

Rock Island employee got piece of steel in his eye

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June 13, 1904: Steel In His Eye — Charles Stucker, an employee of the Rock Island in the car department here, had the upper edge of the pupil of his right eye injured by a flying piece of steel from a hammer he was using at work in the shops. Dr. Smith was called, and he advised the sending of Stucker to a specialist in Denver. Stucker left on No. 41 Tuesday afternoon. This is the second accident of the kind in about two weeks. L.F. Cooper who was similarly injured went to work Wednesday morning.
June 14, 1904: Snakes are scarce in Goodland, but there are plenty of them on the wide, grassy plains. Machinist Bode went out to the Vincent ranch on the Beaver, with his cowboy friend and former shop employee, Ed Leech. They took a drive of about 20 miles into Cheyenne county. Boede was anxious to see a live rattle

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snake. He had captured a badger under the walk near the brick hotel and had him “set up.” He was anxious for a companion piece. During their drive, they finally came across a rattler. The excitement of Bode knew no bounds. He leaped out of the buggy in exclamation: “Give me a stick, or something like it, until I kill the ‘schlange.’” He has the snake’s skin and the badger, which he will send back to Germany to his best girl as a souvenir of his “wild life on the plains.”
June 14, 1904: BULLS FOR SALE—Five pedigreed Shorthorn bulls, four years old; price \$50 to \$65; on the Golden ranch, section 30-10-41.
June 15, 1904: Accused of Stealing Eight — He had come on her dozing in a hammock, and when she woke up, she accused him of steal-

ing a kiss. “Well”, he said, “I will admit that the temptation was too strong to be resisted. I did steal one little kiss.” “One!” she exclaimed indignantly, “I counted eight before I woke up.”
June 16, 1904: Dr. H.P. Gandy, an old resident of Sherman county, but who was living at Arvada, Colo., for his health, died there June 7, of consumption. Burial was made in the Arvada cemetery by the I.O.O.F. lodge. Mr. Gandy was about 50 years of age. His health broke while living in Goodland about two years ago, and the appearance of consumption marked the beginning of the end. (Historic note: Dr. Gandy, along with other members of his family, established the first town in Sherman County, in 1885. The

town, to the northwest of Goodland, was named Gandy.)
June 16, 1904: Millionaire C.P. Dewey Dead — Father of Chauncey Dewey and Owner of Kansas Ranches — C.P. Dewey, of Manhattan, Kan., father of Chauncey Dewey, died at Wheeling, W. Va., Friday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. Peterson. He was 63 years old. He intended to return shortly to Kansas when a carbuncle made its appearance on his person. Blood poisoning set in, of which he died. His body was taken to Ohio for burial. With the passing of this Kansas millionaire, the Dewey possessions may now be broken up and piecemealed out to the heirs. C.P. Dewey is survived by a son, a daughter and Mrs. Dewey, his second wife, the first wife having been divorced and now living in Paris. C.P. Dewey was said to be several times a millionaire. He had big

holdings in Chicago. He owned the Manhattan Beach hotel at Eureka lake, near Manhattan, Kan. In the town of Manhattan, he possessed the ice plant, the electric light plant and the telephone system, also owning the latter at Junction City. In Rawlins county, he owns the large Oak Ranch, and in Cheyenne, the West End Ranch. He owns a large acreage of land in Sherman County, and at several places operations in cattle-raising are now going in the north part of this county. Chauncey Dewey is his son, whose sensational trial for the murder of the Berrys occurred at Norton this spring. C.P. Dewey’s business enterprise in Kansas reads more like a fable than the actual history connected to one man. There seems to be no end to his money and no flagging of his energies in buying lands and businesses and improving them. He has made Manhattan more than any other man, and whether his

land ownings have been a blessing or not to the communities where he has purchases, is an open question. Certainly it is — bad results have come from it in western Kansas. The large ranches of Dewey exist not only in western Kansas, but he has an 11,000 acre tract of land in Riley county, so generous are its proportions that the papers in speaking of it says that it not only covers a large portion of the south part of Riley county, but also eats a large hole out of Geary. But this is insignificant in comparison with his holdings in Rawlins county. He is said to have 100,000 acres in one body in that county. Just how much he owns in Sherman county is a question, but the figures would be rather large. *From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.*

