

Tuberculosis was Kansas' most deadly disease

Tuberculosis was the most deadly disease in Kansas a century ago, as reported in *The Goodland Republic*. The following article included other disease statistics from the December 1905 state health report.

TUBERCULOSIS MOST DEADLY The Kansas Report for December Shows 58 Deaths in 105 Cases

The report of the state board of health issued for December (1905) by the secretary, S.J. Crumbine, today shows that tuberculosis is the most deadly disease that the health authorities of the state have to fight.

During the month for which the report was made, there were 106 cases of the disease in the various counties of the state, with 58 deaths resulting. The death rate was highest in Kansas City, Kan., where 14 deaths resulted from 18 cases reported.

In Wyandotte County, outside of the city, there were five cases reported, with one death. The report shows the following conditions as regards other contagious diseases: Typhoid fever, 114 cases reported, with 22 deaths; diphtheria,



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304 cases reported, 40 deaths; scarlet fever, 208 cases reported, four deaths; smallpox, 145 cases reported, no deaths; dysentery, 13 cases reported, one death.

On the international scene, China made the news in 1906 just as it does today. Ironically, topics important in U.S./Chinese relations are much the same today as they were then. One thing that has definitely changed is China's population. The next article appeared on the editorial page a century ago.

CHINESE VISITORS TO UNITED STATES

The arrival of the imperial Chinese commission in Washington this week was an event of more than ordinary importance. It indicates that China is working up to the desirability of adopting some of the phases of western civilization.

terest and importance in the way of material progress from San Francisco to New York.

They have been received by the president and shown all there was to see in the government offices, not even excluding the navy yard. Both of the commissioners have expressed themselves highly gratified, as well they might be, at the consideration that has been shown them, and they say that they will take back an infinity of information that will be useful to China.

The chances are that they will. But if China, with 400 million of population really wakes up, it will mean that there are strenuous times ahead for the rest of the world.

Another editorial of February 16, 1906, concerned itself with fire insurance. The headline hints at the true feelings for those companies.

FIRE INSURANCE EXTORTION

The rates of fire insurance in Goodland, as it is all over the country, are excessive and amount to extortion. Fire insurance, which is one of the common necessities against accident and misfortune, has become so burdensome a charge that business men operating in a wooden structure are impatient and have begun to think of a way of escape from this mighty combination of companies.

In certain portions of Goodland, for instance, the rate on the business buildings and their contents is between 6 and 7 percent per annum, or for every one thousand dollars of insurance, the insured must pay about \$70 every year.

Now, most business enterprises in this fire district carry a considerable value in goods, including the building, and will amount to a necessary insurance of \$5,000 on the average, though the real property value is much more. On this basis, the business man must pay the insurance company an annual premium of \$350.

(One argument presented stated laws protected insurance compa-

nies against arsonists who destroyed their own businesses to secure insurance payments.)

(The major argument was property value.) It cannot be reasonably supposed that a person would destroy two dollars' worth of his own property to get back one dollar from the insurer. Hence, the company holding the risk is amply protected, but the insured has only 1/2 protection and is taxed excessively for that. The insurance companies are becoming enormously rich by reason of their excessive and unjust levies.

The water works system of Goodland is far superior to what it has ever been, but the insurance rates show no abatement.

Social news of the week was an important feature of the newspaper:

TOLD IN A LINE

A social evening tendered the teachers of the Goodland schools and members of the school board, by the ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Wolfe. A program was rendered in which the teachers took an active part, and afterwards refreshments were served.

The large and nicely furnished Wolfe residence was crowded with guests, and a pleasant time was had by all. Guessing the location of many large universities in the United States was the concluding contest of the evening. Mrs. Eva Murphy was the presiding hostess. The 10-cent social at the Methodist Church Friday night was so well attended that before it was over, it reminded one of "Old Mother Hubbard, who went to her cupboard," etc.

The provisioning part of the entertainment, which was well supplied as usual, was soon put out of business. While the admission price was only 10 cents, about \$15 was received. An old-fashioned spelling match was put on with about 40 people participating. Mrs. Marshall was the last one down and hence got the prize.

J.E. Hardman, who lives in Smoky Township, is quite sick with a carbuncle of his neck. It has been lanced several times and has continued to be a great thorn in the flesh.

Mrs. F.L. Aten of Burlington was here for a few days last week, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.F. Murphy.

