

Man ‘roasted’ Sherman County in Norton paper

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December 7, 1904: J.R. St. John, who tarried in Goodland last summer and took people out riding in his automobile for ten cents a ride, is now at Norton doing engineer service in the city water works there and incidentally writing of his trip overland east in the *Norton County News*.

He doesn’t seem to like us very well, but his roast is funnier than it is fierce. He says: “Near Kanorado, my exhaust lever cracked nearly in two. The machine stopped, and we hunted for considerable time before we located the trouble.

“When we found it, we took the lever off, straightened it and bound a coal chisel to it with barbed wire and rode into Goodland in fine shape. The first man to open his head in that distinguished town was an editor, who knew Kansas when it was a baby.

“He wanted to know whither I was going. I told him eastward into Kansas. Next morning I decided to do a little business by taking people out to the cemetery, etc. I got started up the principal thoroughfare, a

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brief description of which I must give in order to illustrate how not to have a street made.

“The crossings are of plank on stringers about four or six inches high; the street is six inches lower in the center, thus, making, in wet weather, a pond of water which, I suppose, are intended for skating rinks in case of a cold snap.

“I was slowly going over one of those crossings which were so abrupt as to make a dent in my tires clear to the rims, when a team left untied before a meat market started up the aforesaid street. They trotted a block, got sick of it and stopped.

“I stopped within 30 feet, and the proprietor of the meat market emerged from his place of business, his wrath knowing no bounds: ‘I don’t want you with your automobile on this street.’

“I was surprised, but having the decision of the supreme court of the United States at my back, was not in the least rattled. I quietly told him I had the right to run my machine

with caution on any street in the country.

“He was too mad to argue the case with me, so I cranked up my auto and rode away. I asked some of my passengers who the man was, and I was told: ‘He is the mayor of Goodland.’

“Next day I called on the gentleman, thinking it would be well to argue the case when he was cooler. I noticed his own little meat cart in front of the place and the horse not tied.

“Mr. Mayor told me, ‘There is an ordinance requiring people not to hitch their horses on this street; there are no hitching posts, and if they hitch to these awning posts, they will tear down the buildings. I am going to have an ordinance passed the next time the council meets prohibiting the running of automobiles on the business street.’

“I saw it was useless to argue with him, so I went back and began taking people out riding. The horses soon became used to the auto; even

the Mayor’s little delivery cart pony paid no attention to me, and I stayed over a week with none to molest and make me afraid.”

December 8, 1904: Distinguished Leader and Party on Way to Pacific Coast—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, premier of Canada, arrived in Goodland Friday morning in his private car ‘Violet,’ one of the coaches in second section of No. 5.

After the train bearing the distinguished man was brought to a standstill in front of the depot, Mr. Laurier and another gentlemen walked upon the ample platform, viewing the town and taking in as much as they could of the bracing morning air.

It is not a rare thing to have persons of unusual note stop here between the time of arrival and departure of trains. It fact, it has become somewhat commonplace.

Mr. Laurier was re-elected premier of Canada in the election there in the fore part of November, having held that eminent position since 1896. Mr. Laurier is a French-Canadian, but not so much so as to be unsatisfactory to the English-speaking provinces.

With Mr. Laurier, on the journey to the west coast, were his secretary and the latter’s family. The private car was elegantly appointed with all the conveniences for extended travel. A little kitchen provided with a steel range and an adjoining dining room evidenced the comfort in the way of good things to eat at pleasure.

December 9, 1904: Misfortune set its eternal seal upon L.M. McGee, a car cleaner in the Rock Island yards, when the trucks of a freight car past over the rail where lay the right arm of the victim.

The arm above the elbow was entirely severed, except some of the muscles and tendons, which hung in shreds. But the brave workman rose from the ground, and with his left hand gathered the mangled member as with folded arms and walked to the baggage room of the depot.

His wife was summoned, and Dr. F.H. Smith, railroad surgeon, was immediately called. When Dr. Smith, accompanied by Dr. Gulick, arrived, an examination was made and on account of the mangled condition of the arm, it was decided to amputate it at once.

Anesthetics were administrated and a successful operation performed. McGee, accompanied by his wife and Dr. Gulick, was put on No. 5 and taken to St. Francis hospital at Colorado Springs. He stood the trip as well as could be expected.

McGee had been working as car cleaner about a month, and on the night of the accident was dusting the diner, which came in on No. 10 and stood on a siding in its accustomed place.

