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WASHINGTON NOTES.

The Civil Service rules have been approved by the President, and the Commission will immediately enter upon the active discharge of its duties.

The President has accepted another fifty mile section of the Northern Pacific Railroad in Montana. This section, recently completed, extends from the 550th to the 60th mile of the road west of the Missouri River.

Dr. B. REXFORD KEIM, who was recommended by the Civil Service Commission for appointment as Chief Examiner under the Commission, waited on the President and withdrew his name from consideration for that position. The Commissioners subsequently recommended the appointment of Charles Lyman, Chief Clerk of the United States Treasurer's office, as Chief Examiner in place of Keim, withdrawn, and a commission was consequently issued to Lyman by the President.

The Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue the other day sent a telegram to the Collectors in the principal tobacco manufacturing districts announcing that increased facilities have been provided for imprinting stamps, and that it is now within the power of the office to relieve the immediate pressure, and at an early day will fill all requisitions.

The Treasury Department the other day purchased 278,000 ounces of silver for delivery at Philadelphia, New Orleans and San Francisco mints.

The Comptroller of Currency lately authorized the City National Bank of Akron, O., to begin business with a capital of \$100,000; and the First National Bank of Union, Oregon, with a capital of \$50,000.

Secretary Tolson has addressed a letter to the Attorney General recommending the institution of judicial proceedings against the Union Pacific Railway Company to determine the true meaning of the "net earnings" clause of the Thurman act.

The Civil Service Commissioners have started on their official tour. Each of the Commissioners will visit a number of the principal cities of the country for the purpose of establishing local Examining Boards to carry out the provisions of the Civil Service Reform act.

The Treasury balance the 11th amounted to nearly \$134,000,000, showing a steady increase since the 31st inst., when the balance was \$122,000,000. The increase is due to large receipts from internal revenue since the 1st.

In answer to frequent inquiries by mail the Commissioner of Internal Revenue states that all unused tobacco stamps held by dealers May 1, when the new law went into effect, will be redeemed if presented within three years from date of purchase.

SPECIAL AGENT MILBURN, of the Indian Office, has gone to the Crow Indian Reservation in Montana, where he will co-operate with the resident Agent in making arrangements for the removal of the Crows to the valley of the Big Horn and Little Big Horn, in compliance with the act of Congress.

THE EAST.

A HURRICANE recently swept over the Leigh and Wyoming Valleys in Pennsylvania, which was said to be the severest ever known in that section. Trees in the woods were mowed down like grass. The wind and rain beat so hard against the windows of passenger trains that passengers had to place the cushions of seats against them to prevent their being blown in. The engineer on one train to avoid wreck by falling trees, reduced the speed to coal train time. Much damage was done to cars and railroad tracks by falling trees.

WARD McKEESKEY was hanged at Pitsburg, Pa., for the murder of George A. McClure near McKeesport in 1881.

The Pennsylvania Senate, by a vote of 21 to 29, passed the Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment.

The sash and blind factory of Bradley & Currier, in New York City, was struck by lightning the other morning and burned; loss \$20,000.

The Baptist Church at St. Albans, Vt., a fine brick structure, was totally burned the other morning. Loss \$30,000; insured for \$10,000.

The second trial, in New York, of the libel suit of James Francis Malloy against James Gordon Bennett of the Herald ended with a verdict of \$25,000. Malloy got a verdict of \$20,000 in the first trial.

On the morning of the 10th the Standard Oil Works at Jersey City, N. J., were struck by lightning and took fire. Soon several tanks exploded, and the waves of flaming oil rolled in upon the engine house, carpenter shop, machine shop and blacksmith shop, and they were a heap of ruins in an hour. Tank after tank was caught by the flames, until seven out of twenty-six on the ground were blazing. The tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad also caught fire, and the bay was a sheet of flaming oil; the longest bridge of the railway, about a quarter of a mile long, running from the works to Black Tom's Island, was also burned to the water's edge. When one tank exploded a number of firemen were within a few feet of it, seven of whom were missing when the smoke cleared away. Twelve large tanks, eighteen cars, six barges and dredges, three docks, and five brick buildings were destroyed. The loss was estimated at \$1,000,000.

The Pennsylvania Senate lately passed a bill prohibiting the manufacture, sale and use of any article, device or invention for the purpose of surreptitiously destroying human life and injuring property by explosion or fire.

ANDREW J. SMITH, President of the Manhattan Fire Insurance Company, was recently arrested in New York, and held to bail in the sum of \$5,000, charged with perjury in swearing to false returns in the annual report of the company for 1882 to the New York Insurance Department.

MEASLES and scarlet fever in a malignant form have broken out near Lockport, N. Y. Sixty cases had developed in the town of Burgholtz. The disease was communicated by Prussian emigrants.

JOHN EAGAN, ex-Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, was recently lodged in the Essex County Jail, having been arrested on an indictment of the Grand Jury charging him with an attempt to bribe Assemblyman Armitage during the session of the New Jersey Legislature.

G. E. HURD, ex-Sheriff of Schuylker County, N. Y., committed suicide in jail recently. He was under sentence for five years for an attempt to kill a deputy Sheriff. It was thought his wife furnished him with the revolver to commit the deed.

At a sale of Jersey cattle in New York the other day, "King of Ashmun" sold for \$6,500, the largest sum ever obtained at auction. Sixty-one head brought \$22,080.

MRS. GRANT, the mother of ex-President Grant, died suddenly the other day, in Jersey City, N. J., aged ninety-four.

THE WEST.

A NUMBER of the members of the Dakota Legislature have been indicted for accepting bribes in the Capital Location bill. Several other members testified before the Grand Jury that they had been offered bribes.

GRIMES & Co.'s mill at Vermontville, Mich., burned the other morning, and two or three men, including the proprietor, were burned to death.

At General Sheridan's headquarters the rumored disaster to General Crook is not credited.

The other morning an accident occurred on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad, four miles east of Norfolk, Neb., by which a freight train was wrecked at the bridge, which had been undermined by a heavy rain storm during the night. Six freight cars and the engine were completely demolished. The engineer, Sam Reed, was perhaps fatally injured and brakeman Pheasant killed.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has just completed a report covering 1,600 townships in the State, from which the estimate is made that the crop of winter wheat will not exceed forty per cent of the crop of 1882.

The High License bill has been practically killed in the Illinois Legislature.

Oxle patient died and two others came near dying at the St. Louis city hospital recently, from the effect of chloral being administered through a mistake of the hospital druggist.

The striking bricklayers of Chicago recently discharged their arbitration committee, appointed to confer with the master builders with a view to a compromise. The strike, therefore, appeared no nearer an end than it was a month ago. The interiors of most of the new buildings were about completed, and it was estimated that unless the bricklayers' strike ended within two weeks, 30,000 men of building trades—plasterers, carpenters, painters, etc.—would be thrown out of employment, because there would be no buildings to work on.

The imports of coffee at San Francisco for the first four months of the year were 49,899 bags, the smallest quantity in that period during several years; 29,000 bags less than 1881, 26,000 bags less than 1880. The difference is said to be largely due to the lessened receipts of the Costa Rica crop, which is said to be short.

At Grand Rapids, Wis., Martin Femer was convicted of murder in the first degree for killing John Hesler, and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The first three days of every year are to be passed in solitary confinement, and the 15th of January of every year in solitary confinement. He killed his friend for a pair of mules.

