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NO. 1.

HELD UP FOR \$2,100.

CATTLEMEN SOUTH OF CARLTON BOLDLY ROBBED.

Masked Men Cover Him With Shot Guns while They Take all His Cash and Leave the Place—No Trace of Them.

Special to the Reflector.

CARLTON, Kas., Sept. 2.—Robt. June, a cattleman living near Marion county line, eight miles south of the city was held up at his home last night and robbed of \$2,100. He had sold his year's product of cattle yesterday and took the money home with him. The robbers evidently followed him and came to the house about 10 o'clock in the evening. They covered June with shot guns and ordered him to produce the money which at last he did. His family was also covered and dared not give him assistance. The men were so thoroughly disguised that they could not be identified and rode away over the prairie unobserved.

ONE MORE HOLD-UP.

Farmer Living Near Alida Is Sandbagged by Robbers.

M. Hill, a farmer living near Alida, was sandbagged Thursday night near that place while on his way home from Junction City. A package was placed in the road and when he got out to pick it up he was struck on the head with a blunt object and knocked senseless. After a while he partially recovered and managed to guide the team nearly home and was found the next morning. Sunday he had not yet fully recovered consciousness. The robbers got \$32.

The Mogul Melon.

Solomon Tribune: W. M. Stark has a melon in his patch northeast of town that beats any melon in the county for size. It measures 47 inches in circumference one way and 57 inches the other way and weighs 86 pounds. It is not yet ready to take from the vine.

To Sell a Gillett Heir.

The district court of Lyon county has ordered that Lee Wright and A. L. Morrison, receivers of 3,000 cattle owned formerly by Grant G. Gillett, sell them during September in Kansas City, for the benefit of creditors, and to deposit the proceeds of the sale in Emporia, Leavenworth and Topeka banks.

A Melon-choly Affair.

K. C. Journal: Up to date the ABILENE REFLECTOR's watermelon contest has brought out a melon weighing seventy-two pounds. Additional zest has been added to the contest by the appearance of a sixty-eight pound negro boy who offers to eat the seventy-two pound melon at one sitting for a prize of \$1.

James Ross Is Dead.

DILLON, Sept. 4.—James Ross died Saturday night about 9 o'clock after several weeks' illness. He was born Aug. 6, 1821, in the old country, he was married there and came to this country in 1853, settling in Michigan. From there he came to Dillon when it was being built. He was well known in South Dickinson.

A Pleading Recital.

On Thursday the pupils of Miss Grace Kugler gave a recital at the home of Mr. McKennet on Vine street. They report having enjoyed a very pleasing program especially the songs by their teacher and her sister. Refreshments were served then followed an hour spent in a social manner.

Miss Kugler gave a public recital with part of her pupils at Talmage last Wednesday evening.

Will Count Mail Matter.

The postmaster general has ordered that every postoffice in the United States shall note the number of pieces and character of the mail matter handled by it between October 3 and November 4. The execution of this order involves an immense amount of labor and is to be done in order that an accurate table of statistics may be prepared. This is the first time in twenty years that such an order has been issued, it is said.

OFF FOR THE EAST.

Large Party of Dickinsonians Leave for a Long Trip.

The following party left on M. P. Jolley & Son's excursion to Pennsylvania on account of G. A. R. encampment. A special car was filled and attached to the noon train: Messrs. and Mesdames M. P. Jolley, J. S. Baumgaugh, Sleichter, S. Keiffer, J. S. Chronister, S. A. Flenner, J. K. Forney, H. B. Felly; Messrs. Abram Forney Jr., C. E. Powell, H. Southworth, Geo. Livingston, M. Gleisner, Peter Minick, Willis Minick, G. W. Blittie, S. R. Hong, Mike Page, S. M. Solenberger, Sam Lehman, Ben. J. W. Hoover, J. A. Robertson, G. A. Cramer; Mesdames N. C. Dyer, A. S. Gish, J. L. Brenizer, Kline, J. Bert, J. E. Gish, Gold-horn, Hosteler, Phillip, Bliss; Misses May Flenner, Minnie Dunn, Lizzie Beckhard.

Two or three of the party did not go until Sunday.

SUNDAY EVENING BLAZE.

Fire on South Second Last Evening Completes the Series of Three.

Sunday evening about 7:30 a small blaze was discovered in G. W. Miller's stable on South Second. The building was old and dry and in a minute was enveloped in flames and smoke. The wind from the southeast and soon carried the flames across the alley setting fire to James Johnson's chicken-coops and barn, which for a time looked as though they would be completely destroyed.

