

Eastern Kansas cities tired of money going east

Back east, Kansas cities tired of seeing liquor sales and the accompanying taxes flow across the state line have started a rebellion.

They've declared "home rule" power over liquor sales, claiming that liquor laws don't apply uniformly to all cities and counties. And if a state law is not uniform, then a city or county can exempt itself.

Now stores in several Kansas cities are brazenly selling booze on Sundays. Next thing you know, they'll be opening the beer joints and bars.

And while this may not be the greatest thing to happen to the state in the new century, it is a long-overdue change.

Kansas liquor stores are a state-licensed monopoly with little competition over service or prices. This helps make things easier for store owners, but can only hurt customers.

It's just not the state's place to say what prices stores can charge or when they can be open. In a free-enterprise economy, store owners ought to make those decisions.

One Missouri liquor dealer told reporters that being open on Sundays wasn't all that great, though the huge billboard over his store advertising Sunday sales might belie his modesty.

He said Kansas liquor store owners had things pretty good, with the regulated competition and set hours, and might regret a more liberal law. He said it'd be only a matter of time until other restraints to competition fall,

and predicted that few Kansas stores will make money on Sundays.

Nonetheless, the floodgates are open now. It's like the days in the 1960s after the courts struck down the general Sunday closing law when the Safeway chain defied it. Today, retailing is rampant on Sundays, though many merchants probably regret that.

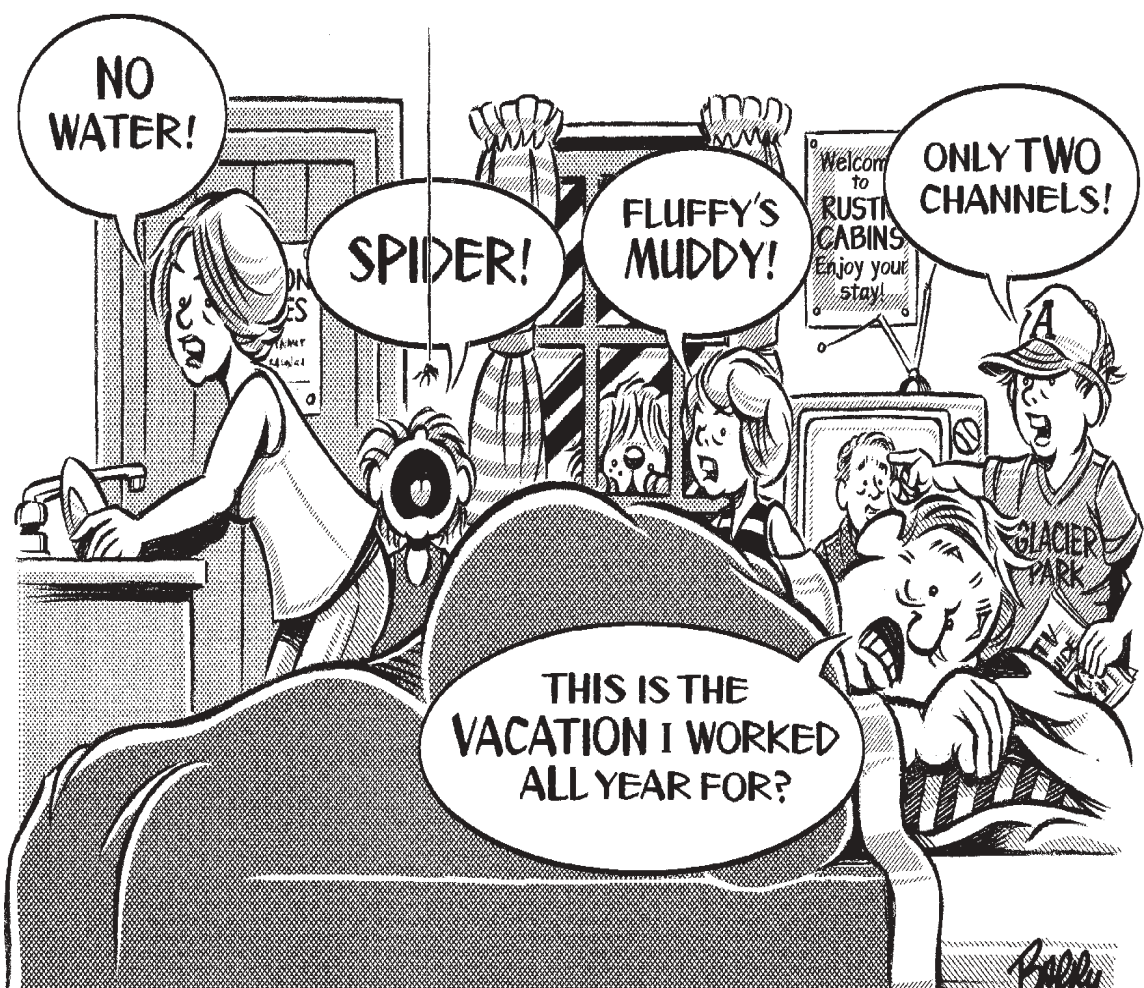
Only a few Sunday closing laws remain — car dealers, through their licensing board, have a strong union that keeps them closed, for instance.