A FIRE at Ayova, Iowa, recently, originated in Coates' livery stable, which was soon burned down with its entire contents—ten head of horses, a large quantity of hay, harness, buggies, etc. Loss, \$19,000. Steffer & Weiser's lumber yard was next destroyed. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$5,000. Two cribs of corn of S. Caldwell and 14,000 bushels of corn were destroyed; also cribs and 2,000 bushels belonging to Hancock & Co. The fire, it was thought, originated from a stroke of lightning.

LEUTENANT-GOVERNOR MEYER, of Colorado, was taken with small-pox recently while visiting his cattle ranch near Las Vegas, N. M.

The steamer Big Horn recently struck a snag in the Missouri River between Bismarck and Fort Benton and was sunk. Her cargo consisted of about two hundred and eighty-five tons of merchandise for Fort Benton, valued at \$300,000.

A HEAVY tornado recently did much damage to farm property in Whiteside County, Ill. Henry Spiegle was killed and his wife fatally injured.

In the United States Court at Des Moines, Iowa, the other day, a decree was rendered against Green, the inventor of the drive-well pump, the court holding that the evidence showed that he had abandoned his claim. The decision of this case may prove of much interest to many farmers in the West.

MEXICAN TROOPS, three hundred strong, under Colonel Torres recently attacked the hostile Indians in the Sierra Madre mountains and routed them. The Indians left eleven dead on the ground. Fifty soldiers were killed.

C. B. HICKMAN, late receiver of the Lake City, Col., Land Office, is reported to be a defaulter to the amount of \$10,000.

AMASA STONE, the Cleveland, Ohio, millionaire and founder of Adelbert College, recently committed suicide.

THE SOUTH.

EX-TREASURER FOLEY, of Tennessee, has given the increased bond demanded and been again released.

PAYMASTER WASSON, United States Army, who was reported as having been recently robbed on the Southern Pacific Railroad, near Fort Worth, Texas, of \$15,000 which he was taking to Fort Davis to pay troops, turns out to be a defaulter, and has confessed that he was not robbed,

and that the whole transaction was a fraud to cover his short accounts with the Government. He has been ordered to turn over the balance of the funds in his hands to Chief Paymaster Terrell and settle his accounts. Wasson is under arrest at San Antonio, and will be immediately tried by Court Martial. Women and wine are said to be the cause of his trouble.

C. E. BUTLER, Marshal of Oxford, Miss., recently shot and instantly killed S. M. Thompson, editor of the Oxford Eagle, who was resisting arrest.

A YOUNG nun in the Herschel, Ga., convent who appealed to the Pope to be released from her vows, had her prayer granted and returned to her family.

REPORTS from Texas say that sheep shearing is about completed, and that the total clip of the State will be much lighter this year than last.

Most of the business part of the town of Forney, Texas, burned recently. Loss about \$90,000; insurance, \$7,000.

JIM HAYMOND, one of the Little Rock & Fort Smith train robbers who murdered Conductor John Cain while attempting to rob a train last winter, has been tried at Clarksville, Ark., and found guilty of murder in the first degree.

GEORGE'S new Governor, McDaniel, was recently inaugurated as the successor of the late Alexander H. Stephens.

The other night, at Holly Springs, Ark., William Head's residence was destroyed by fire, and three children of his son-in-law, James Goodgame, were fatally burned.

ALL of the men, four in number, engaged in the late Arkansas train robbery in which Conductor Cain was killed, have been found guilty of murder and will be hanged.

MRS. JOHN ENNIS, a widow, whose husband died in 1878, attempted to shoot Dr. H. W. Purnell, a well-known physician of Memphis, Tenn., in the court house in that city the other day, claiming that he promised to marry her but refused to keep his pledge.

GENERAL.

THE employment of four thousand Chinese upon the Northern Pacific Railroad in British Columbia is giving signs of trouble. The cry against the Chinese is greatly heightened by the knowledge of the fact that one Chinese firm in Victoria has \$250,000 in savings mostly from Chinese railroad workmen. Other Chinese firms have lesser sums, almost every dollar of which goes to China, impoverishing the Province. The question of prohibiting Chinese immigration is being agitated.

EARL SPENCER, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has commuted the death sentence of Patrick Delaney, who pleaded guilty to the charge of complicity in the murder of Cavendish and Burke.

The third trial at Dublin of Timothy Kelley, charged with participation in the Cavendish-Burke murder, resulted in his conviction, and he was sentenced to be hanged June 3.

JOSEPH MULLETT was convicted at Dublin, Ireland, for an attempt upon the life of Juror Field and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

A LARGE meeting of Charles Bradlaugh's constituents was held at Northampton recently at which resolutions were passed in favor of Bradlaugh retaining his seat in the Commons.

THE LATEST.

Terrible Cyclone.

SUNDAY afternoon, the 13th, a terrible wind and rain storm passed over Kansas City, which at some points developed into a destructive cyclone. The deadly funnel-shaped cloud first formed in Wyandotte County, Kansas, west of the City of Wyandotte, and passed in a northerly direction, demolishing a number of houses, among them the house of David Reid a farmer near Wyandotte. Mrs. Reid was instantly killed and Mr. Reid perhaps fatally injured. The children were unhurt.

Mr. Mathews, residing near Wyandotte, and his three-year-old child were carried through the air and landed with comparative safety several hundred feet from where the storm struck them. The house was completely demolished. This portion of the storm passed into Clay County, Mo., and continued its destruction of property.

A short time after another funnel-shaped cloud appeared southwest of Wyandotte and crossed the river. It struck Kansas City and demolished a number of buildings on the bluff, among them the new residence, not yet completed, of Mr. J. C. Horton, of Woodward, Faxon & Co., the fine residence of Rev. Dr. Madeira and several others. The cyclone swept the southeast part of the city, destroying, it was reported, at least fifty or sixty houses and damaging some two hundred more. The killed in Kansas City were Willie Siebin, a boy twelve years of age, who was at the circus grounds, by the overturning of a circus wagon, and Joseph Burns. The injured were James Drummond, probably fatally; H. Lebrecht, seriously; Mrs. Thomas J. Dye, dangerously; child of Mrs. Jackson, fatally; Arthur Whitney, a boy, seriously; and Mrs. Trainor, Mrs. Lorie, Mrs. Cynthia Davis and Frank Jenkins. The damage to property in Kansas City was estimated at not less than \$250,000.

The Attorney General has rendered an opinion that the title to the Arlington estate (National Cemetery) is good, and that the amount appropriated by Congress last winter to satisfy judgments in favor of the Lee heirs against the Government of \$150,000 may be paid to these heirs; but that \$25,000 should be appropriated to await the decision as to the validity of unpaid taxes now charged against the estate on the assessment rolls.

An Englishman named Charles Walker recently committed suicide, by shooting, at the Union Depot Hotel at Kansas City. He was on his way to visit brothers who are in Colorado. He was undoubtedly insane.