He was working on the outside of the car, and when the “local” came in on the main line, he stepped around the car to be out of the way of the incoming train, when he was hit in the back by a section of two freight cars and a caboose being shunted on the freight house siding.

McGee came here about two years ago and has worked for the railroad in different capacities. He is about 25 years old and has a wife but no children.

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.

Coalition bank account to change

Cris Lovington told Sherman County Community Partners Coalition she was leaving the Regional Prevention Center on Nov. 30 and would need to be replaced on the group’s bank account.

She said at the November meeting that she has accepted a job with the Goodland School District, which allow her the time to work towards her degree.

The coalition savings account had a balance of \$561 as of Sept. 30, Lovington said, and the names on the account are hers and Dorendo Harrel’s.

Lovington said she no longer wants to have her name on the account, though she plans to continue

attending meetings. Harrel, the county health director, has not been to a meeting in a while, Lovington said, as bioterrorism training has been taking most of her time.

The coalition decided to change its meeting times from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., still at Gambino’s, he second Tuesday of the month with the exception of December.

Nathalie Higerd said that Smart Start has applied for the same grant as last year, and she explained the criteria for the \$300 mini-grants. She will share a list of goals at the next meeting.

Dennis Daise said there are 31-35 kids signed up for the December

program for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The Dance for Kids Sake raised over \$600, he said; the adults felt good about having a fun, safe place to take their kids to have fun and not worry about finding a baby-sitter. The band commented on how nice it was to be able to bring their kids along on this trip, he said.

The Wallace County expansion seems to be going well, Daise said, they had a bake-sale fund raiser that brought in \$250.

Roxy Carbral explained the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect grant. She said the grants will be reviewed by the next meeting, and she will update the coalition.

Christmas cookies evoke memories

Kristin Johnson and Mimi Cummins in their book “Christmas Cookies Are for Giving” have a section with peoples’ memories of making cookies in the past with their families at the holidays.

Johnson and Cummins begin their book with the tale of the giving Christmas cookie. The following recipe and story are from that book.

A woman and her teen-age daughter go to visit her grandmother in a nursing home. The grandmother’s confused eyes gave way to anger when they tried to tell her it was Christmas time and not summer. Teen-age Amanda withdrew to get a soda.

Amanda tripped over the footrest of a wheelchair in the hall and quickly apologized. The lady, Elise, in the wheelchair asked with a twinkle in her eye if Amanda was anxious to get away from the old folks. She answered with “they’re having a sale at the mall.” Elise indicated she loved shopping too.

Amanda wheeled Elise to her room with paintings of medieval castles on the Rhine and Loire covering the walls. A handsome young man in a large frame caught Amanda’s eye.

Elise explained the photograph was of her husband who had been in the French cinema. Amanda and Elise talked about fashion, Paris and falling in love with a movie star. Elise complemented Amanda and her mother for visiting their grandmother.

Elise’s children did not visit as they blamed her for their father’s death. Elise related she missed them but more than that she missed her kitchen and making the giving Christmas cookie.



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cookie social as again the residents ate Elise’s cookies.

The giving Christmas cookie (vanillekipferl)

2/3 cup sliced blanched almonds
1/3 cup granulated

sugar

1 cup unsalted butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 2/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup superfine vanilla sugar or superfine sugar

Very finely grind the almonds in a food processor. Combine almonds, butter, butter, sugar and vanilla in a mixing bowl and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in flour and salt until mixed. Refrigerate dough wrapped in plastic wrap for two hours.

Preheat your oven to 325 degrees. Divide dough into 6 parts and work with one part at a time. Leave the rest in the refrigerator. Lightly flour your hands and pinch of enough dough to make a one inch ball. Knead the ball for a few seconds to soften slightly and form it into a crescent shape and place on ungreased baking sheet. If you have trouble with forming the crescents, run your hands under cold water to cool them after every 3 to 4 cookies.

Bake 12 to 14 minutes or until the bottoms of the cookies are just starting to take on a golden color. Cool cookies for about seven minutes on the baking sheet. Then gently roll gently in superfine sugar while still warm. Finish cooling completely on a wire rack.

Store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one month. Makes about 48 cookies.

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Goodland Police

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

Nov. 24—Christopher Gary was arrested for contributing to a child’s misconduct, failure to reveal a runaway and obstruction of the legal process at 916 Main.

