

WITH this issue the WORLD launches on its twelfth year. This is longer than any other paper has lived on buffalo grass; and it is today in a flourishing condition. We think we can see the way clear for a renewed prosperity in western Kansas. She has the elements of success. No better soil exists. No nobler yeomanry are found than Kansas can produce. They are the cream of the East. They could not remain where they were, hampered in on every side. Their views are broad; their work is broad. A purer and more exhilarating atmosphere awaited them on the plains; and here they are, building for themselves and families homes. They have passed through most of the hardships and privations of frontier life, and have battled nobly. Their success is our success, and we are glad our lot is cast with them. Our aim is to aid in building up our town and county in particular, and the great West in general. The WORLD, as heretofore, will keep its face to the front, battle for what it deems to be the right, and asks that the hand of criticism and censure be laid on as lightly as the donor can administer it, and that the good deeds—if it has accomplished any—be not forgotten. None of us have wealth at our command, but we have a progressive work before us. With kind wishes for its readers and patrons we meet you with this, the WORLD'S 573rd issue.

It is being rumored over the district that Senator J. H. Mechem, of Jewell county, will be a candidate for congress. Mr. Mechem is one of the ablest men in the district, and was one of the leaders of the senate last winter. The bold stand he made in favor of the people on the interest question, together with his great natural ability and pleasant affable manner, will make him a very formidable candidate, should he decide to enter the race.—Smith Center Bulletin. Mr. Mechem is an able, progressive man, and should he determine to make the race, will control a hearty support. Having known him in Iowa, when his father was a member of the legislature, we know his worth and ability.

If any tree would bark the dogwood.—Pittsburg Chronicle. And if any tree would read the redwood.—Detroit Free Press. And if any tree would take gin the cottonwood.—Lawrence Record. And if any tree would get in a tight place the boxwood.—Leavenworth Times. Or if any tree would talk back the sassafraswood.—Osborne Journal. Or if any tree would look neat the sprucewood.—Logan Republican. If any tree would take water the basswood. Or if any tree would hop the locustwood.—Norton Courier. If any tree would preach the elderwood.—Beaver City Times. Or if any tree would stand straight the plumbwood.—Phillipsburg Herald. Or if any tree would get tight the hickory tree.

THE anniversary souvenir sent out by the Kansas City Globe is a credit to the paper and the city. It shows the development of a forty years' growth. Kansas City forty years ago was scarcely a village. To-day it is one of the most extensively-known cities of the continent. It is the port of entry for a very large south, west and north trade. Her present growth is wonderful; her future beyond estimate. The Globe is to be congratulated on its enterprise. It is one of the best dailies in the West.

TO-DAY J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa, now a member of congress, stands beside Lincoln, Grady, Conklin and Ingersoll as an orator, and Iowa should be proud of his prowess. He is one of the most eminent speakers of the day, as he showed in his response to the toast "Abraham Lincoln."

R. HAYNES and E. P. Fuller, president and secretary of the defunct Topeka Insurance Company, are held to an appearance to the district court in the sum of \$10,000 each.

MASONIC grand lodge met at Salina Monday.

GOVERNOR LARABEE, of Iowa, is sound on the liquor question.

SENATOR INGALLS is a director of one of the banks at Hays City.

GEO. W. CHANE, of Topeka, is a prominent candidate for state printer.

VOL. 1, No. 2 of the Kanopolis Kansan reached us this week. It is a bright, newsy sheet.

WE are in receipt of a beautiful and instructive holiday number of the Capitol City Courier, Lincoln, Nebraska.

CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON has introduced a bill in congress for an appropriation of \$250,000 for a residence of the president.

J. B. SPIDLE was fined \$100 by the court and H. R. Corning \$200 for misconduct while acting as county commissioners in Ness county, Kansas.

ONE of our exchanges tells of a fellow swallowing a snake. We know a fellow who had snakes after swallowing the necessary ingredients.

It has been decided by Attorney General John Y. Stone that the Iowa legislators can draw their salary. Now let those legislators give the people some relief.

THE key to the dead lock in Iowa has been found. Mr. Ewart, the Union Labor member from Poweshiek county, has it in his voice, but will not use it.

