

Sherman County had wealth to retain move-ins

By Evelyn Ward
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June 14, 1905: The Winning of the West — Bird’s-eye View of a Portion of the Wealth and Resources of Sherman County — People now living in Sherman County have come perhaps from every state in the union, yet they have no desire to return to the flesh pots of their former common-wealths.
Residence in the west and among western people creates an affinity strong as the ties of blood. John J. Ingalls was right when he said, “Western Kansas exercises the same fascination over all who have yielded to her spell.”
The history of Sherman County is marvelous, victorious. The people have breasted hot winds, endured drouth, existed on the bare necessities of life. The general mass of our people once presented a picture parallel to the sublime picture of a good man contending against adversity.
It is so no more. They have won because their faith never broke on them, because they have made it a rule of their life to sow in the more discouraging surroundings, because they reduce their wants to the things only they were able to possess. And today, once-dreary places

today in history

are made glad, and this part of the American desert is blossoming as the rose.
The paper wishes to call its readers’ attention to the facts which evidence the growing condition of this county in its wealth and resources. This tabulation was furnished by County Clerk Wilson Peters and represents a good deal of honest work and labor.
For the period from March 1904 to March 1905, the total population is 3,591, of which 1,410 live in Goodland, with value of farms at \$1,754,000.
Total acres of wheat are 18,646; of corn are 14,124; of rye are 2,619; of barley are 14,589; of millet are 2,357; and of cane are 6,728. Bushels of corn on hand are 37,075 and of wheat are 9,439.
Value poultry and eggs sold is \$14,782. Number pounds of butter made are 63,383. Value milk and cream sold is \$43,103. Value animals sold and butchered is \$46,278.
Number of horses is 4,128; of mules are 117; of cattle is 22,533; of hogs are 1,933; and of dogs are 117. Number of marriages totaled 11; of births totaled 41; and deaths totaled 12.
The most remarkable thing is perhaps the fact that the value of poultry and eggs, butter, milk and cream sold totals \$64,223, which amounts to \$30 per capita for every man, woman and child living in the county outside the corporate limits of Goodland.
The various figures are taken from the assessor’s rolls. The people of Sherman County are beyond the pinch of hard circumstances. A crop failure would affect them less than it would the people who till the fancy-priced lands of the east.
About 20 years ago, there was scarcely a man living in the county. The government has handed over all these rich lands to the settlers, and they are working out a wonderful reward.
The settling and developing of northwest Kansas has just begun, and it would be far more inviting to the people of the congested east if they were less ignorant of the possibilities of the short-grass country and could know what is actually being done.
June 15, 1905: A general de-

scription of Sherman County taken from a circular issued by G.L. Calvert, county attorney: “Sherman County is bounded on the north by Cheyenne County, Kansas, on the east by Thomas County, on the south by Wallace County, and on the west by the state of Colorado.
“By a glance at the map of the state of Kansas, it will be seen that within its borders are the sources of the north and south forks of the Beaver, the north and south forks of the Sappa, Prairie Dog and the north fork of the Smoky Hill River. All but the latter are tributaries to the Republican river system, which embraces most of the fertile land in Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.
“The Smoky Hill River is a tributary to the Kansas River, which also embraces a rich agricultural area of Kansas. The Smoky Hill River has running water all the year round, and the alleys abound in springs. The Beavers are dry sources except in the northeast part of the county, where the water flows throughout the year.
“Sherman County is 36 miles east to west and 30 miles north to south. It contains 30 congressional townships; 1,080 sections; 4,320 quarter sections of 160 acres each; and 691,200 acres of land.
“In other words, there is room for

frequently farm operations can be carried on every month in the year. The summers are very warm, the thermometer often standing at 90 and even 100 in the shade, but such is the rarity of the atmosphere and the constant breezes blowing, that no one is seriously incommoded, especially as the nights are always cool and refreshing, and sleep comes at once to the weary.”
June 16, 1905: Water In Sherman County — On the Smoky and Beavers, water can be secured at from 10 to 60 feet and on the higher divides at an average of about 100 feet.
The supply is abundant and the quality splendid, clear as crystal and entirely free from all deleterious substances.
There is no obstruction whatever in procuring a well on any part of the county. No rock or shale is to be encountered, and when a well is once completed, the supply is inexhaustible. A well never runs dry, regardless of whether the season is wet or dry. A Niagara of water flows ceaselessly under all the country.
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.