Nov. 25—Beatrice Garcia was arrested for driving under suspension and no insurance at 919 E. US 24.

Nov. 27—Mari Aubri Bearden reported criminal damage to property and burglary at 110 W. 15th.

Nov. 28—Barry Taylor reported criminal damage to Christmas

decorations estimated at \$30 at 821 W. 8th.

Nov. 29—Charles E. Byer is suspected of a gas skip of \$50.10 at Presto Convenience Store at 2510 Commerce.

Curtis Russell reported criminal damage to a window trim estimated at \$100 at 318 W. 12th.

Nov. 30—Harold Max Riley was arrested for driving under the influence at 1300 Center.

Dec. 1—Amy Flax was arrested for the violation of a protective order for Curtis Flax at 804 Walnut.

Municipal Traffic

The following traffic fines have been paid in Municipal Court:

Nov. 8—Elizabeth A. Morris, 15, Goodland, \$104 for speeding, 47/30.

Nov. 10—Terrin P. Keith, 16, Goodland, \$286 and 50 hours of community service in lieu of fine for exhibition of speed.

Veronica G. Gomez, 41, Goodland, \$336 for no insurance.

Summer L. Sharon, 27, \$236 for habitual violator.

Daniel Hershberger, 45, Goodland, \$136 for criminal trespass.

Matthew L. Rivera, 22, \$236 for furnishing tobacco to a minor.

Debra K. Bennett, 43, \$76 for no child restraint.

Nov. 12—Dirk E. King, 40, Goodland, \$76 for basic speed rule.

SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

2004 mill levies by taxing unit—All levies listed below are taxes per \$1000 valuation

Add the mill levies for each taxing district located within your tax unit to obtain the total composite levy for your tax unit. Tax units are indicated on your tax statement

TAX UNITS	2003 LEVY	2004 LEVY	DIFFERENCE
001 GOODLAND CITY (State, County, Goodland City & USD 352)	146.124	148.450	+ 2.326
002 KANORADO CITY (State, County, USD 352, Kanorado City, SCRFD #1, Regional Library)	168.803	160.007	- 8.796
040-GRANT TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
110-IOWA TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
111-IOWA TWP. (State, County, USD 314, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	103.877	101.250	- 2.627
112-IOWA TWP. (State, County, USD 314, LCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	100.032	100.072	- .040
080-ITASCA TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
060-LINCOLN TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
010-LLANOS TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib. & Twp.)	102.842	102.794	- .048
011-LLANOS TWP. (State, County, USD 314, SCRFD, Reg. Lib. & Twp.)	104.528	101.984	- 2.544
070-LOGAN TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
130-MCPHERSON TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib. & Twp)	104.525	104.460	- .065
020-SHERMANVILLE TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
021-SHERMANVILLE TWP. (State, County, USD 314, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	103.877	101.250	- 2.627
120-SMOKY TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
050-STATELINE TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.656	102.060	- .596
100-UNION TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
101-UNION TWP. (State, County, USD 314, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	103.877	101.250	- 2.627
030-VOLTAIRE TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	102.191	102.060	- .131
090-WASHINGTON TWP. (State, County, USD 352, SCRFD, Reg. Lib.)	104.123	102.060	- 2.063

EXAMPLES OF HOW COMPOSITE LEVIES ARE FIGURED USING THE INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT LEVIES FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS SHEET:

<div>Taxing Unit 001 (Goodland)</div> <div>State Levy 1.500</div> <div>County Levy 58.174</div> <div>Goodland Levy 50.811</div> <div>USD 352 Levy 37.965</div>	<div>Taxing Unit 111 (Iowa)</div> <div>State Levy 1.500</div> <div>County Levy 58.174</div> <div>USD 314 Levy 37.155</div> <div>SCRFD #1 Levy 3.491</div> <div>Reg. Lib. Levy .930</div> <div>Iowa Twp. Levy .000</div>	<div>Taxing Unit 112 (Iowa)</div> <div>State Levy 1.500</div> <div>County Levy 58.174</div> <div>USD 314 37.155</div> <div>LCRFD Levy 2.313</div> <div>Reg. Lib. Levy .930</div> <div>Iowa Twp. Levy .000</div>	<div>Taxing Unit 010 (Llanos)</div> <div>State Levy 1.500</div> <div>County Levy 58.174</div> <div>USD 352 37.965</div> <div>SCRFD 3.491</div> <div>Reg. Lib. Levy .930</div> <div>Llanos Twp. Levy .734</div>
Total Goodland 148.450	Total Iowa 101.250	Total Iowa 100.072	Total Llanos 102.794

NOTE: SINCE 1998, SB41 ALLOWS FOR AN EXEMPTION OF \$20,000 ON THE MARKET VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. THIS EXEMPTION ONLY APPLIES TO THE 20.000 MILLS ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GENERAL LEVY.