The state really should get out of the business of regulating store hours and days. The only reasons for it are to suppress competition, to the detriment of consumers, or to enforce religious preferences. Neither is a valid state objective.

Changing the liquor sales ban is an admission at least that the state really can't keep people from shopping when they want to. For years, state liquor agents have tried to catch people bringing Missouri (or Nebraska) potables across the border. But for every guy caught with a trunkload of hooch, 99 got through.

It's like sticking a finger in a leak while others spring up all around. Did you ever hear of anyone you know getting busted running wine from Nebraska on a Sunday? Us either.

This is not an issue that will make or break anyone in Kansas. Things may not change much except in the Kansas City area for the next few years, but change is coming — whether we like it or not. — Steve Haynes



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Echoes of the Southwind

Dennis William Cave First judge in Cheyenne County, Kan.

Editor's Note: Dorothy Mast is the author of Echoes of the Southwind and has taken the information used for this week's article from a letter written by Mr. Cave's great-grandson John W. Heavey.

Dennis William Cave (1849-1923), with his wife Sarah Vetura (Jones), and four children, Nannie Vivian, William D., Cora and Maudie, were an initial landholder family in the formation of Cheyenne County. While certain of records indicate he lived here with his family for six years from 1886 to 1892, other sources will further indicate he surveyed the land and made initial plans for what was to be Bird City as early as the spring of 1883. In the *Annals of Kansas*, 1886, "Cheyenne County held its first election, Bird City was chosen county seat, and as one of officers elected, D.W. Cave became the first probate judge."

Dennis, or D.W., as he was known, had the intuition, keen desire, and pioneer spirit to be instrumental in the selection and formation of new and sprouting towns and cities as the West was being opened up, fear of Indian attacks was subsiding, and movement from bigger cities to settle the land was in full force. Railroads, water tributaries and politico-socio conditions all had impact on where towns and county seats were to be located.

Dennis was born in the rolling and heavily wooded area of Paris, Jennings, Ind., Sept. 11, 1849, of source immigrant father to United States, William C. Cave (1801-1882) and mother Ellen C. (Russell) (1817-1869). His father was born in Swinford, Leicester, England, and is an apparent descendant of his knighthood ancestor of the 16th century (during Henry VIII reign) Edward Cave, in the right of his wife Dorothy (Malory). Dennis' father came to the United States and Indiana, as an initial owner of land in 1831. His brother (Stephen C. Cave 1810-1891) followed in 1834

from Liverpool. His father was an apprenticed and skilled weaver of fine laces before coming to the United States, and utilized this skill as a tailor of fine clothes in Paris as well as farming throughout his life.

Dennis was one of six children to include Mary, Melvina (Dayton), Stephen H., William, and Thomas Roland (also of Bird City two years after Dennis). At a very young age, height 5'8", Dennis enlisted with the Indiana Volunteers in Company F, 145 Indiana Infantry organized by the Union Army for service during the Civil War. Growing up in the southern part of Indiana, bordering on Kentucky, a state organized under the Confederate Army, Dennis was to see some of his friends enlist and take up arms under the opposition! He was mustered into the Union Army at Indianapolis and with Union forces initially saw service in Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., and later participated with Sherman forces on "march to sea" - siege of Atlanta and Marietta, Ga., and thrust to Savannah, Ga. D.W. was to have the misfortune, while in Georgia as the staggering figures of the war were to bear out, of being a statistic in the number one casualty of war to the ravages of disease and improper sanitation or nutrition. He contracted measles, a disease at the time causing differing degrees of lasting disability. This was to affect his eyes and strength to perform heavy work throughout his life. After nearly two months of treatment in occupied Georgia, Dennis was discharged to Macon, Ga., on Jan. 21, 1866, and returned to the family farm in Jennings County, Ind.

