

Prohibition

Doc Erickson & Kearney Floral monkeys

One episode that was unique and on the lighter side, Mary Erdine Erickson Hogsett told of a time in the 30's when her father, Doc Erickson, was on the City Council. It seems the Park Department was having trouble locating winter housing for the Park's monkeys. Doc volunteered to house the monkeys at the Kearney Floral Company's greenhouse at 2006 Second Avenue. One day someone left the cages open after feeding the monkeys, and with the vents open in the roof of the greenhouse, it was a natural exit for the monkeys and they took it. Frantically Doc called the Police and the Fire Departments to help find and corral the wayward monkeys. The result was that the Departments used their sirens for many minutes - and eventually the monkeys were captured. But! The sirens had alerted a nearby neighbor who had a stock of bootleg whiskey for sale. Thinking the sirens were announcing a raid on her house, she frantically poured all her liquor down every available drain in her house. Forever after, she blamed Doc for ruining her livelihood...

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Loved Poor Whisky, Couldn't Make Broom

Kearney's broom factory winked out of existence after a wrestle with adverse circumstances. The great obstacle in success lay in the fact that the originators of the scheme loved poor whiskey and did not know how to make a good broom.

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New Amendment Leagues

The organization of non-partisan prohibitory amendment township leagues goes right on through the hot weather. When these leagues are organized all the townships in the county will be organized except Logan and Center. There is an organization at Elm Creek to which most of Logan Township is tributary but another will probably be organized. Buffalo county will be in good trim to fight the amendment campaign.

Nov. 5, 1890 – General election results

Boyd was running for gov.

Against prohibition 649 in city

For Prohibition 748 in city

In townships

For Prohibition

Against Prohibition

74

40

Armada Poor house bonds snowed under

40

6

Harrison

106

5

Center

37

22

Sartoria

Schneider & Cedar no vote reported

90

58

Grant

27

27

Logan

69

165

Garfield

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| 30 | 35 | Elm Creek |
| | | Odessa no vote reported |
| 20 | 46 | Scott |
| 48 | 70 | Divide |
| | | Gibbon & Platte no vote reported |
| | | Sharon carried by a small majority |
| 88 | 54 | Riverdale |
| 21 | 64 | Rusco |
| 34 | 65 | <u>Thornton</u> |
| 684 | 657 | |