Summer going fast; neighbors and other kids busy with camps

Here it is the second week of June. It’s hard to believe the year is almost half gone. Even the kids think the summer is going to be short. A lot of them have several camps on deck as does my neighbor Jonathan McClung. He has just got back from one and will be leaving again on Sunday for another one. His sister Ana is overseas and about to come home from that one. Her tour is under the direction of high school teacher Elaine Felver, something she has done for years. Any others, if there are any, are unknown to me. Most of those who were in the hospital when I was there have all been released except one who passed away, Mrs. Borgmann. Mr. Borgmann stopped in my room almost every day and gave me an up-



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date before I was moved to the different wing. I hope all at home are enjoying better days on the road to recovery. I had a nice visit with Alice Watkins when she delivered a news item to my house. Alice was one of the three ladies who tried to teach me how to bowl. Not that I became a high roller, but I did have fun with them when we bowled on Thursday nights. The bowling was cut short when I developed back problems and had

to stop. I’ve been tempted to try it again, but the thought of back pain has stopped that thinking. Now with those lousy ribs acting up, there is absolutely no thinking in that direction. Alice said she and Les have had birthdays; she is 86 and he 87. Both are using canes to help with their mobility. There are no anniversaries other than the one of Kip and Mari Armstrong. There’s one other birthday, that of Ruth Soward. In spite of everything, Les put out a garden. Alice said it is doing well. They had a busy Memorial Day weekend, as several of their family members came for the weekend.

Among those coming back were grandsons from Littleton, Colo., Les Van Vleet, wife Tracy and kids Bryce and Brianne; Kevin Van Vleet, wife Eileen and kids Chris and Jasmine; John Van Vleet, wife Dawn; granddaughter Brenda Haag of Nebraska and her kids Makayla and Connor; daughters Katherine Wilson of Nebraska, Virginia Braswell and husband Ross (snowbirds) and Della Helzer and son Philip of Goodland. The snowbirds live out of a travel home, so they use a family member’s address as their official residence. I received a card when in Fort Collins and one while here from a lady in Tribune. She seems to know me and several of my friends. She mentioned the death of Merlynn Stasser and said she knew his family, and she knew about my broken

ribs and said she likes my interesting column. She also mentioned former residents Eunice and Leon Liljegren, who have moved to Lindsborg. She said they are doing just “fair.” I must check with friends Bobbi and Paul from Tribune who this lady is. In the meantime, I do thank her for her interest and for her cards and messages. Lucille Nash said her kids in Texas missed most of the severe storms about a week ago. The only visible damage was a neighbor’s

downed tree that fell on their backyard fence. Thank goodness for that. Wasn’t that a show of lightning the other night? When the television conked out, I went to bed and pulled the sheet over my head. I’m very uneasy in that type of weather. The next morning, there were reports of varying amounts of moisture, little amount we got. Any is better than none at all. I’m still having pain from the ribs, but it seems to be lessening. There’s nothing further, so I will close for now.

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Real Estate
 The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:
 William D. and Jody B. Hoffman to Jody B. or William D Hoffman, trustees under the Jody B. Hoffman Living Trust the N/2 of the NW/4 of Sec. 32, T9S, R38W; the S/2 of the NE/4 of Sec. 32, T9S, R38W.
 Linda Miltenberger to Diane and Darold Albertson all of my interest in S/2 of Sec. 26, T6S, R41W.
 John R. and Kathy L. Baker to Andrew and Jacque Drennan, Lot 12, Block 2, Eastridge Subdivision of Block 29, 30, 41 and 42, Academy Addition to the City of Goodland.
 Phillip D. and Carol M. Peter, trustees of the Peter Kansas Property Trust, of Jefferson County, Colo., to Phillip Dean Peter, the NNW/4 of Sec. 4, T6S, R39W; the NNW/4 of Sec. 9, T6S, R39W.
 Christopher M. and Elizabeth J. Best quitclaim to Elizabeth J. Best, Lot 6 and 7, west 13 feet of Lot 5, Block 57, Original Town of Goodland.
 Richard K. and Beatrice M. Driver, trustees of the Richard K. Driver Revocable Trust, to Dr. Thomas M. White, O.D. the west 47 feet of Lot 12, Block 52, Original Town of Goodland.

Original Town of Goodland.
 Evelyn J. Tromble, trustee of the Tromble Family Trust, to Gene M. Tromble an undivided 1/2 interest in and to Lot 1 and 2, Block 70, Original Town of Goodland.

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