

# Work had commenced on Union Hall structure

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*Sherman County Historical Society*  
**December 5, 1903:** Work Began on the Union Hall Structure, Which Will Have Two Stories — Work on the Union hall commenced, and the erection of the building is being pushed rapidly.

About \$700 has been subscribed, but about \$500 more will probably be required to complete the financial part of the project. The old soldiers are free in their expression of thanks to the people who have aided them financially in the building for themselves a hall.

Five hundred dollars of the amount subscribed have already been paid, and the Union Hall association are anxious to have all contributors favor them with the amounts subscribed that the business end of the matter may not be wanting.

The Union Hall association is a benevolent organization. It is chartered under the laws of the state, and the property is held in common by the board of directors for purposes aforesaid. The status is the same as in the case of a church and the like.

**December 6, 1903:** Goodland's Building Record — Forty Six Houses and Eight Business Buildings Erected Past Year — Remarkable Improvements in Residence and Business Portion of the Town — Railroad's Activity is Enlarging

## today in history

—The growth and prosperity of Goodland during the last year stands out conspicuous in its history.

It has experienced no "boom," but has simply expanded by reason of the increased volume of business and growing importance at this point. Forty-six houses have been added to the residences portion of the town, and eight business houses have been erected.

If anyone had predicted a year ago that Goodland within twelve months would experience a fire that would destroy a block in the business portion of the town and that it would be rebuilt and in addition would build forty-six residences, the oldest and wisest inhabitants of Goodland would have questioned the sanity of that man. Yet that very thing has happened and here is the proof:

Builder	No. houses	Builder	No. houses
J.P. Cullen	4	E. Thorson	3
E.L. Blodgett	2	J. H. Stewart	2
C.E. Swarts	2	John Chambers	2
H.H. Auer	2	E.T. Wintzell	2
J. A. Trent	1	A.L. Penniston	1
G.F. Hodgkinson	1	O.C. Dawson	1
W.S. Coleman	1	John Bock	1
O.P. Liston	1	Mrs. Lucy Morse	1
V.W. Goodrich	1	B.E. Coffin	1
D.G. Morris	1	L.L. Ernst	1
J.E. Stevens	1	T.E. Townsend	1
Dan Derby	1	Jasper Gandy	1
C.M. Millisack	1	J.L. Cullins	1
A.L. McCants	1	Hutchinson	1
J.E. McDonald	1	W.N. Davis	1
George Flynn	1	W.M. Hoag	1
Asa Keefer	1	F.M. Thompson	1
Catholic Church	1		

Eight businesses have been built in that same time, four of them of brick. The cash value of all these improvements at a conservative estimate would aggregate \$100,000. The Rock Island railway company has within the

last year doubled the capacity of the shops here at an approximate out lay of \$15,000. This advance in the building up of the town has increased the population from 1,200 to 1,500, and the end is not yet.

Goodland is the best town in western Kansas, and the probability of future growth is very promising. Importance is being placed upon this town, and with great stretches of agricultural lands on every side, northwest Kansas is destined to make great progress, and Goodland is the most promising of all the towns in the section of the country.

**December 7, 1903:** From Around the County — Muldrow News — Kyle Mann brought home a load of new furniture from Brewster.

Art Auxier and Viola Reed were married Friday; the Rev. Davis officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Auxier left for Iowa, where they will go to house-keeping. The bride was the school teacher at Muldrow, and her departure leaves us without a school.

J.W. Bennett had his barn nearly completed when part of it collapsed from having too much weight on the roof. One cow was buried under the debris and quite badly injured.

Smoky News — J.R. Eicher went to Thomas county to erect a bronze monument for Peter Emel — One day last week, while P.J. Hartzler

was drilling wheat, a large coyote attacked his dog. Mr. Hartzler went to the assistance of the dog when the coyote jerked loose and disappeared in a thicket of Russian thistles.

F.M. Fox had a coon hunt last week. Quite a number of young people attended the hunt, but the coon was too sly for them. A coyote hunt followed the next day, and a few coyotes were killed.

Goodland — Farmers better leave their dogs at home, as the city marshal may kill them by mistake, for dogs are not allowed to run the streets on account of quarantine laws.

John J. Knight, register of deeds, came home from his ranch where he was engaged in dipping his cattle. On arriving home, he found his family quarantined for small pox, his little girl, Nellie, having contracted the disease.

The interior of one of the rooms in the Kellogg rooming house was damaged this week by fire from a kerosene stove. A can thought to contain coal oil was used in filling the tank of the stove, but instead it was gasoline.

William Jupe has a new spring wagon to hitch "Nellie" to. Jupe is busy from early morning to late at night carrying parcels for delivery, hauling the mails and looking after the wants of the people under quar-

antine. Thomas P. Leonard and wife left Sunday morning for a drive across the country to Leoti, Wichita County. They went by Sharon Springs and changed teams there. Mr. Leonard had some real estate deal to attend to at Leoti. They returned home Wednesday.

Blanche Bagley, the nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Bagley, is sick at home with an eruption, which may be chicken pox, but from the number of cases reported may be varioloid. The family had not been quarantined at the last advice.

A.R. Tompkins returned Monday from Wyoming, Jones county, Iowa, where he was called by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Rufus Tompkins, who died Nov. 23 at the age of 80 years. Her husband died four years ago. The Rev. A. Bronson officiated at the funeral. He is the oldest Methodist minister living, being 96 years of age.

**December 8, 1903:** Revival meetings began at Pleasant Home Church Sunday evening conducted by the Rev. Merrit and a lady evangelist.

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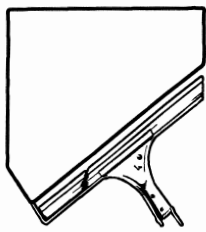
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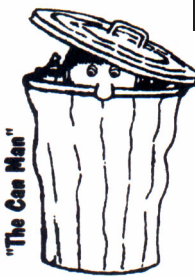
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