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## KANSAS NEWS.

Articles of incorporation were yesterday filed in the office of the secretary of the state by the "St. Louis, Wichita, Hays City & Southwestern Railway company." The object of this corporation is to build, equip and operate a standard gauge railroad from railroad connection with St. Louis, Missouri and Wichita, Kansas, through the counties of Sedgwick, Reno, Stafford, Rice, Barton, Rush, Ellis, Rooks, Phillips, Graham, Norton and Decatur, in the state of Kansas, to railroad connections in the state of Nebraska. Hays City is named as the principal place of transacting the business of the company, which is organized for a term of ninety-nine years and with a capital stock of \$2,000,000 in \$20,000 \$100 shares. There are fifteen members of the board of directors, as follows: W. Warden, Aust Corbin and Isa Williamson, Pennsylvania; H. J. Roetz and E. L. Chapman, of Barton county, Kansas; A. C. Sanderson, of Rooks county; John Bissell, of Phillips; W. R. Hill, of Graham; L. K. Pratt, of Norton, and A. Patchen, of Decatur county Kansas.—*Topeka Commonwealth*.

The Rock Island road will have its branch from St. Joseph to Topeka completed and in operation in about two weeks. At what western point the Rock Island will stop building its extension is a question which no one outside the managers of the road can answer, but it is now generally believed that it will build through to the Pacific coast. It is known that the company has purchased more steel rails than will be used in the construction of the road along lines already surveyed, and this fact rather gives color to the report that a Pacific coast extension is under consideration, if it has not been practically decided upon.—*Atchison Globe*.

At Wiley on February 3rd., the three months' old child of John Gill was burned to death and the mother, in attempting to rescue it, had her clothes set on fire and barely escaped the same terrible fate. The mother had left the child in the tent at Stonaker's camp on Six Mile creek, fourteen miles from here to go to a spring for water. During her absence some straw burning near the tent set the canvas on fire. After the tent had been totally consumed the body of the infant was found burned to a crisp.

In conversation with Col. James Morrow, of Lyons, while at McPherson, Col. Fisher imparted the information that as soon as the Hutchinson line was completed from McPherson, the attention of the Rock Island managers will be turned to building a line from McPherson to Great Bend via Lyons. We don't know what our neighbors in Sterling may think of the project.—*Lyons Democrat*.

A fine vein of Tennessee granite has been opened a half mile north of town. It is indeed beautiful, susceptible of as high a polish as our best imported granite, and being found in practically inexhaustible quantities, will prove a bonanza to our city and county.—*Yates Center Democrat*.

The report that Orth Stein had killed a telegraph operator named Howard Stone at Price's Station, in Utah, proved to be incorrect. The murderer's name is Steen, a youth of only nineteen years. Stone, the murdered man, formerly resided in Woodson county Kansas.

The Leavenworth Times having said that "Chautauqui is the banner cotton county of Kansas," the Cherryvale Torch replies: "The Times evidently is not acquainted with Captain McTaggart's cotton farm in Montgomery county."

In Labette county the county printing has been divided between two papers, each of which is to receive one-half of legal rates for the delinquent tax list and other advertising.

The state historical society has received a photograph of Major General Philip St. George, who commanded in Kansas during the trouble in 1856. He is now living at Detroit.

A four pound German carp and several smaller ones were recently caught in Cow creek, in Rice county, Kansas, where these fish have lived when turned loose to run wild.

A 20 inch vein of coal has been discovered at Admire City, Osage county. It is said to be inexhaustible. The mine will be opened immediately.—*Salina Republican*.

Buffalo meat is selling in this city at fifteen cents a pound. Just ten years ago, it could be bought for two and a half cents per pound.—*Dodge City Globe*.

The State Legislature will be called upon to pass a bill providing for the payment of a royalty on all sugar manufactured from cane in Kansas.

The waterworks bonds of Junction City, \$50,000 in amount, when sold realized \$53,200. Good credit.

