

Boy was injured in merry-go-round accident

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June 29, 1904: The Brownlee Bros. merry-go-round met with an accident Monday evening about 9 o'clock.

The machine was being propelled and the mechanical "brass band" reeling off its music, when a sudden gust of wind tore the overhead canvass canopy, which, falling down and whipping in the wind, unseated some of the passengers.

In the shuffle, W.J. Purvis' little boy had a large patch of skin rubbed off the shin of one of his legs. The heads of four of the wooden horses were broken off and some other damage done. The accident was caused by the sudden approach of heavy winds which accompanied the storm.

June 30, 1904: Tornado South of Town — A Barn and a Granary Torn to Pieces and Strewn Over the Ground — In the thunderstorm that swept parts of this county Monday evening, considerable damage was done by a small sized tornado that dropped out of the heavy cloud near the home of Alex West, seven miles south of Goodland.

It struck the barn and the granary of the West place, tearing them all to pieces and strewing the lumber

today in history

over the prairie for considerable distance. As usual it performed some didos, and one was that it picked a pair of side boards off a wagon standing in the yard and carried them 200 yards away, leaving them on the prairie in as good condition as when it took them.

In the barn was a horse and a calf, but they were not at all injured. The house was swept by the outer edge of the twister, which blew one of the glass out of the window and hurled it on the table at which Mr. West was eating his supper.

The storm was accompanied by hail, and in places considerable damage was done to crops. The farm where West is living is owned by Albert Harms.

The Line About Up — The Sherman County Telephone Company Pushing Their Work — The Sherman County Telephone company, which was organized several months ago, and the stock subscribed by the farmers along the proposed route will soon be using their line.

All the poles have been set, and in places the wire has been strung. The work of stringing the remain-

ing distance with wire is being pushed, and the company is really waiting for the phone boxes, which as soon as they arrive, will be installed and the system put into operation.

This company is the one that has put a telephone system in the south part of the county. The stock is owned by the farmers entirely. The people in the north part of the county should not be left behind in this enterprise. They need a line as much as the people in the south. What will you do?

July 1, 1904: Ichabod Warner's Success — One of the most successful farmers in Sherman county is Ichabod Warner, county treasurer, whose 480-acre farm four and one half miles east of Goodland has been operated by his son, Chase Warner, since his father assumed the duties of the treasurer's office in October 1900.

At this time of the year, the place speaks of itself in words of eloquence. The unusual evidence of prosperity, in fruit, in flower and in ripening grain, fills the atmosphere round about with an air of security and contentment.

The orchard on the Warner farm consists of about five acres, covered with a thicket of fruit-bearing trees. A number of the larger cherry trees are loaded down with fine cherries, and the crop from these alone, which is now being picked, will amount to more than eight bushels.

In another place, the mulberry trees are contributing to the harvest of fruit, while here and there young apples are making great promise of a heavy crop. The tame plum is also in evidence, and the orchard as a whole presents a gratifying return for the care bestowed.

One thing that has contributed so largely to the thrift of the orchard is the adjacent artificial pond. It is about sixty feet in length, thirty feet wide, and the water in it is four feet deep.

Several years ago, Mr. Warner stocked the pond with German carp, and today it is a pleasing sight to see the fish, some of which have grown to a length of eighteen inches and weight perhaps ten pounds, course the water of the little lake, sometimes parting the surface with their dorsal fins and forcing waves from bank to bank.

The carp have done well, and one windmill has furnished an abundance of water for all the uses made

of it, including ice for summer's use. Some years the trees maintain themselves admirably with only the natural rainfall, but in dry spells, the pond tides them over the critical existence.

In a way, the orchard is the apple of Mr. Warner's eye. Once he saved it with a broom. That was a number of years ago when the grasshoppers came in multitude and ate up everything in sight.

Every hour during the stay of the pest, Mr. Warner went through the orchard, and with broom in hand, drove the hoppers from the spot. The chickens soon learned what his broom excursions meant, and finally, when a man with a broom made his appearance, he was immediately joined by the chicken brigade. Thousands of grasshoppers were eaten alive and thus was stayed the dread invasion.

The farm has been well cultivated and cropped this year by the energy of one man, Chase Warner, and there is every promise that he will be well paid for his labor.

Seventy-five acres of wheat, all headed out and as fine as grows anywhere; twenty five acres of barley, of even growth and in height approaching the shoulders of a man; twenty five acres of oats whitening for harvest; forty acres of corn, knee

high and free from weeds; six acres of potatoes, whose luxurious vines and healthy condition predict large returns; this is the landscape scene that fills the eye with wealth and beauty at a single look eastward from the house.

Two and 1/2 miles north of this farm is situated the place owned by Chase Warner, 320 acres and improvements, and here also is a considerable crop acreage.

The Warner home shows headwork and energetic hand work — the antecedents of prosperity anytime and anywhere. It is a success, and the same thing can be said of others in Sherman county.

Close by the orchard stands the commodious frame cottage, and not far away are the other buildings; barn, granary, etc. Such scenes as this, multiplied upon the broad acres of Sherman county soil, will, some not far distant day, give this county a most magnificent appearance.

Its people will grow wealthy, and the light of joy and contentment shall shine on every home.

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.

matters of record

Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

June 22 — Total Petroleum, Inc. reported a gas skip in the amount of \$35.03, at 2710 Enterprise Rd.

Real Estate
The following real estate transactions were reported by the Sherman County Register of Deeds:
Augustus H. and Viola M.

Tompkins to The Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas two tracts of land in SW/4, Sec. 18, T10S, R39W, and two tracts of land in the SW/4, Sec. 7, T10S, R39W laying east of Stae HWY 27, in the SW corner and in the northeast corner.

Augustus Hoyt Tompkins, trustee for the Hoyt Tompkins Revocable Turst, to The Secretary of Transportation of Kansas a tract of land in the SW/4, Sec. 6, T10S, R39W commencing at the south-

west corner and a tract of land in the NW/4, Sec. 6, T10S, R39W beginning at the northwest corner.

Jacob W. and Gladys Wilkening to Jacob W. and Gladys Wilkening the NE/4 of the NE/4, Sec. 8, T7S, R41W; the N/2 of the SE/4, Sec. 6, T7S, R41W; and the W/2 fo the NE/4, Sec. 8, T7S, R41W.

Elmer and Freda Duell, of Douglas County, Nev., to Samara Bostwick, Lots 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block 1, Sharp's Addition to the City of Goodland.

Woman certified in estate planning

Tracey Homm, daughter of Vivian Jensen of Goodland, has become a certified specialist in estate planning.

Homm is a certified public accountant and supervisor for Lewis, Hooper and Dick LLC of Garden City.

The designation is awarded by

the National Institute for Excellence in Professional Education, working with the state accounting society.

Homm had to complete eight courses with timed exams. The course includes standards in experience and ethics.

Homm, who has been with the

firm for 25 years, works with estate and gift taxes. She is married to Mike Homm and is the daughter-in-law of Henrietta Homm of Goodland.

She serves as treasurer of the Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo and helps at the Finney County Humane Society.

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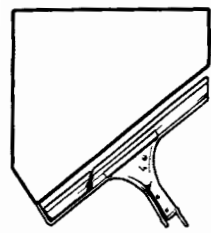
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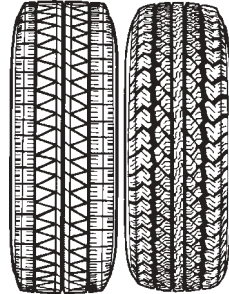
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