In 1871, as a still single man of 23,

Dennis followed the pursuits of the Homestead Act of May 20, 1862, and joined a mule team on westward trek to settlement of Nebraska. After a journey of 30 days, encountering many interesting experiences as well as privations of early pioneer days, he stopped with the team at Lincoln, Neb. Shortly thereafter he set out for south central Nebraska and Harlan County, where the town of Alma was being formed on the banks of the Republican River (now where Harlan County Reservoir is) - by a group from Cheyenne, Wyo. Here, Dennis homesteaded a section of land of 160 acres, built a log and sod house, barn and improved and dry farmed the land. There were many buffaloes and antelope in vicinity of homestead and hunting was both a necessity and pleasure. Final proof and transfer of ownership was entered on Aug. 23, 1877.

Dennis married Sarah Vetura (Jones) (1858-1932), born in Harrison County, Mo., of Henry and Mary (Brown) Jones, on Nov. 18, 1876, at Kearney, Buffalo, Neb. Mary had come west with her parents who also took up homesteading in Harlan County. Six children as mentioned in the beginning, were born of this marriage, at Alma. In early part of 1880, at age of 32, Dennis was elected sheriff of Harlan County and held this office through 1883.

In 1885, the Cave family moved to the newly forming Cheyenne County, Kan. Here, at Bird City, D.W. became active in land purchase and development for town sites of Bird City (1885) and Wano (1887), was active in civic and community activities - deeding land to

Facts from the press

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Dennis W. Cave, one of the original town site members, was also the first probate judge of Bird City. He had received his admission to the bar in January of 1885.
These are only a few of the articles taken from the early newspapers.
• Bird City News: Nov. 4, 1886. D.W. Cave, probate judge.
• Cheyenne County Rustler: Dec. 4, 1886. D.W. Cave and others made suggestions for incorporation of Bird City.
• Bird City News: March 3, 1887. C.W. Cave erected a residence on site purchased from J.H. Moberly.
Additional articles from the Bird City News
• March 31, 1887. Mrs. D.W. Cave and family arrived in town and are going to stay.
C.W. Cave bought the lot west of Ardery's Hardware Store.
• July 1887: Judge Cave was the Marshall of the July 4th celebration.
• July 14, 1887: D.W. Cave was made the Senior Vice Commander of the new Post of The Grand Army

of the Republic.
• Aug. 4, 1887: D.W. Cave and others to correspond with parties about the location of the new school on the hill south of main street.
• Sept. 29, 1897: D.W. Cave has bargained for 1000,000 bricks, as soon as they can be burnt, he will put up a brick building where his office now stands.
• Dec. 23, 1887: D.W. Cave traded the drugstore building to M.W. Gilliland.
Articles from the Cheyenne County Democrat, 1887
• April 9: D.W. Cave and a group from Bird City visited Wano.
• May 21: D.W. Cave on the Lean team baseball team.
• Sept. 17: D.W. Cave, Will Cole and Charles formed a committee for a church building and went around with a petition to raise funds and got enough pledges to complete a very handsome edifice.
Article from the Herald of Independence, 1887
• June 1: D.W. Cave was a private in Company F 145th Indiana Infantry Volunteers.

publican and was of the Methodist faith.
In late 1893, D.W. lined up on the southern border of Kansas in first race to obtain newly opened land in Oklahoma. He successfully obtained lands for town lots for what was to be Guthrie, Okla. In 1894, after spending sometime in Lincoln, Neb., where he held properties, Dennis went to Boone County, Ark., where zinc and lead had been discovered and was being mined. Here again he was active in purchasing land and development for townsite of Zinc, mining of ore and zinc, logging and agriculture. One of the several mines that was developed, known as Coke Hollow Mine, met with tragedy for his son-in-law of 12 years (Nannie's husband) James Leslie Rogers (1862-1911) in 1911. James, as co-owner in mine, on a visit into mine from Pittsburg, where he was banker of First National Bank, a cave-in occurred killing the superintendent instantly and crushing the leg of James. Hours later, after amputation, the strain or shock was too much and he died.
Here in Zinc, Ark., where Dennis was a judge and justice of peace, he looked after his extensive mining and agriculture interests, together with his brother and his daughter Nancy (the writer's grandmother) up until is death on Sept. 7, 1923.
He was buried with his wife in Wyuka Cemetery, in Lincoln, Neb.

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...Know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
James 4:4

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