

—Last Sunday afternoon a small snake was killed on Central avenue near the Brunswick hotel. Snakes may grow for a short time on our principal streets but grass, never.

—The B. & M. railway company has secured the right of way to the cotton mill and will run a switch to that building by way of the plow factory and paper mill at an early day.

—The old men are becoming enthused as in younger days. One old gentleman said last evening "this is the first time I have carried a torch since Abe Lincoln run the second time."

—About twenty-five members of Mt. Hebron commandary K. T., went to Lexington yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral services of Sir Robert H. Thompson. They returned last evening.

—While no action has yet been taken on the resignation of Rev. Dr. Askin, it is probable he will be given a vacation of three or six months. During his absence the Y. P. S. C. E., will conduct the evening services and a choral choir has been organized to conduct the music.

June 1889 – Ira Johnson is back from Oregon with a shipment of horses for the Kearney Horse Company.

Oct. 10, 1892 – Clerk of the district court started using a typewriter to write up court records.

Mr. Morton became so empathetic in his remarks Saturday evening, and stamped his foot with such energy that the current for the footlights was turned on.

Oct. 12, 1895 – the boys at the high school are thinking of organizing a foot ball team.

Kearney Hub – Jan. 4, 1890

Someone has been stealing coal from J. S. Sizer for some time. Last night he and Mr. Overmeyer watched the cars. About midnight they saw a man and a boy each with nearly a half ton of coal 'toting it away'. They ran after them but even the boy outran them. Mr. Sizer is a splendid businessman, but he can't run—at least he can't keep up with a coal thief.

Psychiatrists, Sanity Board Study [Delphia]

The county insanity commission and two psychiatrists studied the case of [Delphia] in an insanity hearing at the courthouse. Insanity complaint had been filed by the county attorney, Oscar Drake. The man's wife had died and the coronor's jury found him criminally insane.

The county insanity commission was made up of an attorney, a physician and the clerk of the district court. The psychiatrists were a doctor from Omaha and the superintendent of the state hospital at Norfolk.

Police had found the wife's body buried four feet deep in a grave beside the river road south of Kearney. When they questioned the husband he admitted shooting her with a .22 caliber rifle three days previously "because 'she was stepping out' on him."

The man had been admitted to the state hospital at Hastings two years earlier for abusing his wife and he was paroled to his wife's custody against the advice of the hospital.

Kearney Hub, Jan. 4, 1943

Marriage Licenses

1910 - Bride – Appellona Mortenson

Two rather aged people were given a marriage license by Judge Easterling on Wednesday, viz: Luther E. Mitchell of Lexington, aged 58, and Margaret Byers of Kearney aged 51.

New Era Standard, Friday, Jan 22, 1897

Divorce

Mrs. V. J. Moses filed for divorce from William Moses because of habitual drunkenness and lack of support and several other acts of cussedness due to her husband.

Monday, Sept 2, 1889, *Kearney Hub*

Death

[Drowned in the Platte?? In July??]

Death (suicide)

Mrs. Helen Mills, aged 70, mother of Mrs. L. St. John of Kearney, jumped from the Platte River bridge and drowned.

Miller Forum – 24 July 1909

Mrs. Mills, mother of Mrs. L. N. St. John, out with a Mrs. Lanyon, slipped out of the carriage on a bridge across the Platte. Mrs. Mills broke over the railing into the water and sank, subsequently drowning.

Semi-Weekly Hub, 26 July 1909

Frank Mathews of Myrtle Township of Custer County bet his whole wheat crop on the election of Byron. Lost the bet and came to Armada town & purchased 4 oz of laudanum and took it. As luck would have it, a doctor found out and followed with a stomach pump, thus saving him

From *Broken Bow Republican*, in *Buffalo County Sun* – Dec. 5, 1896

Birthday

A surprise party for Mrs. Lippencott's 50th birthday. 8 of the ladies weighed and total weight of all was 1615. An average of over 200 lb apiece.

Opera House

Linden, manager of the Opera House, has ordered 300 opera glasses to be fastened to the backs of chairs the Opera House. He may be assured that the public appreciates his energy in making this the best opera House.

Kearney Hub, Oct. 1, 1889

Advertising

Coffee Pot

E. B. Lobach completed work on the largest coffee pot manufactured. It stands 8 feet high and about five feet in diameter at the base. Made of galvanized sheet iron. It will be placed on a suitable wagon and taken thru the county as a advertisement for a patent coffee-pot.

Kearney Hub, April 21, 1889

from 1890

Work was progressing on the hinge factory.

A fence factory started production.

The paper mill blew down. Other portion of building blew down last summer just as construction was finished. No paper ever manufactured to this date.

Work started on rebuilding the paper mill.

the statue of justice was placed on top of the new courthouse.. Nine feet tall, blind, balance in left hand, sword in right.

The buffalo head was placed in position on the courthouse. Made of sheet metal.

Autos, Driving, Streets, Roads

When you drive along the streets, take the right hand side. Be sure you do this.

Kearney Hub, Jan.1, 1890

Police Judge John Cameron is recovering from injuries suffered when he lit a match to see if there was sufficient water in the radiator of his car. Alcohol in the radiator blew up in his face, inflicting quite painful burns. He was not seriously hurt.

[advertisement on same page for Radiator Alcohol, non-rusting, for 55¢ per gallon at National Accessories, Inc.]

Kearney Hub, Jan. 2, 1935

Manufacturing

S M Sweeley manufactured suspenders in Kearney. It was a very successful business. “Although without practical experience he had some good hard-headed ideas, he put up a splendid article, and he has had two salesmen constantly on the road with wagons, selling directly to the retailers. Now he is preparing now for the manufacture of a new suspender, the “Dewey.” embracing some new ideas of Mr. Sweeley’s creation, which is destined without a doubt to be one of the most popular suspenders extant.”

“With the opening of the fall season the factory has opened another line in the manufacture of men’s leggings.... Three styles are now being manufactured. One to buckle on the side, another top fasten quickly with clasps, and still another with military lacing, with an improvement on the old way of lacing the side.... unqualified success.... has not been able to supply the demand....

Kearney Hub Oct. 6, 1899

Public Office

Ravenna – “Mr. F. P. Wilsey received a telegram from Kearney Saturday afternoon notifying him that he had been nominated by the republican county convention for clerk of the district court and asked him to wire his acceptance. F. P. had not been an aspirant for the nomination and the news was something of a surprise party to him. He concluded to accept, however.... Mr. Wilsey filled the office of superintendent of public instruction for four years and his record and acquaintance, coupled with the demand for a candidate from this part of the county made him a desirable candidate and he was unanimously chosen on the first ballot and his consent asked afterwards.”

Kearney Hub Oct. 6, 1899