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Death Record.

On Sunday, December 30th, occurred the death of the oldest person residing in Morrill, Kansas, when Samuel E. Springer passed through the valley of Death. The deceased was an uncle of Otho Wachtel and Mrs. Sue DeWald of this city, and had several acquaintances in this city who will mourn his demise. The following was taken from the Morrill News.

Samuel E. Springer was born in Washington Co., Md. April 8th 1815. Died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Royer, in Morrill, Sunday, December 30th 1906. He was married to Susan Catherine Power in 1848. Eleven children were born to them, three having died in infancy. In 1872 he moved to Illinois. His wife died in 1877. He came to Kansas in 1881 and settled in Brown Co. where he lived until his death.

He was a tailor by trade, which trade he followed for many years.

He lived with his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Royer, 28 years, in whose home he always received the kindest care.

He was a most affectionate father.

He was never so happy as when he was surrounded by his children, grand children and great grand children. He especially loved his grand son, Elmer Royer. As Elmer grew to young manhood, his grandfather was never happy when separated from him. When the deceased was stricken last Spring, it was Elmer he constantly called for. Elmer cared for him with the greatest devotion until he grew better, when Elmer went away to college.

Grandpa refused to be comforted. When he returned Christmas, Grandpa was nearly overcome with joy. For several days he seemed wonderfully happy, and his condition seemed much improved, but the end was near. He was stricken again and passed peacefully away Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. It seemed as tho' he waited to see Elmer once more and then went home. He often said he was homesick and wanted to go home and rest. His life had been one of peace and good will toward every one.

His abiding faith in his Lord, sustained him through every trial and carried him to the reward promised to those who are faithful.

He leaves to miss him on earth eight children, thirty-four grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren.

His children are as follows: J. E. Springer, Quinter, Kans., W. H. Springer, Enterprise, Kans., G. W. Springer, Mrs. John Hause, Mrs. D. B. Stover and Mrs. D. V. Royer, Morrill, Kans., S. A. Springer and Mrs. John Power of Grand Junction, Iowa.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder Wm. Davis on New Years Day at 2 p. m. at the Brethren church where he was a faithful and loyal member.

A number of friends gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to one everybody loved.

On the casket lay a sheaf of ripened wheat and a wreath of carnations and white narcissus.

The body was laid to rest in the Morrill cemetery.

The body bearers were his five grandsons, Elmer Royer, C. E. and B. E. Hause, Harvey Stover and Chas. Springer and his grandson-in-law, A. Sawyer.

Society News.

The M. E. Kensington held their New Years party on Monday evening at the home of the Misses Lyford. The rooms were very prettily decorated with all sizes of bells and red and green festooning aided in carrying out the New Year idea. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing various games which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. An appropriate luncheon was served later, after which each guest was presented with souvenirs of the evening.

The Woman's club met with Mrs. J. W. Powell on Thursday afternoon. The lesson for the day was Geography and Government of Italy. Mrs. Cameron's interesting paper on Modern Rome, was enjoyed by all. Miss Banks very kindly read the comprehensive and entertaining paper on Raphael, written by Mrs. Wm. Wilson. Mrs. T. C. McMillan's manner of presenting her subject Michael Angelo, was original and very pleasing. The piano solo, Whims-Schumann, by Mrs. Oswald was given with her usual beauty of expression and was greatly appreciated.

The musical members of the club are engaged in the preparation of the program for the recital to be given for the High School band. One entertaining number will be a chorus of women's voices with horn accompaniment. Club members will please bear in mind that their next meeting on January 15, '07, will be held at the residence of Mrs. James Powell.

The members of the Presbyterian Junior society were very pleasantly entertained on last Friday afternoon by Vera and Leta Brannum, at the home of their parents in the eastern part of town. The day was a pleasant one and the little folks enjoyed a royal time.

Mrs. Heacock entertained a very pleasant session of Sorosis at her residence on Wednesday afternoon, January 9th, almost the entire membership being in attendance. The program for the day was well rendered. Mrs. Hargrave leading with "French words and phrases." "Becky Sharp as a club woman," by Mrs. Himmelreich was original in thought and conception, and highly pleasing. A description and display of copies of noted paintings by Mrs. Giannini, and a reading by Mrs. Heacock were interesting parts of the program. "The child labor law," led by Mrs. Falloon was discussed by members and press articles read. Hood's Song of the Shirt, beautifully played and sung by Miss Anita Wilson, completed the program for the day. The usual social half hour followed, during which dainty refreshments were served.

The members of the W. C. T. U. enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. Graham.

The Tuesday night Whist club were the guest of Stella Knickerbocker on their regular evening this week and spent a delightful time.

Mrs. Wilhite was hostess to a number of her friends at whist on Thursday afternoon. It was a very elaborate affair and much enjoyed by the large number of guests.

Mrs. T. J. Gist entertained about thirty-five lady friends at a Kensington on Tuesday afternoon. After the usual amount of fancy work refreshments were served.

