

# Most wanted invitation was to White House wedding

The week of Valentine's Day was a busy week in February 1906, especially in the Washington area. The most sought-after piece of paper was not a valentine but an invitation to the White House wedding of Miss Alice Roosevelt, the oldest daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, to Rep. Nicholas Longworth of Ohio.

The groom was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 26 years, serving as speaker from 1925-1931.)

*The Goodland Republic* captured some of the pre-wedding excitement by publishing the details of the trousseau for Miss Roosevelt. The price tag would cause most people to gasp today, but she was the President's daughter — 100 years ago.

**Trousseau will cost \$11,400**  
Miss Roosevelt's trousseau will



**marcia smith**

• from the vault

cost \$11,400. Here are the figures:

One wedding gown	\$1,000
Six dinner gowns, average \$200	1,200
Two imported lace gowns	1,000
One lace coat	500
Six reception gowns and afternoon gowns, average \$150	900
Four evening wraps at \$250	1,000
Three street dresses at \$150	450
One driving coat	50
One automobile coat	100
Lingerie, twenty-four three-	

gowns	500
Six matinee and lounging gowns	500
Four corsets at \$50	200
Gloves	100
Hosiery	200
Parasols	500
Handkerchiefs	200
Ten street hats	250
Six reception and afternoon dress hats	300
Three driving hats	100
Two evening dress hats	300
Six rough and ready hats for outdoor sports	150
Total	\$11,400

piece sets, average \$50 1,200  
Twenty-four embroidered muslin skirts 500  
Six embroidered muslin and linen house

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A train trip to California from Goodland seemed quite affordable in 1906.

Whether a honeymoon, romantic getaway, an escape from the cold of northwest Kansas or a business trip, the Rock Island Railroad was offering some special winter rates for travelers.

The following advertised the special offers:

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Local social activities or news tidbits were in the following regular column:

**TOLD IN A LINE**

Special Lincoln Day program at the Methodist Church Sunday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m. Special music and singing. Offering given to help the school for Freedmen and the white people of the South.

The Farmers National Bank installed their new furniture. It is elegant indeed, made up from polished wood, marble and frost-colored ground glass.

Clifford Dodge of Salina, special agent of the Springfield Fire Insurance company, was in town Wednesday and made a trip to Kanarado Thursday. He says his company is going to place a local agent there in charge of their customers' policies.

The new Yarnell (builder) hotel is nearly completed. Part of the rooms are already papered and carpeted. It will be opened for business the last of this month or by March 1, at the latest. It will be known as the Leland.

Topeka evidently hasn't surrendered to the strong arm of the law. One saloon in Topeka employs a woman barkeeper, and another joint has opened a ladies' department.

## Nine area students get degrees at Hays

Nine area students earned degrees from Fort Hays State University in the fall.

Goodland students are Joy A. Hayden, Bachelor of General Studies; Stuart R. Campbell, Bachelor of Science in speech-language pathology; and Tara B. Schultz, Bachelor of Science in psychology.

From Brewster: Kelli M. Bickimer, Bachelor of Science in organizational leadership; Nicholas W. Juenemann, Bachelor of Gen-

eral Studies; and Philip Joel Widener, Bachelor of Business Administration in management.

From Sharon Springs: Craig W. Schurr, Bachelor of Science in information networking and telecommunications, and Stephanie Jeanine Banker, Bachelor of Science in nursing.

From St. Francis: Brett Matthew Petersen, Bachelor of Science in technology studies and a Bachelor of Science in secondary education.

## Commodity commission candidates announced

Ballots to elect commissioners to the state's five commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat — have been mailed to registered voters in District 1, including Sherman, Thomas, Cheyenne, Decatur, Graham, Norton, Rawlins and Sheridan counties.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture announced candidates in three western Kansas districts.

**Candidate for the Kansas Corn Commission** is Brian Baalman, who grows corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat in Sheridan County. He is president of the Kansas Corn Growers Association and a board member of Western Plains Energy.

**Candidate for the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission** is Richard Calliham, who grows corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat in Thomas County.

**Candidate for the Kansas Soybean Commission** is Kurt Maurath, who grows corn, soybeans, wheat and sunflowers near Oakley in Logan County. He has represented the western third of the

state on the commission for the past three years. A member of the Logan County Farm Bureau board, Maurath is married with two children.

**Candidate for the Kansas Wheat Commission** is Mike Brown, who grows wheat, corn and grain sorghum with his wife Jeanene in Thomas County. He also serves on the board of the National Association of Wheat Growers. Brown is a member of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, the Kansas Corn Growers Association and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Producers Association.

Voters who registered before Dec. 31, or who voted in the 2003 commission election, will receive a ballot. Eligible voters are Kansas residents who reached age 18 before the election, have grown corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers or wheat during the last three years, and who have registered to vote.

Votes must be cast or postmarked by March 1, and the elected members will take office April 1. Commissioners serve three-year terms.

## matters of record

**Municipal Court**  
These are cases decided by the Goodland Municipal Court:

**Jan. 24:** Landon Williams, speeding 44/30, fined \$92.

**Jan. 25:** Tammy M. Kindall, speeding 51/40, fined \$80.

Deborah K. Clearly, no proof of insurance, fined, \$336.

Jordan D. Janke, no drivers license, fined \$132.

Jordan D. Janke, disobey stop sign, fined \$76, (reinstatement fee \$50), total \$126.

**Jan. 26:** Brady D. Weingardt, Sterling, Colo., disobey stop sign, fined \$76.

Larry M. Dible, speeding 53/40, fined \$88.

**District Traffic**  
The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

**Dec. 31** — Stacy A. Lehmkuhl fined \$10 for not wearing a seat belt.

Katia E. Moreno fined \$144 for speeding.

Linsey R. Pacheco fined \$120 for speeding.

Elizabeth J. Rice fined \$132 for speeding.

**Jan. 1, 2006** — Yuwen L. Di fined \$195 for speeding.

Gye B. Lee fined \$222 for speeding.

John E. Mitchell fined \$120 for speeding.

Antonio L. Prince fined \$195 for speeding.

Shelley P. Smith fined \$144 for speeding.

Thomas N. Tuggle fined \$150 for speeding.

Randall E. Wilson fined \$120 for speeding.

**Jan. 2** — Eric J. Hoff fined \$120 for speeding.

Gwen V. Kempson fined \$126 for speeding.

Richard L. Madison fined \$132 for speeding.

Osman D. Ordonez fined \$168 for speeding.

Derek V. Prosser fined \$126 for speeding.

Milford L. Weber III fined \$138 for speeding.

**Jan. 3** — Michael S. Dobbs fined \$120 for speeding.

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