GOVERNOR HUMPHREY appointed as members of the state supreme court commission Judge B. F. Simpson, of Paola; Judge Strang, of Larned, and Ex-Senator Green, of Manhattan.

AN ear of corn grown in Kansas soil was exhibited at the immigration convention which was twenty-three and a half inches long and twelve and one-third inches in circumference at the base.

BUFFALO JONES, of Garden City, is about to capture a large range in No Man's Land for his herd of buffaloes. It is well some one is looking after the welfare of the bison, or else it will soon be an extinct race.

AN exchange says the girls of that village are stuffing their pillows with love letters received from their adored ones. Don't do it girls. They might go off with some other girl, and then you'd be sorry you slept at all.

ELLIS county has 75,000 acres sown in wheat. This is a splendid showing for a new western county. By practical experience the farmers of Ellis county have found out what the profitable crop in western Kansas consists of. Let our farmers imitate their example.

WILL Trego county join the emigration bureau? or will we let those in search of homes pass us by and go where they are asking them to come and join them as neighbors and friends and assist in developing the country? Let us go to work, and let it be known we are alive.

TWO young men, Oscar Roberts and Arthur Butcher, had plans laid to abduct ex Senator Tabor, of Denver, and laid a plot to fleece him of \$50,000 as a ransom for his release. The plan leaked out, and the young adventurers were arrested and are now in durance vile.

THE senior proprietor of this paper has been subject to frequent colds for some years, which were sure to lay him up if not doctored at once. He finds that Chamberlain's cough remedy is reliable. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and restores the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the attack and often cures in a single day what would otherwise have been a severe cold.—Northwestern Hotel Reporter, Des Moines, Iowa. 50 cent bottles for sale by H. J. Hille.

SPECIAL RATE 179. Rates on the certificate plan have been made for meetings specified below: Passengers paying full fare going will be returned at one-third fare on certificates signed by the secretary of the meeting, as per rate circular No. 158, 1889.

Annual Meeting I. O. O. F., Kansas City, Kansas, March 11th to 13th. Ed. F. Blinn, Kansas City, Kansas, will sign certificates. Friends' Quarterly Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, March 1st and 21. Jno. D. Miles, Railroad Secretary, Lawrence, Kansas, will sign certificates.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Finney county has a poor house, but it has never had an occupant as a county charge, and no relief is furnished outside of this poor house. Can any other county in the state show as good a record?—Garden City Inprint.

Sedgwick county leads the state in the aggregate yield of corn last year, her crop amounting to 7,928,200 bushels. Jewell comes next with 7,852,850, and Sumner third with 7,380,000. The average yield per acre was about the same in each county.—Wichita Eagle.

The present distress of the farmers of the west is due to credit; any man who habitually buys on credit will be ruined. It is a system that always brings trouble in its train, and the farmers of the west are its greatest patrons. They can never become successful until they quit it. No man can become successful until he quits bad habits of finance. A man's money affairs are his vital interests; if they are not promptly attended to, he will fail. A man who buys more than he can pay for, and is known as slow pay, is setting fire to his own house.—Atchison Globe.

The postage stamp will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this year. As everything in existence, so the postage stamp had to be invented, and this example is due to the printer James Chalmers, of Dundee, who died in 1833, and who finally with his system, the adhesive postage stamp, conquered the whole civilized world. At first it was England who, fifty years ago, introduced the postage stamp, and who, according to the decree of December 21, 1830, issued the first stamps for public use on May 6, 1840. A year later they were introduced into the United States and Switzerland, and again, a few years later, in Bavaria, Belgium and France.—Ex.

Care of Farm Implements. No building on a farm pays better than a good toolhouse. It should be convenient of access that there need be no excuse for leaving farm implements exposed to the weather when not used. Properly cared for, many implements that now last only a few years ought to be serviceable so long as the farmer lived to need them. Besides, a tool that has not been rusted, warped and cracked by exposure will work as well the second and third years of use as the first. On many farms tools are so much injured by being left out of doors that after the first season they cost more for repairs than they save in labor.—Ex.

The Salt Industry.