One of the old time scenes of Dodge City was enacted last Saturday night. It was a regular round up by deputy sheriffs and the consequences were nearly fatal to one of our policemen, Jas. Begley. It was a general display of firearms and brutal attacks on people who happened to come in their way. No opposition was offered them and they captured the town. Two of the policemen handed in their resignations on the following Monday and Mr. Fred Singer had the entire work to do until some more men were appointed. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the gang who did the work but they had skipped out for pastures new. They have the best wishes of the citizens that they will like their new location well enough to stay.—*Dodge City Democrat*.

The Union Prospecting Coal & Mining company of Little River, Rice county, Kansas, was chartered yesterday with a capital of \$1,000,000, and the following officers: H. T. Smith, president; H. J. Harvey, vice-president; A. M. Smith, treasurer; E. Z. Smith, secretary. The purpose of this company is to prospect for coal, until there is a certainty one way or the other, either coal or no coal. Mr. C. B. Smith will be elected general manager, and operations will be begun at once, about four miles northwest of Little River, on either Mr. Harvey's or H. T. Smith's farm.—*Lyons Democrat*.

While a masquerade ball was in progress at Freeport, a small town a few miles west of Wellington Kan., in Harper county, a paper head-dress worn by Miss Cora Boulder caught fire from a bracket lamp near which she was standing. She immediately pulled the cap from her head and threw it upon the floor, but while endeavoring to tramp it under her foot, her dress, which was also trimmed in paper, caught fire, and she was burned to death in the presence of one hundred panic stricken people.

Senator J. W. White has again succeeded in convicting one of those who circulated the slander concerning his connection with the Rice county safe robbery some years ago. Last week in the District Court, a verdict of guilty was brought in against W. J. Fuller, formerly of Lyons, but now of Jetmore, and the jury awarded Senator White \$20,000 damages.

A bill has been introduced into the legislature to compel Lawrence to pay the \$100,000 university bonds assumed by the state, on the ground that the law assuming them was unconstitutional.

There is in Fort Scott an extensive saw-mill, built for the purpose and constantly employed in sawing up pine logs brought in from Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

The wheat prospect on the Kansas frontier is better now than it is in the fertile country between Atchison and Clifton which was the case last year at this season.

Dodge City had another blaze on the 22d inst., the Hotel de Van being the building involved. The fire was soon extinguished by the fire department.

There is a project on foot at St. John to sell the public square at that place for \$35,000 and apply this amount to the liquidation of the county debt.

A new roller process flouring mill was started at Blue Rapids last week, with a capacity of 150 barrels per day. Barlow, McGrew & Co., proprietors.

The Lane county inhabitants are kicking because the county line committee took six tiers of townships off of Lane county to establish Buffalo.

In Southern Kansas farmers demand 35 cents for corn, but 30 cents is the price usually paid, as the retail price brings but from 35 to 40 cents.

Anderson county school ma'ams have organized a female immigration society for the purpose of locating a female college on No Man's Land.

A mail route has been ordered to be established at once between Topeka and Fort Scott, on the Kansas, Nebraska & Dakota railroad.

Jewell county raised about 150,000 bushel of corn last year, which was more than was raised in any county of its size in the state.

William Beiche, of Summerville, Ottawa county, committed suicide last week. Disappointment in love the cause.

Anthony, Harper county, has subscribed for eight electric lights for lighting the city at an annual cost of \$17,000.

Nine druggists of Topeka pleaded guilty to violation of the prohibitory law and were sentenced on Tuesday.

The Hutchinson News says that over \$1,200,000 worth of improvements will be made in that city during 1887.

Newton is to build a four story hotel to cost \$18,000.

The library of the Kansas penitentiary contains 6,000 volumes.

The Rock Island will be running trains into Topeka next week.

The biggest boom ever known in Kansas is just beginning to swell.

Jacob O. Rey, aged 75 years, one of the oldest residents of Phillips county, died last week.

The sorghum syrup works at Sterling appear to have been operated successfully the past season.

The endeavor of Senator Fair's son to make Congressman Page take a drink at the point of a pistol has awakened wide-spread interest. It adds another feature to the already complicated problem of official etiquette in Washington. The question arises, how far has a congressman the right to disobey the commands of a rich senator's son? Young Fair desired to treat Mr. Page, and being the offspring of one of the wealthiest members of the senate, was entitled to more consideration than he received. Fair, however, was not without the means of enforcing his princely orders. He carries a revolver, and knows when to use it in vindication of his defied prerogative. It is pleasant to see the sons of millionaire senators rising thus boldly to a practical recognition of their hereditary privileges. When a congressman so far forgets himself as to snub the hilarious son of the Silver King he is evidently blind to the niceties of modern plutocratic etiquette.—*New York World*.