A NEW counterfeit five-dollar gold coin has made its appearance. It purports to be a coin of the United States, struck at New Orleans in 1843, is heavy plated and 48½ grains light.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

THEATRE was thrown into a state of the wildest excitement last week by the announcement that the banking house of John Harris & Co. had closed its doors. Depositors from the country rushed to town and added to the crowd of those who lost all their available cash. One old man, who had just sold his farm for \$2,500 and deposited the money, lost everything. The extent of the failure was not stated, but it was thought it would not be less than \$50,000, and many were likely to be double that amount. About the only assets are the bank building and fixtures, worth probably \$5,000, and some other real estate, all of which, it is reported, is covered by mortgages to its full value, or else had been transferred to other parties before the crash came.

The fine farm house of Captain M. H. Insley, in Leavenworth County, together with the barn, out buildings, mowing machinery and other implements burned recently; loss about \$15,000; insurance \$5,000.

In a recent conversation with the Attorney General, Judge Black, of Pennsylvania, gave the opinion regarding the consolidation of the Union Pacific and Kansas Pacific roads that "all the acts of Congress relating to Pacific roads require the express consent of the State before such consolidation could be effected. Such consent was never given, but on the other hand there were several acts of the Legislature which amount to a prohibition of the consolidation made. These indicate as strongly as anything in the world that the State never had an idea of consolidation or contemplated such a thing."

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Kansas held its annual session in Topeka last week at which officers were elected as follows: H. M. Waters, Grand Commander; Jacob Dewitt, Deputy Grand Commander; Burton E. Langdon, Grand Generalissimo; Henry C. Cook, Grand Captain-General; J. G. Dougherty, Grand Prelate; John J. Buck, Grand Senior Warden; Matthew M. Miller, Grand Junior Warden; Christian Beck, Grand Treasurer; John H. Brown, Grand Recorder; C. W. Hunt, Grand Standard-Bearer; Chas. A. Morris, Grand Sword-Bearer; A. A. Carey, Grand Warden; Robert Edwards, Grand Sentinel.

A special committee was created to secure rates to the National Conclave at San Francisco in June. It was ascertained that about 300 Knights would attend from Kansas. Sir Knight T. J. Anderson was appointed Chairman of the Committee to secure rates to San Francisco. Emporia was selected as the place for holding the next annual convocation.

Captain Moss, Vice-President of the Grand Association of the West, at Topeka, has received from General Marmaduke an official communication inviting the members of the Association to attend the next annual reunion of the ex-Confederate Society, which will take place at Jefferson City, Mo., August 28th and 29th, 1883. In reply, Captain Moss said the communication would be laid before the committee at their next meeting, and that the committee will possibly designate one or more of its members who will attend officially on the occasion indicated.

Postoffice changes in Kansas during the week ending May 5, 1883: Established—Crest, Sumner County, William Hedrick, Postmaster; Firmis, Graham County, Abram Van Wye, Postmaster; Wellcome, Rooks County, Dewitt C. Brown, Postmaster. Discontinued—Gilpin, Graham County; Heedrup, Allen County. Name changed—Bradford, Rooks County, to Sugar Loaf.

JOHN JARVIS, late proprietor of the defunct Olathe Bank, was lately arrested on three warrants charging embezzlement. He made an effort to obtain bail, but understanding that other complaints of the same nature would follow, abandoned the effort and went to jail. The feeling against him by depositors was anything but amiable.

The body of John Wilson was found the other morning hanging to a tree near Sedan. From papers found with his body, and from oral evidence given at the inquest, there was no doubt it was a case of suicide, and that the deceased had been contemplating the act for some time. He had carried the rope in his pocket some two weeks, and had told his wife that he would get up some morning and find him hanging.

At Grand P. Y. Moss asked Frank Heger to take a glass of cider, which the latter refused. This led to words and finally blows, when Moss produced his pistol, and meeting Fonger, shot and seriously wounded him. Moss was arrested.

W. C. BENFORD attempted suicide recently, by jumping from the bridge into the Missouri River. He was rescued and taken to the police station and placed in a cell. He was "crazy with drink" and endeavored to cut his wrists with a razor, but he obtained a rusty knife with which he attempted to take his life again, stabbing himself in the breast three times, inflicting serious wounds.

Dodge City has been the scene of much excitement the past week growing out of the suppression of beer-rooms and female singers in saloons. The trouble led to a shooting scrape between two men, the forming of a Vigilance Committee, ordering parties out of town and a great many telegraphic dispatches. Each side had a story to tell, and any man ambitious to learn the true state of affairs might do so by personally visiting Dodge City. All was quiet at last reports.

The other night A. Gorham, the stage carpenter at Crawford's Opera House in Topeka, went on a spree, and in his wanderings wandered up into the second gallery of the theater. From there he fell over onto the parquet chairs below, a distance of thirty feet. Strange to say, he was not killed instantly, though his injuries are of so serious a nature that his recovery was considered doubtful.

All the uplands in the State, including the high and dry ridges, are being enclosed with wire fences. Pasture lands are becoming valuable.

The Next Session of Congress.

The next session of Congress will have a great deal to do in determining the next Presidential election. Not that there will be any arrangement of the campaign by the politicians at Washington, a naming of the candidates, an outline of the platforms and a general setting up of the game. How much or how little of such secret work the politicians may do is of little moment. It is in the public proceedings of the two houses that the fate of the contest will be determined.

The House will be Democratic, the Senate Republican. In the action of the House the country will look for the Democratic National platform of 1884; and in the action of the Senate it will look for the opposite platform. This is inevitable, and perfectly fair. What a party promises to do when it gets into power is not half as much to be relied on as an indication of its policy as what it actually does when in power. The two parties that are to stand face to face in the next Presidential contest will previously stand face to face in the Forty-eighth Congress; and the country, without waiting for the regularly proclaimed platforms, will look to the House and the Senate respectively to learn what Democracy is and what Republicanism is on the practical questions of the day.

It is easy enough to tell what these questions will be. They are few and simple—so few and similar that they may be disposed of in a single bill. There is no dispute about the currency; no dispute about Indians, pensions or foreign policy; happily there is not a single constitutional issue before the country since Mr. Hayes withdrew the troops from the South and adopted the Democratic policy of leaving the Southern States, as well as the Northern States, to their own self-government. All these matters over which the parties fiercely wrangled eight years ago are settled. There remains the single fact of a large excess of revenue annually pouring into the Treasury—and this is the subject to be dealt with.

The estimated surplus for the current fiscal year is \$120,000,000, and for the next fiscal year \$119,000,000—and the actual surplus will exceed the estimate in both cases—and that, too, after paying out \$69,500,000 for interest and \$102,000,000 in pensions each year.

This surplus revenue must be reduced, and to reduce it taxes must be taken off the people. How? Right here is where the two parties differ. The Democrats believe in large reductions of the revenue, and insist that these reductions should be made so as to bring the largest measure of relief to the whole people. The Republicans, on the other hand, will not make any reductions they can possibly avoid, and in making them will attempt to give the relief to favored classes. In the new Tariff and Revenue bill passed by the late Congress, the Republicans took off about \$45,000,000 taxes—from whom?

Banks, bank depositors, match-makers, the manufacturers of patent medicines and cosmetics, and tobacco consumers. They do not think any further reductions ought to be made in the next Congress, and they will oppose them if proposed, but if the reductions must be made, they will endeavor to limit them to the consumers of spirits, beer and tobacco, leaving the masses of the people still subject to the oppressive taxes of a war tariff on the materials of their industry and the necessities of life.