Mesdames D. D. Reavis and J. C. Yutzky will entertain at a Kensington this afternoon at the home of the former.

The members of the M. E. choir and a number who formerly sang in the choir were pleasantly entertained on Tuesday evening, at the elegant home of T. J. Gist and wife. Interesting guessing games occupied the attention of the guests during a greater part of the evening, while the piano selections by Miss Reichers were among the many other pleasures. Refreshments were served.

A Barge Line.

The commercial club of Omaha has incorporated a barge line with a capital stock of \$100,000 to ship grain and live stock on the Missouri river.

St. Louis had such reasonable river rates to the gulf that it was getting far ahead of Kansas City as a grain point. Kansas City immediately established a line to keep up with its rival. This action of Kansas City has compelled Omaha to do something. This line will be of great assistance to our people. It will put the bluff lands much nearer a market and will give the farmers very cheap freight rates for their grain and stock. It will also materially reduce the freight on coal as much of it will be shipped in on the barges that come up the river to get the products of the farms. It has been the history of all these lines that they result in the establishment of electric lines as feeders, and such will probably be the result in this instance. If this enterprise is successful, and there seems no good reason why it should not be, the land in the northern part of this county will greatly increase in value as it is our most productive soil and is less valuable than other land only because of its inaccessibility.

Installation.

The W. O. W. order met last Monday evening and during the evening's business installed their new officers for the ensuing year. After the conclusion of business affairs a social hour and an oyster supper were enjoyed. Oysters, crackers, cake, peaches and pickles made the evening a pleasant one.

Bracelen Leaves Teaching.

The following clipping was taken from the Omaha World Herald of Tuesday, pertains to a young man well known to Falls City folks. His wife was formerly Miss Mayme Thornton of this city.

Charles B. Bracelen, teacher of American history and coach of debating at the Omaha High school, has resigned to accept a position in the law department with the Northwestern Casualty company of St. Paul.

Mr. Bracelen is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a member of the Alpha Theta Phi fraternity. He received his law training in the law school of Creighton university.

He has been very popular with the students and faculty of the Omaha school, and his loss will be greatly felt especially in debating, where for three years he had brought the debating championship of Nebraska and last year the championship of Iowa as well.

Brethren Church.

Sunday morning subject: "The Great Promise." Evening subject: "How Can We Induce Young Men to Enter the Ministry?" You are especially invited to the evening service.

Rev. Elmer Ward Cole Lectures.

The people of this community again had the opportunity of hearing Rev. Elmer Ward Cole, at the Christian church, last Thursday evening. His theme The Fight of Life was along a line which every young man should have heard. Rev. Cole is never more at home than on the lecture platform and has a host of friends in this city, who never miss the opportunity to hear this gifted orator.

Mr. Cole was brought up in Omaha and worked hard at his studies, spending most of his spare time with his books. The Christian church of this city was about his first charge after he left school, and for many years he labored in this field, untiringly and unceasingly. In the year of 1902 he held one of the most successful revivals ever conducted in this city, and added a large number to the church membership, his converts being among both the young and old. His church was packed to its utmost capacity nearly every Sunday evening with an attentive, eager crowd. He was personal friend not only to his parishioners but to every resident of Falls City. In sorrow he was ever ready to help over the dark places, in joy he rejoiced with the fortunate one and he worked enthusiastically in every philanthropic movement started here. He organized a reading class for the young ladies of the church and spent much time with them in the study of several excellent literary works. In this he was assisted by his wife, who was as great a favorite with our people as Mr. Cole. The Boys Brigade founded in this city by Rev. Cole was one of the most interesting and instructive features of his work for the young boys, their drills being exceptionally fine.

At present, Rev. Cole is the pastor of the Christian church at Hutchinson Kansas, where he went after his resignation at this place.

Elmer Ward Cole is a self made man and knows what it means to "earn what you get." He is a great preacher, having a way of reaching the hearer and sinking the truth deep into their heart and as a lecturer he is a man of splendid ability, is master of the platform and fills his addresses with wit, humor, pathos, eloquence and good sound philosophy. His sermons and lectures show him to be a deep and careful student, and show the man throughout.

Rev. Cole left Friday afternoon for Kansas City where he delivered a lecture that evening.

Bridge Contract Settled.

The new board of supervisors took up the bridge matter Thursday morning. The board secured legal advice as to its duties in the matter and also called upon the county attorney for opinion. The board was instructed from these sources that the county was as much bound by its contracts as an individual, and that if the board attempted to repudiate its contract it would mean an expensive law suit for the tax payers to settle. Johnny Martin was present with his lawyers trying to get the county into the lawsuit, but the board decided to abide by the contract and let the Gilligan company do the work. As one of the board said, "I know I will be abused by the Journal for doing my manifest duty, but I can't put the burden of expense on my constituents merely to please McCray or to keep a family in law suits."

