

# Land drew agriculture adventurers from the east

A century ago, western Kansas and eastern Colorado land was becoming quite desirable for agricultural adventurers from the east. *The Goodland Republic* reprinted an article on the editorial page on March 2, 1906, which stated why this region was attracting so many. Not too surprising weather hasn't changed in 100 years!

## AS CENTRAL KANSAS SEES US

*The Salina Journal* thinks the western part of the state is destined to come into great prominence as a wealth-producing section. It believes the truth of the proposition put forth by the Hamilton County Republican, that rains all follow the plow and quotes from that paper in support of that doctrine.

Concerning western Kansas as a field of opportunity for home-making and investment, the *Journal* says:

"*The Journal* has never ceased to call attention to the conditions in western Kansas, believing as it does that in the territory comprising the western part of the state there is a domain which presents opportunity for growth, development and investment presented in no other territory in the world.

"As yet, the possibilities of western Kansas have remained practically unexploited, and only within the past three years has it attracted the attention of homeseekers and investors.

"The railroads, always alert for new territory to develop, have advertised almost every other spot in the United States except western Kansas. Now attention is being called to this section.

"The days of hot winds and drouth(sic) have practically passed away. Western Kansas has been a synonymous term for these two ob-



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noxious conditions for so long that it will take time to dissociate them, but nevertheless western Kansas has suffered less the past five years with either drouth or hot winds than any other portion of the state, or less than many western states."

Since Kansas was being viewed a land of opportunity by many, the state census of 1905, released in February 1906 and printed on the same page as the previous article, provided some interesting statistics.

### THE KANSAS CENSUS

Secretary Coburn's report of the decennial (10-year) census, tabulated and classified, makes the population 1,544,968, the highest figure it has ever reached. The state is growing at a better rate than for 15 years. (The figure in the 2004 census was 2,735,502.)

There are some interesting figures on the voting population (in 1906). The report states it at 440,289, which is about 100,000 more voters that ever vote at any one election. A good turnout at an election is 80 percent of the total vote...(Numbers were further delineated into heritage groups.)

The fact is that Kansas is nearly at the front of states of pure American blood and lineage. The census shows that the number of persons engaged in gainful occupations is 500,059, and more than half of all of 251,956 are engaged in agriculture. According to this report, Kan-

sas has gained just 100,000 population in ten years.

On the same editorial page of March 2, 1906, followed this "tongue-in-cheek" story which was reprinted from the *Lawrence Gazette*.

### BETTER STAY ON THE FARM

"I always hate to see a farmer sell his farm and come to town," remarked a philosopher to the *Gazette*. "He nearly always buys a grocery store with the idea that all the money that comes over the counter is net profit.

"He soon sees he is losing money and sells out to some other farmers. Then he starts a real estate office and sits around waiting for men to come and buy. In a year or so, he has his wife start a boarding house, and when the jig is up with that, he demands a nomination for office on the ground that he has been putting in all his time since he sold his farm working for other fellows, and he thinks the party owes it to him.

"After he is beaten all over the county, he gets sore, and becomes a loafer. There are several such here in town. I am always mighty sorry to see a man sell his farm and move to town unless he is ready to retire and has money enough to educate his family and keep him the rest of his life."

With the bitter cold weather this past month, the following ad from a Goodland business would have added some comfort as it did a hundred years ago:

### Why Not Buy a GERMAN HEATER

Now is the time of the year to put up your heating stoves.

Why not buy a German Heater and put up a good Stove?

A Stove that gives entire satisfaction; it burns the least coal and gives more heat than any other stove made.

Just drop in a lump of coal in the evening and you will have a warm house all night.

W.S. COLEMAN  
Hardware and Harness

Medical services were as important to small rural communities a century ago as they are today. A Goodland dentist placed this advertisement in the newspaper:

### TEETH THAT ARE PERFECT

Give contour and beauty to the face. There is a positive aesthetic advantage in giving to the mouth an expressive feature, and the mouth cannot be expressive unless the teeth are all perfect, sound and clear. If your teeth are not naturally this way, I can make them so. It is unnecessary to have a lot of diseased

and broken teeth when you should have a perfect set. Don't neglect your teeth until your friends are afraid to have you smile. Come in today and let me explain my methods.

My prices are very reasonable for this high-class work. Examination free.

DR. SHAW, Dental Surgeon, opposite Farmers National Bank

Seventy-five years ago, *The Goodland News-Republic*, the earlier four-page edition, became a 13-page publication. One major story of February 25, 1931, was the selection of a building site for the telephone company which purchased the Stewart corner at 10th and Main for its new home.

The same edition also announced the grand opening of a new "state-of-the-art" department store at the same intersection:

### Formal Opening Survey Store Opens with Fashion Revue

Friday evening, Feb. 27, 1931, at 8 o'clock

Promenade of Spring Fashions of

Beautiful Genuine Splendor Modeling the latest in dresses, frocks, suits, coats, etc.

Music by Roy Pettijohn and his famous

Golden Pheasant Orchestra

Souvenirs for the Ladies

The store opening was the following day, Saturday, Feb. 28, 1931. Paul Warnick, manager of the Survey Store of Goodland was from Denver. He was the district manager for 10 other Survey stores.