The salt industry of Kansas is becoming an important one, and one whose magnitude is little thought of. It beats the sorghum sugar business all to pieces. In the year 1886, the year of its discovery, there were 12,000 barrels produced. Last year Kansas took her place among the largest salt producing states. Salt was first struck at Ellsworth at a depth of 730 feet, then at Hutchinson, Lyons, Great Bend, Nickerson, Kingman and Anthony. Hutchinson has twelve salt plants in operation, each turning out from 500 to 1,200 barrels per day. Anthony ranks next as the most important center, her two plants having a daily output of 1,500 barrels. However, all the towns mentioned have salt plants in operation, and it is believed that in the future all salt used west of the Mississippi river will be supplied by Kansas.

Justice Brewer on Kansas.

"In my boyhood's geography, Kansas was put down as a part of the great American desert, and yet she has made the wilderness bud and blossom as the rose. This year out from her plains she has wrested 280,000,000 bushels of corn and 35,000,000 of wheat, and half the sod within her borders has never yet been turned. But grander far than any material development has been the pathway which she has lined with school houses and churches. Go where you will through her borders, and there stand before you the open doors of the school house, in whose portal is ever present the Yankee schoolmarm, priestess of virtue and prophetess of knowledge and glory; while the spires of thousands of churches attest the universal faith in Him for whose worship our fathers crossed the sea. It is no wonder that in the past of his state every Kansan glories, and in the future believes. This is the home of modern pilgrims. Here is the real puritan. Plymouth Rock has been moved from Massachusetts to Kansas, and from this henceforth shall flow the ideas to rule the continent. It is honor enough to have lived in Kansas and been a part of her history; and though my work in the future must largely be in Washington, I shall continue to write my name, with gratitude and pride, 'of Leavenworth, Kansas.'—Ex.

The Nicodemus Colony.

The most heroic chapter in the history of the colored people of Kansas was the establishment of the Nicodemus colony. In the summer of 1877, too late to make a crop, the colonists gathered on the bare prairies of Graham county. They passed the following winter in such rude shelters as they could construct, dug-outs and the like, their only fuel the scattered cottonwoods along the Solomon. When spring came there were 300 men, women and children, with but three horses to the party. The colonists dug up the sod with hoes and mattocks, and when the grain was grown, pulled it with their hands, for want of even sickles. Determined to hold their lands, the men wandered near and far in search of work,

some walking to Colorado, while the women held down the claims. By such toil as this the "first families" of Graham finally read their titles clear to their quarter sections and accomplished the first successful attempt by colored people to establish themselves on the public lands of the United States.

- Kansas Firsts. 1. The first white man in Kansas was Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, in 1542. 2. The first charter including Kansas was given by James I. of England, May 23, 1609. It was the second charter of Virginia. The first Virginia charter (1606) included the part of Kansas south of 38 degrees north latitude. 3. Kansas first became part of the United States by the Louisiana purchase, made April 30, 1803. 4. The first American to explore Kansas was Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike, in May and June, 1806. 5. The first victory of freedom in Kansas was the United States law passed March 6, 1820. (Missouri compromise.) 6. The first Santa Fe train crossed Kansas in the summer of 1823. 7. The first settlement was made at Fort Leavenworth in 1827. 8. The first organization of Kansas as a territory was May 30, 1854, (Kansas-Nebraska bill.) 9. The first newspaper printed in Kansas was the Leavenworth Herald. The first issue was dated September 15, 1854, and was printed under an elm tree on Cherokee street. 10. The first free-state party was from Massachusetts, and was led by C. H. Branscomb. They founded Lawrence, July 30, 1854. 11. The first postoffice was established at Fort Leavenworth, May 29, 1858. 12. The first convention of free-state men was held in Lawrence, August 14 and 15, 1855. Jas. H. Lane, M. F. Conway, J. K. Goodin, Chas. Robinson and John Brown, Jr., were members. 13. The first census was taken in February, 1855, showing a population of 8,601. 14. The first election was held March 30, 1855, under proclamation of Governor Reeder. 15. The first railroad was the Elwood and Marysville. It was built in 1860, and the first locomotive, the "Albany," was placed on the track April 23.—Ex.

Travellers may learn a lesson from Mr. C. D. Cone, a prominent attorney of Parker, Dakota, who says "I never leave home without taking a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with me, and on many occasions have run with it to the relief of some sufferer and have never known it to fail. For sale by H. J. Hille.

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