Valentine royalty crowned

You're never too old to be queen, so with the aid of walkers, wheelchairs and canes, the candidates hobbled and rolled to the coronation.

Residents at Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community gathered in the dining hall Tuesday afternoon for the crowning of the "Royal Court of Valentine's Day."

Having voted for the Valentine's king and queen and their attendants, the young-at-heart residents eagerly awaited the outcome. Manager Donna Swager and Activity Director Rhonda Sieck announced the attendants and then the queen and her king.

When the dust settled, Larry and Isabel Morgan were named king and queen, he with the scepter, she with the crown. First attendant was Sylvia Daniels, and her escort was Glen Neitzel. The second attendant was Bernice Taggart, who will turn 102 in March. Her escort was Robert Walter.

Each of the attendants received crowns, and the escorts received decks of cards. Each member of the court received a Valentine's pin. Some residents seemed to think there was too much fuss. Taggart suggested she may have been chosen as an attendant only because she was the oldest.

But Isabel Hellerud said she enjoyed the event. It's something different, she said.

After the coronation, residents enjoyed coffee and cake, a heart-shaped creation with pink icing and two long-stemmed red roses crossed over the top.

matters of record

Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the Sherman County District Court:

Travis William Gattshall and Colleen Elizabeth Kramer, both of Goodland.

Terry Mikel Grasser and Amparo Montano Barboza, both of Stratton, Colo.

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Donna Swager (above), manager of Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Community, crowned Bernice Taggart second attendant to the Valentine queen Tuesday. Larry and Isabel Morgan, king and queen, wore their royal robes and scarves after the coronation.

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January 31, 2006

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date \$5,189,650.85

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$83,097.20
AUTO MOTOR SPECIAL	\$26,245.80
BOND & INTEREST	\$111,899.56
NO FUND WARRANTS	\$849.82
COUNTY HEALTH	\$62,846.95
DIRECT ELECTION	\$71,373.90
TRASH HAULING	\$196,132.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$496,004.40
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$140,056.91
EXTENSION	\$3,404.68
GENERAL FUND	\$1,002,340.10
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$10,241.86
LANDFILL	\$75,000.00
LANDFILL EXCAVATION FUND	\$180,241.40
NOXIOUS WEED	\$52,046.48
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$13,609.66
OUT-DISTRICT TUITION	\$21,086.25
OVER & UNDER	-\$51.34
PROS ATTY (TRAINING FUND)	\$664.09
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$5,748.15
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$863,120.94
SALES TAX	\$9,784.39
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$227,411.66
SHERMAN CO SPILL CONTROL	\$304.70
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$19,767.38
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$663,630.06
SPEC ALCOHOL PROGRAM	\$3,464.04
SPECIAL PARKS & REC	\$858.77
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$130,000.00
TORT LIABILITY	-\$4,704.09
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$10,116.16
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$92.00
COUNTY ATTORNEY DRUG SEIZURE	\$1,417.27
SECRETARY OF STATE	\$2,368.80
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$7,745.16
SPECIAL PRAIRIE DOG	\$2,171.08
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$85,526.66
GOOD SAM CTR-HEALTH CARE	\$3,843.80
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$199.96
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$16,153.92
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$25,830.15
AUTO MTR STATE/GENERAL	-\$606.91
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$164,086.59
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$31,587.98
CURRENT TAX	\$87,899.08
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$1,807.79
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$67.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$14,157.61
RENTAL VEHICLE EXCISE TAX	\$0.00
SEVERENCE TAX	\$1,093.20
MICRO LOANS	\$22,255.15
FEDERAL DRUG SEIZURE	\$0.00
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$34.92
911 WIRELESS	-\$426.81
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$3,623.49
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$70,459.47
SUSPENSE FUND	\$18,184.94
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$133,347.82

TOWNSHIPS

GRANT/GENERAL	\$0.00
IOWA/GENERAL	\$2.79
LLANOS/GENERAL	\$0.00
LOAN/GENERAL	\$0.00
SHERMANVILLE GENERAL	\$90.87
SHERMANVILLE PRAIRIE DOG	-\$0.39
STATELINE/GENERAL	\$0.00
WASHINGTON/GENERAL	\$0.00
CDBG GRANT	\$44.64

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$5,189,650.85

STATE OF KANSAS
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Aris M. Schepman
County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of February, 2006



Janet R. Rumpel
County Clerk - Notary Public

My commission expires _____

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