Steve and Merica Weber

Couple wed in May

Steve Weber and Merica Gahagan, both of Goodland, married Saturday, May 7, 2005, at the Goodland First Christian Church.

Pastor John Park Winkler officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Ron and Ann Weber of Goodland are the groom's parents. Glenda Patton of Salina and Michael Gahagan of Camden Point, Mo., both formerly of Goodland, are the bride's.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an ivory strapless gown with a fitted bodice with embellishments in a cross shape on the front. The train had an embellished edge. She carried a bouquet of ivory, pink and purple roses.

Aubrey Gahagan, sister of the bride, of Bossier City, La., was the maid of honor. The brides maids were Robin Burr of Salina, Teresa Crotinger of Goodland and Crystal Cutbirth of Salina.

They wore lavender empire waist dresses with thin straps and a scarf.

The best man was Paul Weber of Goodland, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Scott Chapman of Olathe, Patrick Steiner of Kansas City, Mo., and Lance Scott of Shawnee. They wore basic tuxedos with black bowties and cummerbunds.

Chris Gahagan, brother of the bride, and Richard Golden were ushers. Noah Patton, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer, and Britney Weber, niece of the groom, was flower girl.

Debbie Griffith played the organ, and Tom Srack was the soloist.

A dinner and dance were held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Charity Valentine of Weskan served drinks. Jessica Lippert of Wray, Colo., and Tina Wolak of Imperial, Neb., served barbecue beef sandwiches, potato salad and chips.

The couple took a wedding trip to the mountains of Colorado and are at home in Gardner.

He graduated from Goodland High School, Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Technical School. He is a senior translations engineer for Sprint.

She graduated from Goodland High School, the Northwest Kansas Technical School and Colby Community College. She is a claim service assistant at Farmers Insurance.

Oakley meat man butchered own music

today in history

By Evelyn Ward
Sherman County Historical Society

October 21, 1905: (*Kansas City Journal*) — Do Their Own Butchering — John Anderson of Oakley didn't make much of a success as a butcher, so he sold out his meat shop and has opened a music store.

"Country people can kill their own meat," he said, "but they can't make their own musical instruments; still they can butcher music."

October 22, 1905: Forgery — A Rock Island pay check issued to C.U. Congdon for the amount of $108.85 was cashed at the Goodland State Bank by some man unknown to Cashier Wolfe. But whoever he was, he was not Charles Congdon.

The crime was discovered about fifteen minutes after it was committed, but the stranger who forged Congdon's name can't be found. Congdon says he missed his pocketbook and its contents, including the check, this morning.

October 23, 1905: Two Fist Fights to Attend to in Sapp's Court — Goodland kept pace with the reputation of a tough end district in a big city for about twelve hours last week, but sagged back to her peaceful course because she couldn't keep up the sprint.

The first combatants that commanded the attention of Police Judge Sapp were Louis Frydendall, a locomotive fireman, and R.N. Halstead, who has charge of the bowling alley. The trouble began to brew at a dance the night before when it is claimed that Halstead kicked a dog belonging to Ernest Moffat.

Moffat's pugilistic representative the next evening was young Frydendall, who started to whip Halstead, but before the first round was up, Marshal Derby grabbed the "pugs" by the napes of the neck from where they were rolling on the floor and marched them to police judge quarters, where Frydendall was fined $5 and costs and Halstead $1 and costs.

But judging from results, that encounter was tame compared with what B.W. Greenlee, a locomotive fireman, and P.L. Wright, a brakeman, thrashed out on the ground back of Dad Auer's place Saturday forenoon.

Wright has not yet been able to appear to talk the mater over with the police judge, but Greenlee was arraigned before the police court with a hearing Monday morning.

County Attorney Calvert modified the charge, changing it from assault and battery with intent to do great bodily harm, to plain assault and battery. Greenlee pled guilty to this and was fined $8 and costs. Wright will probably be brought before the court, after he gets a little more presentable, and fined for disturbing the peace.

The story of the trouble between the two men was not brought out in the court, but the report is that the men had all along been on good terms but they got into a disagreement and words came up between them and blows, sledgehammer blows, followed.

Greenlee had one eye hurt and a tooth knocked out, but Wright was badly punished. His face was beaten and bruised so badly that he had to be fixed up at a doctor's office. He was unconscious for several hours, and his appearance indicated that he had been "pushed in the face."

Greenlee and Wright are both powerful men and, when such fellows lose their tempers, they little realize the grave danger that lies in a blow with a couple of hundred pounds behind it.

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