This is the Republican programme. It is the policy of the Republican protectionists of the East. The issues of the contest will be made up, and the lines drawn, not in the party conventions of next summer, but in the Congressional session which begins next December. A beginning will be made the first day of that session, and the whole business will be virtually completed in the election of the House Speaker. That will be the critical event with the Democracy for four years to come.—St. Louis Republican.

An Uncredited Honor.

It is a little curious that there is only one man in the country spoken of in connection with the Republican nomination for the Presidency, and he does not count for anything in the eyes of public opinion pointing to Judge Edmunds, now President of the Senate and second executive officer, as the next Republican candidate for the Presidency. We are told, and it is added that "the only obstacle to the Edmunds boom will be Edmunds himself."

This reminds us of the notable decline in value of the Republican nomination since 1880, when Chicago swarmed with bidders for it—Grant, Blaine, Sherman, Conkling, Edmunds, Washburn, Allison, Garfield and others. This was less than three years ago—and now the honor is going a begging. Nobody wants it. All the old aspirants have retired from the field, and to new ones have come forward to take their places. The explanation of the extraordinary generosity with which all other great men in the party waive their claims in favor of Senator Edmunds is that the nomination is so barren and worthless, and this is the explanation, too, of the Vermont Senator's reluctance to receive it. When a thing has lost its value everybody is willing that some one else shall have it. So it comes about that there is not a single candidate for the Republican nomination in the field. It seems to be generally agreed in the party that Republicanism has run its course, and the days when it could elect its Presidential nominees are over. It has worn a ghastly look ever since last November.—Exchange.

The Mission of the Republican Party Ended.

The chief trouble with the Republican party is that it will not recognize that its mission has ended and that it needs burial. An occasion called it into being. It existed for a special purpose. It was at the best a great evil corrective of an evil. It must be satisfied with the reflection that its career was glorious by reason of its power and the splendid devotion of its great leaders, going *per fas et nefas*, toward their ends and accomplishing many truly great results. Deriving its right to be a great evil demanding correction, it was necessarily temporary, and destined to end with its mission. The product of slavery and war, it has nursed many tendencies which now demand correction. It has fostered centralization ideas, concentration of power and wealth, and of business of various kinds into few hands, under protective laws of all kinds, exaggerated bounties, internal revenue taxation, policies favoring the growth—with too much power—of shipbuilding monopolies, of great railway corporations, of associated industries of all kinds.

It is not necessary to assume that no incidental benefit has accrued to American industry from this tendency, or that American progress has not been in some way advanced thereby. It may be that we could not have the progress without the attendant evils. The feudal system, with all the evils and oppressions incident to its concentrations of power in baronial hands, was a blessing to the world.

So of the tendencies fostered by the Republican party. They have, with all the injustice, with all the denial of equal opportunities, with all their favoring the few at the expense of the many and concentration of industrial, business and social power into few hands, been steps in progress and a peculiar phase of advancement, which will be seen to have been in some ways beneficial, provided the people now loosen the grasp of this party, put a present stop to these tendencies and place in power the party which proposes equal privileges and equal opportunities to all men.

Democracy was for fifty years the party of equal rights, and its one fault was in exceeding the slave. The Republican party gave freedom to the slave, and in doing so put chains upon the great masses, when it became the party of monopoly and of associations of capital and concentrations of business into few hands. That this temporary interruption of the true tendencies of this Democratic country may have been of some such advantage as was conferred on the world by the baronial system may be true. What is now needed is to correct this tendency, and to give to every American citizen an equal opportunity in life, to remove all restrictions, and then let every man stand or fall according to his own merits.—Cincinnati Exchange.

Dogmatizing Republicans.

There are two interesting classes in the Republican party just now. The first is made up of the "Stalwarts" who keep on complacently with their "machines" in spite of the crackling and falling that have been going on around them, and who put serene confidence in Democratic blundering as the stepping-stone to a new lease of power. The second class is made up of critics, journalistic and other, who spend their time in attributing the defeat of their party to the corrupt leaders and the "machines," and dogmatizing as to what "the people" are going to do as soon as they get the machine hopelessly crushed.

Of the two the first class is the less silly. Their talk about "Democratic blundering" really has a substratum of sense in the certainty that if the Democracy does blunder so seriously as the Republican party has, it is not likely to retain control of Congress or get control of the Presidency. But for the silly dogmatism about what "the people" are going to do in the way of "repudiating Democracy" and "fusion" and restoring the Republican party, there is no foundation whatever.

If we could believe the orators and the journals of this class "the people" is a body distinct from both parties. It has heretofore trusted the Republican party; but finding the latter putting corrupt men in power and making "machines," it has punished the party by taking power away from it and giving it to the Democratic party and in some places to the Fusion party. When the Republican party has been sufficiently punished and warned it is to be again taken into favor by "the people" who have only used the other parties for a purpose, not because of any confidence in them or their principles.

There is hardly one of the anti-Conkling journals in New York, or the anti-Ferry journals in Michigan, or the anti-Blaine journals in Ohio, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Iowa, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Wisconsin, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Illinois, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Missouri, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Kentucky, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Tennessee, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Mississippi, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Louisiana, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Alabama, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Georgia, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Florida, or the anti-Edmunds journals in South Carolina, or the anti-Edmunds journals in North Carolina, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Virginia, or the anti-Edmunds journals in West Virginia, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Maryland, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Delaware, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Pennsylvania, or the anti-Edmunds journals in New Jersey, or the anti-Edmunds journals in New York, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Connecticut, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Rhode Island, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Massachusetts, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Vermont, or the anti-Edmunds journals in New Hampshire, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Maine, or the anti-Edmunds journals in New Brunswick, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Nova Scotia, or the anti-Edmunds journals in Prince Edward Island, or the anti-Edmunds journals in P. 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The Chase County Courant.
Official Paper of Chase County.
 W. E. TIMMONS, Editor and Publisher.

Protection does not help the price of labor in Germany. There is a great strike in Berlin among the carpenters and masons. It is very funny, the higher labor is protected the more it suffers.

In speaking of the value of the county newspapers, the *Painters' Circular* says: "The smallest county newspaper is worth more to its subscribers in one month than its price for a year; and it does more for its neighborhood for nothing than many a high official does for his munificent salary."

Time struck it about right when he said there would be severe storms about the 13th instant; for, the news comes from many parts of the West of severe storms on that day, causing great destruction of property and loss of life. The storms he predicts for rest of this month are to take place about the 21st and 26th.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says: "Kansas is not as large as many of the Western States, but it is bigger than all New England, with New Jersey thrown in for good measure. The great west will not be a long distance from the center of commerce one of these days, and the world will not have to wait long to see it."

The *Kansas City Live Stock Record* and *Price Current* comes to us in an entirely new dress and "make-up," having been changed to a sixteen-page paper and otherwise improved. It is one of the best commercial papers in the Missouri valley, and is deserving of a liberal support from both merchants and stock men.

We are pleased to learn that the *Leavenworth Standard*, one of the best papers in the State of Kansas, and, by the way, a staunch Democratic paper, has, on account of its prosperity, been compelled to move into new and more commodious quarters rendered necessary by the increase in its business. The *Standard* has done noble work for the Democratic cause in this State, and the Democracy of the State should rejoice over its prosperity.

