and most practical means of reclaiming the land now subject to overflow. The meeting was held in accordance with the provisions of the drainage law, and was a step toward securing the organization of the drainage district. Under the law, whenever proprietors representing a majority of the land to be directly benefitted by drainage shall file their petition in the district court, and when all the formalities of organization shall have been complied with, the court will declare such drainage district to exist and authorize the land owners to proceed further in accordance with the law. The petitioners thereby become plaintiffs in a case to force the adoption of the necessary drainage system; the minority land owners who did not sign the petition, are the defendants.

In the district that it is proposed to organize about 20,000 acres of land will be directly benefitted. It will be necessary therefore to have about 12,000 acres represented on the petition. At the meeting Tuesday the petition was circulated among the land owners and signatures representing 6,800 acres were secured. The promoters are confident that the remaining necessary names will be secured and then actual work can begin.

A Mass Meeting.

Pursuant to a call issued by E. S. Towle and J. H. Miles, a mass meeting was held at the court house on Monday evening for the purpose of discussing the water question. Although it was a very hot night there was a good attendance and at times the temperature of the atmosphere was second only to that of the argument.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Miles who briefly stated the object of the gathering and then Geo. W. Holland was made chairman. H. C. Lapp, engineer at the water works, was called upon to state in what condition the present system is, and he discussed the matter in detail. It is his opinion that something should be done in the matter of guaranteeing a more adequate water supply than we have at present. He rehearsed some of the difficulties under which he is laboring as engineer, and gave some very complete and interesting statistics relative to the capacity of the present plant. It seemed to be his opinion that the pumps and the stand pipe were sadly in need of repairs.

The question of the proposed removal of the waterworks to a site in the low bottomlands south of town was then taken up and discussed. Jim Whitaker was in favor of employing men to poll the town and place every voter on record either for or against the bonds. The suggestion did not meet with the approval of the meeting and was voted down. Mayor Leyda made a characteristic speech and in a pyrotechnic effulgence of oratory declared that the administration had done all it could in the matter and that the suggestion of any and all "cheap screw fiddlers" was out of order, and further, that if another bond election was held the cost must be paid out of some person or persons private pocket-book. (Great applause.)

It was finally moved and seconded, and the motion carried to the effect that the expense of another bond election be raised by popular subscription and that the council be petitioned to call said special election.

Chautauqua Impressions.

It was very interesting to circulate among the people at the Salem chautauqua last week and to hear them variously express their reasons for being there at all. Among the campers, perhaps the most definite reasons were given. These people had gone to camp under the pleasant shade of the big walnut trees, to live close to nature for a week, and to enjoy the good time that camp life always guarantees. The program at the big tabernacle might or might not attract them; they were capable of making their own good time and most of them did so. Camp life at the chautauqua this year was very pleasant; there was just enough rain and threatening weather to add zest to the experience.

But in the crowd that moved around and around the big tent there were different types to be encountered. The young man and his best girl were there and each was sufficient unto the other. Sometimes in the course of their perambulations they paused to listen to some particularly catchy melody sung by the male quartet, or, if the speaker illustrated his remarks with a funny story they paused to catch the point and again took up their endless journey around the big tent. Sometimes a couple swayed from the accustomed orbit long enough to visit the stand where ice cream sandwiches were dispensed by a very mild spoken and gentle mannered young man.

Within the tabernacle there were other odd types. There were those who appreciated all that was going on and who looked wise when the speaker delved into the depths philosophical, and whose faces assumed a heavenly expression in proportion as the selection of the chorus or quartet was classical or common place. The giggling girl was there and she invariably laughed at the wrong time, and her escort with the celluloid collar and the china astor in the buttonhole of his coat laughed because she laughed. There also was the woman with the restless baby, and the man who carried his buggy whip with him because it might be stolen if he left it in the buggy. Perhaps nothing outside of the county fair attracts so many and varied types as does a chautauqua assembly.

Damaged by Lightning.

During the thunder storm Monday, lightning struck a clothes line in the yard at the residence of J. C. Tanner. The wire carried the charge to the corner of the house, where the plaster was torn from the kitchen and a mirror hanging against the wall was broken. A comb case beneath the mirror caught fire but the flames were extinguished by Mrs. Tanner before great damage was done.

An Interesting Question.

On Monday of the present week attorneys Reavis & Reavis began a very important suit on the chancery side of the court in Pawnee County for Mr. Henry Rist of that county against Jerome C. Wiltse, to set aside a contract obtained by Wiltse from Rist for the sale of about 200 acres of land in that county. The farm is worth from \$10000.00 to \$12000.00, and the suit is brought to set aside the contract for the reason that it was obtained by false representations as to the value of a certain tract of land in Jefferson County, which was to be given in part payment for the Rist land. The case involves some nice questions of law as well as some facts that will probably produce a sensation when developed at trial.