The fire had made considerable progress before an alarm was given, but the fire department answered promptly to the call and with a good water pressure soon put the flames out. (How the fire started is a mystery. The horses and buggy were taken out of the Miller stable and nothing of any value besides the stable and a few out-buildings was burned. Mr. Johnson was out driving with his family and knew nothing of the fire until he returned home. Considerable damage was done to the roof and east and south sides of his barn. About 120 yards of carpet which was stored in the loft was completely ruined and some hay was burned.

The Johnson barn was insured. The property occupied by G. W. Miller is owned by an eastern party and the stable was not insured.

ABILENE GIRL HONORED.

Gov. Stanley Gives Art and Design Scholarship to Miss Dyer.

Sunday's papers contained the announcement that Gov. Stanley had tendered the New York School of Art and Design scholarship to Miss Lillie Dyer of this place. Several months ago this scholarship was presented to the State, which, in turn, through the governor, was to be presented to the one whom he thought most worthy of it. A dozen or more applications were made to the governor for the scholarship, and is much to Miss Dyer's credit that she was selected. Miss Dyer graduated from the Abilene high school several years ago and for more than a year has been conducting her millinery store in Concordia. She has always displayed considerable artistic ability in her drawings, sketches, etc., and it was with much pleasure that her many friends learned that she had received the scholarship.

Here's a Scheme.

It is reported from Iola that the Kansas City Blues have offered to play the local baseball team another game on the following terms: The Blues to take all the gate receipts and to pay the Iola team \$25 for each run it succeeds in making. The Blues dare not do that with Abilene.

Shifting Soil.

Real Estate Transfers, Reported by Abbe & Ellison Abstractors: Anna Stoner to E. B. Stoner sec q 21-1-1, \$2,000. Annie Toms to C. E. Rugh its 21 22 bk 20, its 27 28 bk 39 a Abilene T. Co. \$325. J. D. Hoffman to M. Barringer 12 bk 13 Manchester, \$200. F. B. Lillie to J. B. Frost 18 bk 18 Chapman, \$350. S. S. Anderson to J. S. Kauffman sw 1 28-1-3, \$1700. R. C. Hawkins to C. H. Haggood q 31 11-1, \$2,600.

NOW A GAS PLANT.

KANSAS CITY FIRM WILL ASK A FRANCHISE.

City May Be Able to Have Heat Very Cheap—Lights for Streets Are Proposed—Only One Dollar for Gas.

The city council met Friday night in regular session. Owing to the lack of a quorum no business was done and adjournment was taken until Monday evening, September 11.

James L. Buford of Kansas City appeared before the council with a proposition to erect a gas plant here. He will at the next meeting ask for a franchise to lay pipes in the streets. Mr. Buford agrees that the price of gas shall not be more than \$1.10 per thousand feet with of rebate of 10 cents if paid promptly each month. This is considered a very low rate in the cities and will enable Abilene people to cook on gas ranges at a less expense than coal or gasoline, besides being remarkably convenient. Light will also be furnished of an excellent quality and the city will be offered street lamps at \$12 per lamp a year. This is very cheap and would supplement the arc lamps in parts of the city where the larger lamps are not needed. Mr. Buford comes with high recommendations and ample backing. If he locates a plant here it will make another industry for the town and make Abilene more metropolitan.

CALLED IT A DRAW.

Wrestling Match Between Country and Town.

A long pending wrestling match between Hoffman of Abilene and Hinchey of Carlton was pulled off at the ball park last Saturday before an admiring crowd. The men were evenly matched. Hinchey won the first fall, Hoffman the second and the third was declared a draw, tying the match. The purse, \$50, was divided.

This Was a Hold-Up.

Jas. Callahan and Ed Yeason who they were held up by three men near the cemetery Friday night. The strangers were ugly and wanted money but did not get it.

It is said that Callahan was hit in the face by the would-be robbers and had two teeth broken.

A Corn Carnival Feature.

"Warren Guthrie," says the Atchison Champion, "has decided to put a very novel feature in the corn carnival parade. He will have twelve little negro boys dressed in the costume of Adam and Eve. In place of a fig leaf, however, a corn husk will constitute their attire, and they will be labeled 'Our New Possessions.'"

Died at the Poor Farm.

Charles Zurmuran, whose home was in Fragrant Hill and who came to the county poor farm last spring, died of cancer of the stomach Friday night. Funeral from the farm Sunday.

The Boy and the Cornstalk.