A prominent Pennsylvania politician is reported to have said: "The man who raises his hand against the industries of the State, by advocating free trade, had better hang a millstone about his neck and jump into the sea." The Pennsylvania protectionists have been a millstone around the neck of the people of the United States, and the wisest thing that the Democrats can do is to tell the whole crowd of Pennsylvania tariff robbers that the Democratic party does not want them, and proposes to go into the next campaign on the platform of opposition to just the tariff doctrine which Pennsylvania cleaves to.—*Charleston News and Courier*.

The Democratic platform for 1884 will contain, as its principal plank, the declaration of "a tariff for revenue only." The people have been robbed long enough by the protectionists, and they demand a change. The tariff bill passed by the late Republican Congress is so glaring a piece of iniquity that it can not be suffered to stand. There is not a reduction in the whole bill in favor of the masses, the bone and sinew of the country. All that it will do is to transfer \$70,000,000 from the coffers of the government into the pockets of the manufacturers and sugar refiners. The people demand a tariff that, while it will raise sufficient revenue to meet the demands on the national treasury, will yet not oppress the great body of the people in order to enrich a few. The protective tariff must go.

Though several attempts have been made to wipe us out of existence, the last one of which was to knock us in the head with a bar of iron wrapped up in a news paper, we have made up our mind to live here if we starve to death; and, from present indications, it will be a long while before the starving

part of the play will be acted; therefore, the business men of this city and community should take advantage of our columns and advertise in a paper that has been published in their midst nearly nine years, and which during all that time did not require county, municipal, State or Government patronage to keep it alive, but has lived principally from its subscription, and some of whose subscribers are not the best pay in the world, either. Yes, the business man in this county, who will not advertise in the *COURANT* because of its politics, or because of the religious belief or nativity of its editor, is only biting off his nose to spite his face. The *COURANT* is one of the permanent fixtures of this county, and neither the starving or loaded paper process is going to get away with it; but a few more advertisements from our business men would not damage it any, financially; neither would they damage the advertisers any, financially; and now, while we have been at work these many years tickling the merchants, by helping to bring immigration into the county, thus increasing their custom, would it not be a good idea for them to tickle us a little, by increasing our advertising patronage? but if they don't, we shall not get angry; because, while it is our privilege to do all we can to build up this county, and, in building it up, to increase our own business, it is their privilege to advertise where they please, or not to advertise at all, if they feel so inclined; but we do think an advertisement in the *COURANT* is a paying investment to the advertiser.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock, Monday morning, after freight train No. 11 had passed Crawfordville, in this county, an accident happened resulting in the death of a brakeman, named John Sullivan, aged about 19 years. On reaching Cedar Grove, the next station west of Crawfordville, Jim Sullivan, the conductor, and brother of the deceased, noticed that his brother did not show up on the head of the train, as was his usual custom on reaching a station, and, on making inquiries, he learned that no one had seen him since the train pulled away from Crawfordville. Fearing that something had gone wrong, he obtained permission to run the train back in search of the missing man. On returning to within about a mile of Crawfordville, he discovered his brother sitting in a ditch at the side of the track. He jumped from the car and asked: "John, are you hurt?" John replied: "Only both legs gone." Jim hurried to his side, and was horrified to find that his clothes were in shreds, his face and head covered with dirt and blood, and both his legs crushed, the right foot being nearly severed. The train was stopped and the unfortunate boy was carefully put aboard and, at his request, taken back to Emporia. Dr. Jacobs was called in and examined the wounds, and, as near as could be judged from them, the unfortunate boy must have been stepping from one car to another when he lost his footing and fell beneath the rapidly moving train, one wheel of which must have passed over his right leg, nearly severing the foot. He must then have been dragged a considerable distance, as his face and head were frightfully cut and bruised, his clothes nearly torn from his person, his left leg badly crushed, and the lower part of his abdomen frightfully lacerated, until a portion of the bowels protruded from the wound. After making a careful examination, the Doctor told his brother that the boy could live but a few hours. He died at 11:45 o'clock, the same morning. He expressed a desire to see the priest, but unfortunately Father Meier was out of town. His father and mother, who live at Colmas, Iowa, were telegraphed to. He was buried, yesterday morning, in the Catholic cemetery at Emporia.

This, we believe, is the second or third brother who has received fatal injuries on Kansas railroads, and Jim Sullivan, the only survivor, is nearly heart-broken over the sad calamity that has taken from him his only and younger brother. The Sullivan boys have always been greatly admired and respected by

all who knew them, and the surviving brother has the full sympathy of the boys all along the road, where he is known.

LIST OF FEES MUST BE POSTED.

Last week we published certain laws in regard to certain duties of the Probate Judge and County Commissioners. This week we place before our readers a law imposing a certain duty on District Court Clerks, Sheriff, Probate Judges, Registers of Deeds, County Clerks, County Treasurers, County Surveyors, Notaries Public, Coroners, Justices of the Peace and Constables. Section 22, on page 416, Laws of 1879, relating to these officers, reads as follows: "Each officer herein named shall cause a list of his fees to be posted in his office, in some conspicuous place, under penalty of three dollars a day for each day he shall neglect to do so."

C. A. R.
 John W. Geary Post, No. 15, will meet on Saturday, May 19th. Business of importance will come before the Post. We want all the comrades to be on hand for roll-call.
C. C. WHITSON,
H. JUDD, Commander.
Adjutant.

Final Notice.

Creditors and all others interested will take notice that I shall meet with the Probate Court of Chase County, Kansas on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1883, of all matters appertaining to the estate of A. Mollenhauser, deceased. **FRED FRACHT,** Administrator.
 Cottonwood Falls, Kas., May 14, 1883. my17-3w

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL LAND.

Notice is hereby given that I will offer at public sale, on **MONDAY, MAY 14, 1883,** between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 3 o'clock, p. m., the following described land: The southwest quarter (1/4) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section thirty-six (36), township eighteen (18), of range six (6), as appraised at three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) an acre. Any person may have the privilege of making a bid or offer on said land, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., on said day of sale. **J. S. SHIPMAN,** Co. Treasurer of Chase Co., Kansas.

NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL LAND.

Notice is hereby given that I will offer at public sale, on **MONDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1883,** between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m., and 3 o'clock, p. m., the following described land: The northeast quarter (1/4) of northeast quarter (1/4), northwest quarter (1/4) of northeast quarter (1/4), southeast quarter (1/4) of northeast quarter (1/4), and the southwest quarter (1/4) of northeast quarter (1/4) of section sixteen (16), township nineteen (19), of range seven (7), situate in Chase county, Kansas, appraised at three dollars (\$3.00) per acre. Any person may have the privilege of making a bid or offer on said land, between the hours of 10 o'clock, a. m., and 3 o'clock p. m., on said day of sale. **J. S. SHIPMAN,** Co. Treasurer of Chase Co., Kansas.

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Full Line of Paint & Oil on Hand.
A COMPLETE TINSHOP.
 I have an experienced tinner in my employ and am prepared to do all kinds of work in that line, on short notice, and at very low prices.
WEST SIDE OF BROADWAY,
COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAS.

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\$17,000 WORTH OF FIRST-CLASS DRY GOODS,

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Pursuant to the advice of my physician to leave Kansas, I am closing out my entire stock. Never before have the citizens of Chase county had such an opportunity to buy first-class goods cheap. The wise will take advantage of it. LISTEN TO A FEW PRICES!