According to Mr. Warnick, the Goodland store was the new model of the Survey Stores Company. Fifteen more stores modeled after the Goodland store were planned.

Employees in charge of various departments were Mrs. McDowell, ready-to-wear; Miss Cole, millinery and alterations; and Mrs. Lucile Abercrombie, lingerie and infants wear. Some of the featured items were 100 new spring dresses priced at \$3.98; women's spring coats, \$9.85-12.50; chiffon hosiery, .98; and spring hats, \$1.95-6.95.

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION SHERMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Sherman County, Kansas (the "County") that a special election has been called and will be held on March 28, 2006, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Sherman County, Kansas, be authorized to (i) impose a one percent (1.0%) retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax") for the purpose of paying the costs of street and roadway improvements in the County (the "Improvements"), collection of such Sales Tax to commence on July 1, 2006, and to expire upon the payment of all costs incurred in the financing of the Improvements (including the retirement of any bonds issued and payable from such Sales Tax); and (ii) issue sales tax general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, provided that the County receive, prior to such issuance, a comprehensive feasibility study that indicates the revenues received from such Sales Tax will be sufficient to retire such Bonds without the necessity of levying any ad valorem taxation, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended, including House Bill 2698 of the 2006 Kansas Legislature?

### IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, mark an "X" in the box to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, mark an "X" in the box to the left of the word "No."

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YES

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NO

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The polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M., on March 28, 2006, the election day. The voting places in the County, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In

Will Vote At

Entire County

VFW Post 1133  
824 Main Street  
Goodland, Kansas

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following additional information is provided by the County with respect to compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120a and K.S.A. 12-6,122. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the County. Certain portions of this information is based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the bonds due to changing market conditions and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time. The assumed principal repayment schedule and the average interest rates are based on recent bond issues for similar types of financings all as shown below.

#### Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds	Uses of Funds
Bonds to be Issued \$12,000,000	Project Costs \$11,800,000
	Issuance Expenses 200,000
	(including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)
Total \$12,000,000	Total \$12,000,000

#### Projected Summary of Bond Issue Repayments

Estimated Average Annual Sales Tax Revenues:	\$1,107,450
Principal Repayment Term: 15 years	Average Interest Rate: 4.00%
Total Interest Cost to Maturity: \$4,325,800	Average Annual Principal and Interest Payments \$1,088,387

Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 100% of Estimated Sales Tax Collections: \$ 0 0 mills\*  
Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 75% of Estimated Sales Tax Collections: \$272,097 .40 mill\*  
Ad Valorem Taxation Based on 50% of Estimated Sales Tax Collections: \$544,194 .79 mill\*  
\* Based on 2005 Assessed Valuation of \$69,392,561

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Sherman County, Kansas, whose address is: County Courthouse, 813 Broadway, Goodland, Kansas 67735.

DATED February 28, 2006.

(Seal)

Janet Rumpel  
County Clerk  
Sherman County, Kansas

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## matters of record

### Accidents

The following accidents were investigated by the Goodland Police Department.

**Feb. 4** — 9:15 a.m., 106 Willow Road a 2004 Ford driven by Ronald J. Lucas was backing out of a parking stall and backed into the 2000 Pontiac Grand Am owned by Jackie Jorgensen.

**Feb. 14** — 7:21 a.m., 800 Caldwell a 1989 Chevy driven by Travis L. Jones was driving south on Caldwell and collided with a 1989 GMC driven by Margie M. Albers. Jones did not see the Albers car because of sun glare.

**Feb. 24** — 8:46 a.m., 1300 Harrison a 1998 Ford driven by Nichole V. Hilty was backing from a garage and hit a gas meter. No damage to the gas meter, and slight damage to the car.

**11:40 a.m.**, 2160 Commerce Road, a 1994 Chevy driven by Evelyn Barnes was backing out of a parking stall and hit the 2005 Pontiac driven by Terry A. Hole. Hole had just backed out of a parking stall and was starting to drive ahead.

**Feb. 27** — 6 p.m., K-27 and I-70 exit a 2001 Dodge driven by Eugene Fuller was going south on K-27 when he hit a sand barricade located in the median. Fuller left the scene

of the accident and was later arrested.

### Goodland Police

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

**Feb. 27** — 6:32 p.m., K-27 and I-70 exit arrested Eugene Fuller for failure to report accident, driving

under the influence, disorderly conduct and obstructing duties of law enforcement officers. Case referred to county attorney.

### District Traffic

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

**Feb. 13** — Clifford F. Like, \$114 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

## public notice

### Abandoned Motor Vehicle

Notice of sale of abandoned motor vehicle in the possession of Bauman's Nor'west Recreation. The herein described vehicle will be sold at public auction on March 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash, if the owner does not claim the same prior to time of sale and pay for removal, storage and publication costs incurred.

Description of vehicle: Make Kawasaki, Model KZ 1000, Serial or identification number KZT00BS01617, Year 1977 Vehicle is in storage at 310 E. Hwy. 24.

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