TAX LEVIES – 2004—SHERMAN COUNTY

Total County Valuation: \$ 57,283,196 – Rate on each \$ 1,000 Assessed Valuation

DISTRICT	2003	2004	DIFFERENCE	DISTRICT	2003	2004	DIFFERENCE
STATE:	1.500	1.500	.000	SCHOOLS:			
COUNTY:	58.673	58.174	- .499	U.S.D. #352	35.889	37.965	+ 2.076
CITIES:				U.S.D. #314	37.575	37.155	- .420
GOODLAND	50.062	50.811	+ .749	FIRE DISTRICTS:			
KANORADO	66.147	57.947	8.200	SCRFD #1	5.164	3.491	- 1.673
TOWNSHIPS:				LCRFD #1	1.319	2.313	+ .994
LLANOS	.651	.734	+ .083	LIBRARIES:			
MCPHERSON	2.334	2.400	- .066	N.W. KS. REG.	.965	.930	- .035
STATELINE	.465	0	- .465				
WASHINGTON	1.932	0	- 1.932				

STATE and COUNTY Valuation \$57,283,196

STATE LEVIES: (ST100)	PER K.S.A.	LEVY
State General Fund		0
Educational Building	76-6b01	1.000
State Institutional Bldg.	76-6b04	.500
TOTAL		1.500

COUNTY LEVIES: (CO200)

General	79-1946	12.978
Road & Bridge	79-1946	14.949
Noxious Weed	2-1318	.994
County Health	65-204	.473
Conservation District	2-1907b	.306
Extension Council	2-610	1.716
Election	25-2201a	.603
Community College Tuition	71-301	.543
County Home. Maint.	9-2106a	.432
Historical Society	19-2651	.194
Appraiser's Cost	19-436	1.908
Program for the Elderly	12-1680	.954
Free Fair	2-132	.403
Soldier's Mem. Park	19-2803a	.231
Cemetery	19-3105	.755
City-County Recreation	19-2803a	.480
Library	12-1230	.232
County Hosp. Maint.	19-4606	5.173
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	12.888
Tort Liability	75-6101	.170
Bond & Interest	10-113	1.792
TOTAL		58.174

CITIES:

GOODLAND (C001)	Valuation \$ 24,861,465
General	12-101a 24.757
Bond & Interest	10-113 4.531
Library	12-1230 4.029
Employee Benefits-City	12-16,102 15.291
Employee Benefits-Library	12-16,102 .349
Airport	3-113 1.854
TOTAL	50.811

KANORADO (C002)
 Valuation \$ 584,158 |

General	12-101a 48.708
Employee Benefits	12-16,102 9.239
TOTAL	57.947

U.S.D. #314 (SD314TH)
 Valuation \$ 3,110,973 |

General	72-6431 20.000
Supplemental General	72-6435 12.383
Capital Outlay	72-8801 3.814
Recreation	12-1927 .958
TOTAL	37.155

FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES:

SHERMAN CO. RFD #1 (FD017)	Valuation \$ 32,402,624
General	19-3610 3.491

LOGAN CO. RFD #1 (FD16LG)
 Valuation \$ 19,107 |

General	19-3610 2.313
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LIBRARY LEVIES:

N.W. KANSAS REGIONAL LIBRARY (RL018NT)

Valuation \$32,421,731

General	79-1952 et. seq. .900
Employee Benefits	12-16,102 .030
TOTAL	.930

TOWNSHIP LEVIES:

LLANOS TOWNSHIP	Val. \$ 1,644,367
General	79-1962 .734
MCPHERSON	Val. \$ 1,487,883
General	79-1962 2.400

I, Janet R. Rumpel, Sherman County Clerk, do hereby certify that this levy sheet is a complete list of the 2004 tax levies on all tangible property in Sherman County, as well as the assessed valuation for each District. Copies of the budgets are available in my office.

Janet R. Rumpel

Sherman County Clerk

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