3,000 yards good style fast colored prints, 6 cents per yard;
 5,000 yards best quality, latest designs, 8 cents per yard;
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 2,000 yds bleached muslin, equal to Lonsdale, 8 to 10 cents per yd.;
 Unheard of values in hose at 10, 12 1/2, 15, 25 and 40 cents a pair.

Table Linen, Bed Spreads, Towelings, White Goods. ALL at the same ruinously low rates, at

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STRONG CITY, CHASE COUNTY, KAS
Sheriff's Sale.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.
 Chase County.
 In the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District, in and for Chase County, State of Kansas.
 W. M. Stewart, plaintiff, vs. John Stewart and Charles Stewart, defendants.
 By virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of the Ninth Judicial District in and for Chase County, State of Kansas, in the above entitled cause, and to me directed, I will, on
SATURDAY, THE 23 DAY OF JUNE, 1883,
 at 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day, at the front door of the court-house in the city of Cottonwood Falls, Chase county, Kansas, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following described estate, to-wit:
 The north half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section thirty-one (31), township eighteen (18), range nine (9), in Chase county, Kansas, having an excellent stone quarry on it.
 Said property is taken as the property of said defendants, and the same will be sold, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to satisfy their judgment.
GEO. BALCH, Sheriff.
 Sheriff's Office, Chase county, Kansas, Cottonwood Falls, May 2, A. D. 1883.

Notice of Attachment.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.
 County of Chase, ss.
 Before F. B. Hunt, a Justice of the Peace in and for said county and State.
C. I. MAULE, plaintiff, Notice of Attachment.
J. Halford, defendant.
 Said defendant is hereby notified that on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1883, an order of attachment for the sum of \$36 15, with interest at 10 per cent. per annum, from October 23d, 1881, was issued by the above named Justice of the Peace against his goods, in the above entitled action; and that said cause will be heard on the 23rd day of May, 1883, at 8 o'clock, a. m.
 per **MADDEB BROS.,** his attorneys.
F. B. HUNT, Justice of the Peace.
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I will mail (Free) the recipe for simple Vegetable Balm that will remove Tan, Freckles, Pimples and Blisters, leaving the skin soft, clean and beautiful; also instructions for producing a luxuriant growth of hair on a bald head or smooth face. Address, enclosing 5c stamp, **H. V. A. DILL** & Co., 12 Barclay St., New York.

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 TERMS—\$12 a single mare, to insure, or \$10 for the season. I will not be responsible for any accidents to mares or foals.
APRIL 22nd
GEO. DRUMMOND.

THIS PAPER may be found on file at Geo. P. Verting, Emporia, Mo. or at Geo. P. Verting, Cottonwood Falls, Kas. Price 5 cents.

W. E. TIMMONS, - Ed. and Prop

COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAS. THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1883.

No fair shall we, no favors sway; New to the line, let the chips fall where they may.

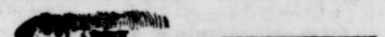
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Table with 5 columns: 1 in., 2 in., 3 in., 4 in., Col. 1 col. Rows: 1 week, 2 weeks, 3 weeks, 4 weeks, 5 months, 6 months, 1 year.

Local notices, 10 cents a line for the first insertion; and 5 cents a line for each subsequent insertion; double price for black letter.

CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.



TIME TABLE.

Table with columns: EAST. PASS. MAIL, WEST. PASS. MAIL, and various times for Cedar Pt., Elmdale, Crawford, Safford, Strong.

The "Thunder Bolt" passes Strong City, going east, at 12:45 o'clock, p. m., and going west, at 3:35 o'clock, p. m., stopping at no other station in the county. This train carries the day mail.

DIRECTORY.

STATE OFFICERS. Governor—George W. Glick. Lieutenant Governor—J. W. Finney. Secretary of State—James Smith. Attorney General—W. A. Johnson. Auditor—E. P. McCabe. Treasurer—Sam T. Howe. Chief Justice Sup. Court—J. C. Spear. Justices—J. H. Brewster, D. M. Valentine, Thomas Ryan. COUNTY OFFICERS. County Commissioners—P. C. Jeffrey, Aaron Jones, J. S. Shipman. County Treasurer—J. S. Shipman. Probate Judge—S. A. Breese. County Clerk—S. A. Breese. Register of Deeds—A. P. Gandy. County Attorney—S. P. Young. Clerk District Court—E. A. Kline. County Surveyor—W. W. Sanders. Sheriff—George Balch. Superintendent—Mary E. Hunt. Coroner—R. Walsh. CITY OFFICERS. Mayor—J. P. Kuhl. Police Judge—C. H. Pennell. City Attorney—C. H. Carswell. City Marshal—William Forney. J. D. Mimick, Edwin Pratt. Councilmen—J. S. Doolittle, M. A. Campbell, J. W. Perry. Treasurer—W. H. Holsinger. CHURCHES. Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. A. K. Johnson, Pastor; Sabbath school, at 10 o'clock, a. m., every Sabbath; morning service, at 11 o'clock, every alternate Sabbath; class meeting, at 12 m.; service every Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock. M. E. Church South—Rev. J. R. Bennett, Pastor; service, first Sunday of the month, at Dougherty's school-house on Fox creek, at 11 o'clock, a. m.; second Sunday at Coyne branch, at 11 a. m.; third Sunday at the Hart's school-house, on Diamond creek, at 11 a. m.; fourth Sunday, at Strong City, at 11 a. m. Catholic—At Strong City—Rev. Guido Sullo, O. S. F., Pastor; services every first, third and fourth Sunday of the month, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Baptist—At Strong City—Rev. W. P. File, Pastor; Covenant and business meeting on Saturday before the first Sunday in each month; services, first and third Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. All are invited to attend. Meetings are held in the public school building. SOCIETIES. Knights of Honor—Pills Lodge, No. 747, meets on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month; P. B. Hunt, Dictator; H. P. Brockert, Reporter. Masonic—Zerodath Lodge No. 80 A F & A M, meets the first and third Friday evening of each month; J. P. Kuhl, Master; W. H. Holsinger, Secretary. Odd Fellows—Angola Lodge No. 68 I O O F, meets every Monday evening; H. N. Simmons, N. G.; C. C. Whitson, Secretary.

COURANT CLUB LIST.

Table listing subscription rates for various papers: Kansas City Weekly Times (\$2.50), Topeka Weekly Capital (\$2.50), Topeka Weekly Commonwealth (\$2.50), Leavenworth Weekly Times (\$2.50), Kansas Farmer (\$2.50), Chicago Weekly Journal (\$2.50), St. Louis Journal of Agriculture (\$2.50), Scientific American (\$2.50), Star Spangled Banner (\$1.75), Wide Awake (\$1.75), Janyland (\$1.75), On Little Men and Little Women (\$2.15), Pastoral World (\$2.50), Prairie Farmer (\$2.50), American Agriculturist (English or German) (\$2.50), Vick's Floral Guide (Monthly) (\$2.50), Demorest's Magazine (\$2.50), Farmer and Manufacturer (\$2.50), Iowa Farmer (\$2.50), On Little Ones and the Nursery (\$2.50), Chicago Daily News, \$6.00; Weekly (\$2.00), Seed Time and Harvest (\$1.75), Kansas City Live Stock Indicator (\$2.50), Weekly Inter-Ocean (\$2.50).