That innocent little story of the boy on the cornstalk on the Whitlaw farm as told by this moral and religious organ is still marching on. The Blaine, Oklahoma, Eagle says: "The Abilene, Kansas, REFLECTOR gets off this: 'A boy climbed a corn stalk in the Abilene valley, to see how the ears were getting along. The corn grew so fast that he could not climb down. Three men tried to chop it away.' That isn't a circumstance to a case here in Blaine county. Last spring a farmer planted his corn early and it got a quick start and when the great giant of wild geese and brants started north his corn caught them in mid air, and in its growth, stripped immense quantities of feathers of them and the bodies settled in masses. Men are now doing a big business mining feathers out of the upper parts of the corn and hotel supply companies are securing roast geese and brant meat by the trainload. They are clamoring for the speedy completion into Oskema of the Denver, Kingfisher and Gulf railroad so they can supply the eastern demand for this great delicacy."

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menaces to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

DR. HAITCOCK TO LEAVE.

Anonymous Letter Writer Gets in Some Contemptible Work.

Rev. Dr. Haitcock surprised the congregation of the Lutheran church Sunday morning by preceding his sermon with a personal talk. He said he had known for a year that he had some opposition in the church and for six months had been harassed by anonymous letters that made his life unpleasant. He concluded by saying that he hoped the church would elect a successor soon.

Dr. Haitcock has made hosts of friends during his pastorate and they will be sincerely sorry to have him go, though he has many offers of more profitable places.

For the contemptible coward who will write anonymous letters no sane person has other than execration and it is to be hoped that the person guilty in this instance may be exposed and held up to public scorn.

NEW MONEY ORDERS.

Postoffice Department Has Made an Important Change.

The postoffice department has adopted a new form of domestic money order, which will be introduced gradually, or as supplies of the old form become exhausted at the various post offices throughout the country, after today, Sept. 4.

The new form is somewhat smaller than the order now in use. Its dimensions are about those of an ordinary bank draft. It has two adjuncts—the advice, or notification to be sent by the issuing to the paying postmaster, is a reproduction of the order through the use of carbonized paper (the manifold process) and a receipt for the amount to be furnished by the issuing postmaster to the remitter.

On the back of the order a separate space has been provided for the stamps of banks through which it may be passed for collection. It is expected that on or about January 1 next the fee charged for orders will be materially reduced.

MISS ANDERSON ELECTED.

A New Teacher for the West Side School.

The board of education met Monday night in regular session. The usual bills were allowed.

Miss Edna Anderson was elected as teacher of the west side school in place of Mrs. Keel transferred to Garfield building.

Miss Edna is one of Abilene's most popular young ladies and a graduate of the Abilene high school. The board made a wise choice in electing her and she will make a valuable addition to the corps of teachers.

The second installment was ordered paid on the furnaces.

After usual routine business adjourned.

NEW GRADE STAKES.

Surveyor Romig Is Locating Street Curb Levels.

Surveyor Romig is busy placing at the corners of blocks small stakes locating the levels of the curb grades for the benefit of the street commissioner in his work of drainage. Although a grade was established some years ago the process of scraping streets, the various floods and other things have disarranged these grades and many of the gutters are too high or too low. If stakes had been set years ago it would have saved the city thousands of dollars in extra street work and defective drainage. The present guides will be of much value.

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN.

BOTH COLLEGE AND THE CITY SCHOOLS BEGIN WORK.

Change in Teachers at the Garfield Building—Miss Leaser Goes to Lincoln, Neb.—A Prosperous Year Ahead.

The city schools opened Monday with an attendance about the same as last year.

Miss Mary Leaser, one of the efficient teachers of the Garfield building, resigned to take a place in the Lincoln, Neb., schools at \$55 a month. She left for Lincoln at noon. Mrs. J. E. Keel was transferred from west side and Miss Edna Anderson placed in charge of the west side school.

Another teacher will be elected at tonight's board meeting.

The assignment of teachers is: High school—Principal W. H. Wagner; first assistant, Helen W. Wise; second assistant, Minnie Zimmerman.

Lincoln school—Room 1, principal, J. B. Stauffer; room 2, Emma Hasehagen; room 3, Georgia Nichols; room 4, Bertha Jacobs.

Garfield school—Room 1, Principal A. E. Lockhart; room 2, Addie Over; room 3, Jessie Thayer; room 4, Mrs. Nellie Keel; room 5, Mary Edwards; room 6, Beatrice Waring; room 7, Daisy Ballist; room 8, Anna Elston; room 9, Lillie Jackson; room 10, Bertha Ferring.