County employees want to donate sick leave to others

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News
A catastrophe or unexpected illness can use up employee sick leave fast, and some Sherman County employees would like to be able to donate their own excess sick leave hours to needy co-workers.
At the suggestion of employees, county commissioners reviewed their policy on transfer of sick leave hours from one employee to another Tuesday and decided it could stand some changes.
Crystal Wright, who works in the clerk’s office, said the county used to have an employee committee made up of one representative from each department that met to review sick leave donations.
When someone needed extra time, she said, a memo was sent out, and people would show up at a meeting to donate. Everyone who

attended the meeting would vote on the donation and they would go from there.
She said the policy was to help people going through a catastrophe, but they changed that in 1999 to add unexpected leave.
Wright said the committee has been out of commission for several years, but a recent need spurred the debate.
“We were just trying to do something for someone else,” she said.
Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he worried what would happen if an unpopular employee asked for a sick leave donation and didn’t receive any.
“I think hours need to be available to everyone,” he said.
County Attorney Bonnie Selby agreed that some employees might be discriminated against.
Wright said the donations would

be confidential through her and won’t be made public. She said fellow employees decide to donate on their own.
“It’s our time,” said Wright. “We should have the right to decide.”
Selby suggested setting up a pool of sick leave and a committee to rule over it.
“It has to be the committee that denies or accepts it,” she said.
Wright said they have used a pool in the past, but it counts as a liability against the county when they are audited. She said the pool was abused and many employees don’t like a pool system.
“They’re not going to donate their time,” Wright said.
“Nobody’s going to put in until there’s a need,” said commissioner Mitch Tiede. “It’s a voluntary program.”
Commissioners agreed the com-


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brakes, MT, V8

SHOP ITEMS
3 floor jacks; all kinds of new hand tools; hi-lift jacks; elec welders; shop propane heaters; chains; boomers; wheelbarrows; 100 trucks tires & whls; 3 12v elec winches; welding cart; 4 towable cherry pickers w/ 2" balls; wd & alum ladders; 2 air & 1 manual tire machines; 2- fork lifts, 1 for barrels; 2 elec hack saws; wd & metal work benches; welding cables; 1 T of new bolts; trailer jacks; receiver hitches; bumper hitches; iron shear; lawn mowers; snow blowers & 1 snow plow; 4 pickup box trlrs; elec miter box saw; several boxes new nails; fork lift forks; 10 hyd cyl; etc

TRAILERS & MOBILE HOME
305 Maxey 16' bumper hitch flat bed pipe rail trailers; 24' drop deck military, single axle 5th whl 15 T low boy trailer; 5 28' to 40' storage vans; 5 various sized storage vans; 1 16' boat w/ eng & trlr; 4 pipe hauling trlrs; older steel livestock pot trlr; 2 20' steel deck equip trlrs, pintel & bumper hitch; homemade gooseneck livestock trlr, open top; 6 4 whl running gear farm wagons; 2 public service tool box trailers; bookmobile motor home, runs; Wilderness 20' gooseneck camper trlr, single axle; bumper hitch camper trlr; IHC 3 axle tilt trlr; 88 Dodge Ram motor home van, Road Trek body

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES
CO & KS license plates; cook stove; steel toys; cast iron imp seats; farm imp steel whls; swords; guns; 6 show cases; & other items

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
200' - 2 5/8" drill stem; 3/4" sucker rod; used pipe; angle iron; 20 rolls new smooth wire; 500 steel fence posts; 100 office chairs; office desks; filing cabinets; wd & steel shelving; 25 bicycles; 6 propane tanks, 100g-500g; 2 Honda 750 motorcycles; 6 4 whl shop dollies; folding tables; 8 cross over tool boxes, steel, alum & plastic; furniture dollies; 2 new home air conditioners, freon type; pickup snow plow; 500- cinder & cement blocks; 2 pickup 5th whl plates; 3 95 Ford Intceptor; 120 g fuel tank w/ elec pump; near new washer & dryer; chain link fence; steel door frames; wrecker assemblies w/ elec winches; TONS of iron, tin & other various metals; plus 100's of other items that are waiting to be found!

TRACTORS
2 IHC model F-20 on rubber; IHC Super M, gas, needs repair; M&M tractor w/ loader

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