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Chase County, Kansas, constituted as a Board of Equalization, will meet in the office of the County Clerk of said county, on the first Monday in June, 1883, for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of all property assessed in said county for the year 1883, at which meeting or adjourned meetings, all persons feeling themselves aggrieved with the assessments made and returned by the Assessors, can appear and have all errors in the returns corrected. [Seal] S. A. BREESE, County Clerk.

LOCAL SHORT STOPS.

Cloudy, yesterday. Subscribe for the COURANT. Our merchants are kept busy. Mr. William Hillert is having his residence repaired. Mr. F. Bernard, of Cedar Point, was in town, yesterday. Mr. L. W. Heck was down to Emporia, last Thursday. Mr. H. E. Snyder is suffering from a cut in his right hand. It rained very hard, last night, and is still raining, this morning. Miss Anna Ellsworth has returned from her visit to Florence. The "boys" have lots of sport fishing, now-a-days, even on Sundays. The Falls Dramatic Club have engaged Music Hall for the Fair week. Mr. C. A. Britton will move to his farm on Strubby creek, this week. The Widow Lloyd has had a porch put across the front of her residence. Mrs. J. P. Caldwell and family left, last Thursday, for Baltimore, Maryland. There were 1,136 car loads of stone shipped from Strong City, last month. Mr. David F. Vail, of Marion, is visiting his brother, Mr. I. B. Vail, of this city. Mr. J. A. Smith spent last Saturday and Sunday at his father's, in Emporia. We have made arrangements to club the Chicago Inter-Ocean with the COURANT. Mr. George O. Hildebrand, of Strong City, was down to Kansas City, last week. Mr. R. M. Watson, of the Independent, has returned from the Editorial Convention. Mr. S. Vail, father of Mr. I. B. Vail, of this city, came up from Emporia, last week. The County Clerk's office has been ransomed by Mr. George T. Hughes, the painter. Cattle on the range are looking well, and improving right along on the new grass on the prairie. Miss Mary Rambo, of Toledo, so we understand, will shortly go to Indian Territory, to teach school. The Hon. J. W. McWilliams went to Wichita on business, last Thursday, and returned, Saturday. Mr. J. Harmon Doolittle has bought the residence of the late J. P. Caldwell, and will move into it. Messrs. J. S. Doolittle and Pat. Tracy have sold their farms on Diamond creek to the Mills Syndicate. Mr. J. L. Cochran has bought the City Meat Market building and moved it up near Judge Young's old office. Mr. M. A. Redford came in from Harper county, last Thursday night, where he had been for some time past. Mr. A. Z. Scribner has bought a new two-seated carriage; and it is one of the nicest and best rigs in the county. Mr. Pat. Tracy, having sold his farm on Diamond creek, will put up a residence in Strong City, and move into it. The Building Association will meet, next Saturday night, in Mr. W. H. Holsinger's office, over the National Bank. The religious services at Cedar Point will be as follows: 1st and 3d Sundays, Methodist; 2d and 4th Sundays, Baptist. It was quite cool last Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and, in fact, yesterday and the day before. Mr. Jeff. Blackshere got his left hand very badly hurt a short time ago while riding a colt which ran against a post with him. While fishing, yesterday afternoon, Guy Johnson got a cat fish's fin broke off in one of his fingers, and Dr. Stone pulled it out. Mr. F. Oberst has rented the room recently occupied by Mrs. Ella Murphy, and he will open therein a confectionary stand. It rained quite hard Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday, the wind blowing very hard and hail falling, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mollie Carswell, of Emporia, who had been visiting her brother, Mr. C. H. Carswell, left for her home, Tuesday afternoon. What is the matter with the mails from the South? We have not received an Oldham County (Ky.) Era for more than a month. The basement of the National Bank is being fitted up for the use of the city government, and the Council will hereafter meet therein. Mr. Chas. Lantry, of Strong City, has returned from Chihuahua, Mexico. He reports that town on a boom, and building up rapidly. Mrs. C. A. Britton has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Kirker, at Quenemo, Osage county, where Mr. Kirker is in the hardware business. Mr. Frank Oberst went to Emporia, last Friday, accompanied by Mr. J. Hornberger, and brought back with him a new spring wagon, which is a beauty. Regular service at the Baptist church in Strong City will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 11 o'clock, a. m., and 7:30 o'clock, p. m. The District Court will begin next Tuesday, and then will we all get a chance to see our new Judge, who seems to be creating a good impression wherever he holds court. Friends of the COURANT, having legal notices to publish, will confer a favor on us by requesting their attorney or the county officers to have them published in the COURANT. We have made arrangements to club the Louisville Courier-Journal, the most ably edited paper in the South, with the COURANT. See the advertisement in another column, and read the rates. If a young man who rooms in the house of a family of fighters should get into a fight, would it necessarily follow that he had been taking lessons from his landlord or landlady or from both of them? Mr. Henry Lantry, who has been at El Paso for some time past, is now stationed at Chihuahua, Mexico, where he is superintending the work of B. Lantry & Sons, on the Mexican Central railroad. Messrs. Mills & Allen's store at Toledo was broken into, last Sunday, some time during the day, and robbed of its jewelry, silk handkerchiefs and such other things as could be put into a person's pockets. Some papers are harder than others; but the Leader is the hardest of them all, especially if it has a bar of iron wrapped up in it. Why, it will then knock a man down; and, possibly, it might kill him. The storm, last night, convinced most of the people in this neighborhood that sleeping was not the proper thing while it was in motion.—Independent, May 11. Yes, a motionless sleep is the best. The other day, we remarked that since we were struck on the head with an iron "foot-stick" we had a cross on our forehead, and asked what it is the sign of? and a wag answered: "It is the sign of the cross." If you are a paid up subscriber to this paper call and get a copy of "Kendall's Treatise on the Horse." If you are a non-resident and have paid up your subscription, you, too, are entitled to a copy of the book, and can obtain it by sending us four cents to pay postage. From a card published in the Le Roy Reporter by the State Temperance Union, it seems that the blind, temperance lecturer, C. F. Hoffman, who spoke to the people here a short time ago, is not lecturing under the auspices of the Temperance Union, as he represents he is. The Strong City Cornet Band will celebrate next 4th of July, on a grand scale, in Lantry's grove. By the way, would it not be a good idea for the people of this city to begin to attend to this 4th of July business? Since the foregoing was in type we learned that preparations are being made to have a grand celebration at this city. Yesterday afternoon some boys found a bees' nest on Fox creek, and Mr. John Rollins, wiper of

Engine No. 51, at Strong City, climbed the tree, and sawed the limb off, sawing into the nest, when the bees began to sting him in such a frightful manner that he fell to the ground, a distance of about thirty feet, injuring the lower part of his spinal column very seriously. Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday night, May 16, 1883, by Judge C. C. Whitson, Mr. Geo. Long, of Emporia, to Miss Annie Craft, daughter of Wm. Craft, Esq. of this city. The boys charivariated them, and were given a \$2.50 gold piece, which, thinking it was a copper cent, they handed back, and then kept up a racket until the rain drove them home, without anything. A man was noticed, the other day, walking up and down Broadway, with a rolled paper in his hand, and a citizen came into this office and said he believed that fellow was watching for an opportunity to knock him in the head; and we told him if we thought a man was watching for us, with a stuffed paper, we would prepare for a deadly assault with him; and he took our advice, and went and prepared for an attack from the wrapped-paper man; but the attack never came to pass. C. C. Smith, who cast in his lot with Emporia, in 1857, but subsequently moved to Cedar Point, Chase county, where he has lived ever since, was in the city, last night, on his way back to his old Virginia home. He has lived a life of single blessedness up to the present time, but, though he did not acknowledge it in as many words, it is his intention to do so no longer, and he will bring back with him, as a "better half," one of the maidens with whom, in the long, long ago, he used to make mud pies, and go fishing in the little rill back of the old school house upon the hill, with banded pins for hooks. Happy memories, those; and a happy lot to follow.—Emporia News.