Doings of the County Board.

The old county board convened January 2nd, for the purpose of clearing up their year's work in order that the new board might organize. Warrants drawn for bridge work amounted in the aggregate of \$11,528, the major part of the work in the past year being repair work. After the report of the bridge committee it was carried that the board adjourn until 8 o'clock the following morning. At this time all members were present and the morning was spent on committee work. Claims on general fund allowed to the amount of \$158.55. Official bond of R. C. James, county attorney, was then approved. Claims on bridge fund allowed were \$1,174.07, and the board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

At the afternoon session claims on general fund allowed amounted to \$307.09, and on bridge fund \$80.31. Committee on revenue and taxation then submitted their report, after which board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock the next morning. At this meeting the report on the committee on settlement with the county officers was read, as was also the report of grounds and buildings. Claims allowed on general fund were \$427.50, after which the old board adjourned for the last time.

SUPERVISORS ORGANIZE.

The new board of supervisors met Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, and proceeded to organize for the ensuing year. There was a desire to re-elect John Hinton chairman, but he said that he had held the office so long that he preferred to remain in the ranks this year. The opposing candidates were Joseph Glasser, democrat, and Wm. McCray, unattached. Mr. McCray made a hard personal fight for the place while Mr. Glasser did nothing to further his interests, preferring to submit his case to the judgment of the members. It follows that Mr. Glasser was elected as chairman. Mr. Glasser has been a member of the board before and has always been careful and painstaking in the performance of his duty. The Tribune congratulates the board upon the wisdom of its selection.

The first work of the new board was the adoption of the rules of 1906 for the year 1907, after which the board adjourned until 1 p. m., January 9th, in order to allow the chairman time to arrange the committees. At 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, board convened and the following committees for 1907 were announced:

ROADS AND BRIDGES

J. J. Bauer, chairman.

Chas. Zoeller.

Henry Siemering, jr.

ON CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY

Chas. F. Zoeller, chairman.

John Hinton.

J. O. Stalder.

ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS, GROUNDS

(including care of poor)

John Hinton, chairman.

J. J. Bauer.

W. J. McCray.

ON SUPPLIES

Henry Siemering, jr. chairman.

J. O. Stalder.

Chas. F. Zoeller.

ON REVENUE AND TAXES

J. O. Stalder, chairman.

W. J. McCray.

Henry Siemering, jr.

ON LEGAL BUSINESS

Including settlement with officers and rules.

W. J. McCray, chairman.

John Hinton.

Henry Siemering, jr.

ON PRINTING AND OFFICIAL BONDS.

J. J. Bauer, chairman

Chas. F. Zoeller

Henry Siemering, jr.

The resignation of Dr. M. L. Wilson a county physician for his respective district, the same to take effect January 9th, was read and accepted, Edward C. Wittwer was appointed to fill that vacancy for the unexpired term. The communication from State Superintendent relative to the salary of County Superintendent was placed on file. A. E. Evans was appointed constable of Muddy township and his bond approved. The bonds of several other officials were approved after which it was carried that the Farmers' and Merchant's Bank of Verdon be designated as the bank of deposit for the County's monies. Supervisors McCray, Siemering and Glasser were appointed to confer with the drainage committee. Claims were then allowed on general fund for \$369.25 and on the bridge fund for \$4.20. Several tax matters were disposed of after which the board adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

City Council Meets.

The city council met on Monday evening, January 7th, with the following members in attendance; Gehling, Hutchins, McKeiver, Windle and Maust. A petition was presented by twenty-nine property owners in the third ward for immediate relief from nuisances perpetrated by the Falls City Vinegar Co., on block 164, the same being due from the decomposition of refuse and pumice and that the same be removed at once. The petition was referred to the councilmen of the third ward, with power to act and grant the prayer of the petition at once.

Next a communication was presented by the mayor in which he asked that the council take steps to upbuild the water and light system so that it would be adequate for the needs of the city. The paper was an excellent one and it was carried that supplies be purchased for the plant only when the water commissioner and the electrician both were present when orders for same were given.

Claims to the amount of \$1650.74 allowed as follows: Water fund.....\$386.55 Electric light fund.....\$433.68 General fund.....\$830.51 There being no further business council closed session.

At The Gehling.

Aborable Fritzie and her company were greeted by a large house at The Gehling last Thursday evening and gave general satisfaction throughout. Some of the best features of the attraction were the character Lena, the lady contralto and the Violet number. Manager Gehling wore a smile all evening as very few seats remained unoccupied.

Annual Installation.

On last Thursday evening January 3rd, occurred the annual installation of the officers of the G. A. R. and the W. J. C. at the G. A. R. hall. N. J. B. Simanton was installing officers and performed his part well. The usual good supper, for which the ladies of the Relief Corps are noted pre-ceeded the installation. After ward a social hour was spent, with speeches by some of the comrades and music by all, with Mrs. L. C. Mauger at the organ.