West side—Edna Anderson. The enrollment is: Lincoln school, 145; Garfield, 515, West side 29; high school 125; total 814.

Mr. St. Joseph's college opened this morning with a large attendance. The school is growing in influence steadily and is becoming one of the leading institutions of the west.

Smiley Lee.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smiley, on East Fourth street, Abilene, Sept. 2 at 5 p. m., in the presence of a few relatives were married Quincey Lee and Miss Nannie Smiley. Rev. Swart of Abilene officiating. The groom is one of Dickinson's most popular young men and the bride is one of Abilene's most esteemed young ladies. Their many friends will wish them much joy.

Klover-Storey.

At the probate judge's office by Judge Erwin a high noon were married Elmer E. Storey and Miss Elizabeth Klover. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Klover of Sunnyside and one of Dickinson's prettiest girls. Mr. Storey is a prosperous young man and they have many good wishes.

A large reception was given the newly wedded couple at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday evening.

Latta-Carney.

At the home of the bride in Clay Court Wednesday evening, Aug. 30, occurred the ceremony that united the lives and fortunes of Prof. A. B. Carney, principal of the Concordia schools, and Miss Myrtle Latta. Both are too well known to need either introduction or encomium. The bride was the efficient music teacher in the city schools last year and is a most accomplished young lady and the groom—well, everybody knows A. B. throughout the State. He is known as one of the coming men in educational circles, in fact he's there now, and at home people know him as a young man of sterling worth, a gentleman that any one should be proud to call friend. The happy couple will take a short wedding journey and will be here at their home next week.

Concordia Empire.

The bride is a former Dickinson county girl having spent her youthful years in Ridge township. She has many friends in this county who wish her much joy.

The Ladies.

The pleasant effect and perfect safety with which ladies may use Syrup of Figs under all conditions makes it their favorite remedy. To get the true and genuine article look for the name of the California Fig Syrup Co. printed near the bottom of the package. For sale by all druggists.

KANSANS HAVE SAILED.

Due in San Francisco on the Tartar About October 2.

MANILA, Sept. 3.—The Twentieth Kansas regiment sailed for San Francisco today on board the Tartar. The transport is to touch at Hong Kong, Nagasaki, Yokohama and Honolulu on the way home.

There are about 800 men and officers of the regiment aboard.

General and Mrs. Funston will sail tomorrow on the hospital ship Solace. The Solace will touch at Iloilo.

The Kansas, sailing on the Tartar, have been put ahead of their turn in returning to America. The Washington regiment which will not sail till Tuesday, on the Pennsylvania, reached the Philippines before the Twentieth Kansas.

The voyage of the last three regiments that have crossed the Pacific has occupied about a month. The Kansas should arrive in San Francisco about October 2. The muster out will probably take three weeks more for the completion of rolls and settling of accounts. If there are no unforeseen delays the regiment should be ready to start for home the last week of October and should reach Topeka before November 1. Governor Stanley has arranged with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad to transport the troops from San Francisco. The governor expects the entire expense to be borne by the state and the railroad will wait for its pay until the session of the next legislature.

The Tartar, on which the regiment is returning, is a large transport capable of accommodating 1,500 men. It was chartered in July and has just finished its first trip to Manila for the war department. General Joseph Wheeler was its most noted passenger.

The Twentieth Kansas regiment has been away from home fourteen months and from the United States ten months. Two battalions of the regiment sailed for Manila on the Indiana October 28. The other battalion followed November 8 on the Newport. The transports reached Manila December 1 and 2. The regiment was in the fighting from the beginning in February and was not removed from the firing line till late in the spring. It has seen nine months' service in the islands.

Postoffice Notice.

Parents will please notify their children not to stop at postoffice and call for mail every time they go to and from school, for it is not only an annoyance, but it is unnecessary. Very frequently complaints have been made to the office of mail given to children being lost, so in the future no mail will be given to school children except upon a written order of parents.

Richard Waring, Postmaster.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. W. L. Kinsman & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Hot and cold baths every day, except Monday, in rooms north of Pacific hotel, upstairs; open from 10 to 10 p. m.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Abilene postoffice for the week ending Sept. 2, 1899. Have your mail addressed to your box number and it will be promptly delivered.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST. Jones, Brian Kelley, Rev E. Leubart, John (foreign) Rice, A. H. LAMBERT LIST. Cunningham, Lina Doyle, Perels (B)

One cent will be charged for all advertised letters.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised" giving date.

RICHARD WARING, P. M.