

Stewart Verckler's Abstracts of Abilene Newspapers

1900

- G. A. Rogers elected Pres of Abilene national Bank, VP J .B. Case, Cashier R. M. White. Mr. G. C. Sterl declined Pres because of other business. Pres now requires full time at the bank
- Jacob Brown is feeding 450 head of cattle, has 10,000 bushels of corn at his mill
- 20 gentlemen play duplicate whist once a week
- Bodies of Sim Barber and Hand (Pvts) will be shipped from the Philippines to Abilene.
- Miss Carrie Mattison 17, Feb. 17, killed in a runaway cart and horse
- Cereno's Dog and Company Show at the Opera House to raise money for Tom Smith Monument
- Courts get tougher on bootleggers, now 200 plus 60 days
- The 3 Abilene banks have deposits totaling \$450,000
- March 22, 1900, pg 9-Full report on County Poor Farm. Photos: Stock barn, main house, asylum building, hog barn, picture of G W Kelley
- Arthur Hurd returns to Abilene, spent 18 months in South America
- Population is 3736, county is 21,748
- School Board is unable to elect a Superintendent or President. Five members walked out, Brewer finally elected Pres. and Niesley as Superintendent after a month of arguments.
- Charlie Case will receive A B Degree from Emporia on June 8. Will probably go to Princeton in the fall.

- Epidemic of chicken pox prevented Mt. St. Joseph from holding Commencement services, will be held in the fall
- Wheat Crop is estimated about 2,000,000 for county. Actual: 1,880,000
- Abilene residents are using too much water for sprinkling (water is furnished at a flat rate) Sand Springs is pumping enough for a city of 15,000. Owners will make secret checks and will shut off offenders unless they pay penalty.
- Many evening lawn parties, danced on the grass
- 60X80 ft campaign tent erected at 4th & Spruce by Republicans
- Gov. Stanley and Congressman Charles Curtis gave campaign speeches in the tent, extremely hot and uncomfortable
- Masonic Lodge gave \$100 to the relief of the Galveston Flood victims. Total city contributions were about \$600. May be 10,000 dead.
- Parker brick plant is firing 200,000 brick
- Charlie Case left for Princeton
- Teddy Roosevelt, VP candidate spoke for ten minutes from train on Sept. 28, 1900
- 2 balloon ascensions on Carnival Day on Oct. 3. 1st one was no good but 2nd one was a success. Cost \$50.00. Over 1000 contributed to Carnival, not corn this year, no queen, decorations were not very unique, mostly bunting. Circus, two merry go rounds, street dances, fireworks at night, very large parade. Prizes again given.
- Jacob Brown returned from Pennsylvania and Paris, France
- Reflector very critical of David Matteson and CB Hoffman for mud slinging at J R Burton.

- Women's Clubs decide to start efforts for a library
- Official Federal Census shows Abilene as 3507, 6074 for Salina.
Must be a mistake
- Will and Oscar Sterl have two new greyhounds from Australia

City Council went on record of Dec. 21, 1900, supporting this proposition: Control the liquor traffic by regular fines, it is more preferable to bootleggers, litigation, 'blind tigers; and no revenue to the city. It was passed unanimously by the council and 75 business men agreed. Fines ran as much as \$275 per month.