

From the Archives

The Kinsley Mercury – August 22, 1885

A Battery B. Soldier a B. M.

James P. Alcorn, well known at this place, has been appointed postmaster at Kinsley, Kansas. "Jim" was a member of Battery B. 1st Pa., artillery, and served in the war from the commencement till the close, when he was honorably discharged. Since then he has been engaged in mercantile pursuits and, we believe, successfully. He is the oldest son of Wm. P. Alcorn, who formerly kept the Lawrence House at Penn Valley, and who also owned and managed a stage line between the latter place and this city. The appointee pleases his old friends in this county who know that the duties of office will be honestly conducted. He was also a staunch Democrat and popular among his acquaintances.

Memories of E. K. Grant.

To the citizens of Kinsley and vicinity and all persons I may have overlooked in my canvass this week: If such persons will send me their full name and address naming the style of binding, if cloth, library or Morocco, or write me as to price of books, I will place such persons names on my books as regular subscribers and deliver them the volume same as to others.

L. B. Lehr, Ag't. for Edwards Co.
Greensburg, Kas.

"Help! Help!! Help!!!"

Save me from starvation by giving me work for myself and nine boys. I would say to the citizens of south-west Kansas that I have embarked in the lumber business at Kinsley, Kansas, and am prepared to furnish all kinds of lumber at such prices as will make the purchaser happy, and

keep the wolf from my door. You will find me at the Comanche lumber yard, just immediately north of depot, Kinsley, Kansas.

Thomas Doak.

The new postmaster, James P. Alcorn, is now installed as postmaster, having taken possession of the office last Sunday morning. He has employed as assistant Mr. J. C. Robb, recently from Leon, Iowa, a young man who has had a number of years experience as assistant postmaster at his former home. Leon, also Miss Seiglingler, who has proven herself to be a very efficient assistant in the office. Universal satisfaction is expressed that Miss Seiglingler is retained in the office, as her disposition is accommodating and her capacity to do the business of the office has won for her the kindly feeling of all its patrons. With the force employed, Mr. Alcorn will run the office in first class style.

"When you start to town to buy goods pick up your county newspaper before going and learn from it who has goods for sale, and buy of the man who advertises. Every wide-awake business man who is selling goods at fair prices advertises. It is the leech on the community—the blood sucker who settles down for a few months in a place to make what he can and then gets up and 'gits,' and depends upon deceiving you into his shop and bleeding you for his gain—that does not advertise. Our advertising list is composed of established, reliable merchants and tradesmen, and with that class is the place to spend your money."

— Mrs. Margenbrank, of Greensburg, had his

leg very badly cut by a horse running into a barbed wire fence with him last Friday night.

— George Wight, the energetic land agent of Perronville, was in town Tuesday. He advertises a very fine ranch for sale in another column of this issue.

— Mr. Sturdevant, living seven miles south of town, visited the MERCURY office here with a very fine watermelon Thursday. Thanks Mr. S. Call again.

— Col. Seibers leaves the postoffice with the satisfaction of knowing that he has administered the office in a manner that has been entirely satisfactory to its patrons.

— J. A. Bostwick weighed six thoroughly "Schuyler-Down Max" lambs Wednesday that tipped the beam at 360 pounds. They are probably as good as can be found in this state.

— Some thief stole a gold watch and chain from a dining room girl at the Blanche House last Monday morning. A search warrant was gotten out and one suspected party searched but the property was not found.

— On the corner of Marsh avenue and Sixth street is a business advertisement posted up and in the center of which is a clock correctly making the time. It is the work of Charles Van and shows no small degree of skill.

— We have a large stock of paper, envelopes, cards, bill heads, statements and in fact everything in the stationery line and will do your stationery work in first class style and at fair prices. Call and examine our stock.

— Wonder what the Nickerson Register thinks now about that game of pins they wanted the Kinsley boys to play. It is way they drove

Nickerson's crack nine up Tuesday eve would surprise any played baseball "just a little bit."

— J. J. Pryor, of Texas, came here last Wednesday to buy Perry Smith's fine driving team of mares. He offered \$300 for one of the mares but that was no temptation to Perry. The team is one of the finest in Western Kansas.

— Mrs. S. W. Vandivert and children returned home after a three months visit to her former home at Bethany, Mo., last Saturday. She was accompanied home by her brother, Ed Crossan, who thinks of remaining here permanently.

— James Weeks is using in his elevator one of the most complete seed separators we have ever seen. It cleans wheat or any other sort of seed perfectly clean. It is arranged so completely as to separate rye from wheat, "red top" from millet, etc.

— Mr. J. M. Anderson, of Emporia, Kansas, who has the contract for building the Edwards County Bank building, returned to Kinsley Monday after an absence of some weeks and the new building is being rapidly pushed forward for completion.

— Ira Jay, of Mullinville, one of the first settlers of the south side is in town this week. We understand Mr. Jay will be a candidate for sheriff this fall. Mr. Jay is a Republican and should he receive the nomination in the Republican convention the MERCURY will cheerfully support him.

— If there is any "Buckeye," "Sucker" or "Puke" in this county that supposes he came from a corn raising state, he is invited to call and see a specimen of that

cereal left at our office by John A. Bostwick. That energetic farmer who came here from Ottawa, Ills., last spring, owns one of the nicest farms in the neighborhood, keeps better stock than anybody, and has raised as good crops as any man in the county this year.

— Dr. Fred Eckert returned from the Pawhandle country last Monday, where he had been for five weeks engaged in surveying cattle ranges. Five weeks camping has agreed with "Doc." He reports having had a good time along with plenty of work. Game is plentiful in the Panhandle. The surveyor's party the Doctor was with captured one buffalo, a part of which the Doctor brought home with him. Buffalo are scarce but smaller game, such as antelope and deer, are very plentiful.

L. R. Lehr having just returned from his canvass in Kinsley for Memories of U.S. Grant, speaks highly of the citizens of that town for the kindly treatment received at their hands, but especially does he feel himself under obligations to our county officials for courtesies received. No matter how often you bother them they seem affable, gentlemanly answers are received. He thinks they should be kept there for life.— [Greensburg Rustler.]

Mr. Lehr and the Rustler are right. No county in the state has a more efficient gentlemanly set of county officials than the county of Edwards.

Dr. Eckert reports having seen a very novel sign posted on an abandoned dugout in the vicinity of Sunset City, a new town springing up and intended for the future county seat of the southwest

Legals

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDWARDS COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate)

)
Of)
Case No. ED-2026-PR-000018
)

NORMA G. GARTUNG, Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on September 9, 2026, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Rodney Gartung, sole heir of Norma G. Gartung, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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corner county. It was as follows:

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Six inches to H—I;

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