CONCERT, & C. Remember that the entertainment to be given in Music Hall, to-morrow (Friday) evening, under the auspices of the M. E. Sunday-school, will be first-class in every respect and a really enjoyable affair. The programme will be as follows: Greeting song—Chorus of girls. Recitation—Miss Annie Ellsworth. Boy's song—Jolly Jack Tars. Solo, "The Owl"—Mrs. O. G. Robinson. Quartette—"Friendship, Love and Song." Tableau—"Pyramid of Flowers." Recitation—Miss E. V. Seaman. Comic opera—"King Alfred and the Burnt Cake." Quartette—"Moonlight will Come Again." Recitation—Miss Sheehan. Male quartet—Jolly Johnathan. Duett—"When Night Comes o'er the Plain." Quartette—"O, Hush, Thee, My Baby." Tableau—"The Gypsy Tent." Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents.

MEETING OF CHASE COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. At the regular meeting in February this society adjourned to meet at the call of the Secretary, at the most suitable time for a strawberry display, to be held at the Court house in Cottonwood Falls, when and where this fruit would be made a subject of especial discussion; and the members and all others who have specimens of any and every variety, are urgently requested to have them represented. In accordance with the above, the meeting is called for Saturday, June 2d, at 1 o'clock, p. m. We especially desire every one having any variety of this fruit to bring specimens, if but a few berries. Let there be a full turnout and a large display of samples, so that a full discussion of this subject can be had. Ladies are especially invited; and any tribute of flowers for the occasion will be thankfully received. J. W. BYRAM, Secretary.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION. Notwithstanding the fact that thousands of our people are worrying themselves almost to death over the vexed question, even to the extent of neglecting their business, their homes and their duties to their families, there are still thousands upon thousands of smart,

hard working, intelligent men pouring into the great Arkansas Valley, the Garden of the West, where the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad offers them their choice of 2,500,000 acres of the finest farming land in the world at almost their own prices. If you do not believe it write to the undersigned, who will tell you where you can get a cheap land exploring ticket, and how, at a moderate expense, you can see for yourself and be convinced. W. F. WHITE, Gen. Pass. and Ticket Agt., Topeka, Kansas.

MILLINERY OPENING. EMPORIA, KAS., May 9, 1883. You are specially invited to attend my spring opening in my millinery room, No. 98 Commercial street, May 12th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th; on which occasion I will exhibit a large stock of patterns, hats and bonnets, flowers, feathers, silks, satins, velvets, ribbons, fans, ornaments, etc., etc., just received from Paris, in great varieties of new spring styles. Miss E. RIDENOUR.

STRAYED. \$30.00 reward for three steers, strayed from Bazaar in September, 1881. One, all white; one, red roan, and one, red or dark color; all branded on the left shoulder with the figure 2; dim brand and low down on the shoulder. Look for the white steer with the figure 2 and got your \$10.00. Boys, this will beat rabbit scalps two to one. Who will be the lucky boy? P. J. NORTON.

SOMETHING WORTH KNOWING. The vessels used continuously for holding water soon rust in this State. To remedy this solder a piece of zinc about two inches square in the bottom of a tin water pail. It will keep the tin bright inside, and prevent rust. Try it. The effect the zinc has upon the tin or iron is partly chemical and partly electrical. PHOTOGRAPHS. Wm. F. Farrow, photographer, Strong City, Kas., makes photographs, ferrotypes, landscapes views, pictures of residences, etc. Give him a call. my3 1/2

CHEAP MONEY. Interest at 7 per cent., on two, three, four, or five years time, real estate security. Call on Thos. O. Kelley, at Young & Kelley's Law Office. nov23 1/2. Have you subscribed for this paper? BUSINESS BREVITIES. First-class organs at E. Cooley's for \$50 cash. jy6-1/2. Bargains until you can't rest, at L. Martin & Co's. Good goods and very low prices at L. Martin & Co's. Go to Howard's mill if you want to get the best of flour. Carpets and oil cloths at Horaburger's furniture store. Parties indebted to Dr. Walsh are requested to call and settle. A car load of Moline wagons just received at M. A. Campbell's. A car load of Glidden fence wire just received at M. A. Campbell's. oct5-1/2. Wanted, at the Union Hotel, a kitchen girl and an assistant; good wages. Go to J. W. McWilliams and buy the railroad land you need and want, now before the price is raised. mch8-1/2. Dr. W. P. Pugh will continue to do a limited practice; and will be found, at all unemployed times, at his drug store. Before you insure your property against cyclones call on J. W. McWilliams. Look out for wild-cat, traveling agents. dec7-1/2. Fresh staple and fancy groceries always on hand at Breese's, at bottom prices; and the highest market price paid for produce. If you want to buy the Mills Syndicate land, late Santa Fe land, go to J. W. McWilliams, who will make it to your advantage to purchase of him. Breese, the grocer, having put in a stock of staple dry goods, persons in need of anything in that line should give him a call. An examination of his stock is solicited. Doolittle & Son continue to carry a very large stock of general merchandise, to which the attention of purchasers is invited; and their prices are as low as the lowest. Give them a call. If you have any corn for sale, remember that J. W. Ferry is paying the highest price for it, not in trade, but cash; but when you do trade, you get the goods at the same prices as if cash was paid for them. J. W. McWilliams is agent for the sale of all lands recently sold by the Santa Fe Railroad to New York parties. Call on him and get prices and best terms. He will save you money, if you buy of him now. nov30-1/2

PHYSICIANS.

J. W. STONE, M. D., Office and room at Dr. Fugh's drug store. COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAS. W. P. FUCH, M. D., Physician & Surgeon, Office at his Drug Store, COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAS. A. M. CONAWAY, Physician & Surgeon, Residence and office a half mile north of Toledo.

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JO. OLLINGER, Central Barber Shop, COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAS.

Particular attention given to all work in my line of business, especially to ladies' shampooing and hair cutting. Cigars can be bought at this shop. TREES! TREES! TREES! Farmers, Planters, Tree Dealers and everybody who feels at all interested in the subject of Tree Growing, will confer a favor by sending a postal card for a copy of my catalogue for season of 1882. FREE TO ALL. Prices low. Trees good, and packing Superior. Address, J. C. PINNEY, Prop. Sturgeon Bay Nursery, mch8-5m. Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

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Another fallacy indulged in by us—by some of us at least—is the belief that the profession of journalism is a noble one...

With all our professions of truthfulness, beloved brethren, for all that we are a palladium and a bulwark of the public...

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