Hiram Neversweat from San Antonio: "I met a Kansas man yesterday—a prominent prohibitionist republican from the interior—and had a long talk with him in the 'House of Lords,' a saloon that justly boasts bigger glasses of beer than any other house in town, and the least foam in the glass. In reply to a query concerning the political situation at home, he swallowed a schooner of lager and said: 'The situation is lovely. We have closed the accursed rum holes in every town except Leavenworth, and that is on our list. In six months there will not be a groggery in the state, please the Lord.' I asked him why he, a man who liked his beer so well, was so opposed to saloons, and, after calling for and emptying another immense schooner, he replied: 'Well, you see, I am a politician by profession. I live on what I am able to make of politics. Therefore I am compelled to stand in with the prohibitionists who dictate the policy of my party. At first I did this for poli-cy's sake; in other words I was a hypocrite. But gradually I became a prohibitionist in earnest, and now I am one of the fore-most, adherents of the doctrine.' I asked him if he drank while he was at home, and, ordering another schooner and drinking it at two draughts, he said: 'Yes, I am sorry to say I do. I try to keep it a secret, but when I am found out I affect great penitence, attend religious services and temperance meetings, and am soon forgiven.' 'Do you,' I said, 'think this game will last long?' After ordering a fresh schooner, he said: 'Candidly, I don't think it will. It will last until the old set of politicians\* die off with drug store whiskey, and then a man who expects to get\* office must be a prohibitionist in practice as well as by profession. For when the women get to voting (as they will in less than two years) they will not give a man a chance whose breaths \*smells off\* whiskey.' 'Do you,' I inquired, 'expect to be elected to the office you now occupy?' 'Yes,' said he, 'ordering more beer, 'I do.' The luck\* of Cliff Baker for State printer has given me courage to make the race. I—But I must be going, or I'll be\* to d—d drunk to get to my hotel. Good-bye, I would have accompanied him, but he was so drunk that I was ashamed to be seen in his company. I could not help regarding it as a funny circumstance that I had met a prominent Kansas prohibitionist who made such hog of himself that a rum fiend was ashamed to be seen on the street with him.' (\*hic).—*Atchison Globe*.

Among the stories told at the New England dinner in New York last week was the annexed: There was an old preacher once who told some boys of the Bible lesson he was to read in the morning. The boys, finding the pace, glued together the connecting pages. The next morning he read on the bottom of one page: 'When Noah was 120 years old he took unto himself a wife, who was, then turning the page, 140 cubits long, 40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood and covered with pitch inside and out! He was naturally puzzled at this. He read it again, verified it, and then said, 'My friends, this is the first time I ever read this in the Bible, but I accept it as evidence of the assertion that we are fearfully made.'—*Ex*.

## CHOICE SELECTIONS

BRILLIANT AUTHORS.

QUEENSWARE!

"O wad some pow'r the giftie gie us  
To see ourselves as others see us!  
It wad frae many a blunder free us  
And foolish notions;  
What airs in dress an' gait wad lee us  
And ee's a' devotion."

There were four crows sat on the ground—  
Carrot colored, brindle, white and brown;  
Said one old crow unto his mate:  
"Keeney is getting away with the baggage of late!"

Said the old white crow, with solemn mien,  
In the most solemn manner ever was seen:  
"Something must be done, or sure as you're born  
We'll have to eat shucks, instead of corn!"

The wise old crow then croaked his jaw  
And slowly scratching his beak with his claw,  
Said, "Surely, something has got to be done—  
For Keeney he is a son of a gun!"  
Then they all looked as wise as wise could be  
And the wise old crow looked the wisest of three,

As he said in a voice so solemn and low,  
"We'll go out and COMPEL people to buy, you know!"  
Then they all joined in  
A loud refrain—  
For they had, (in their minds,)  
Downed Keeney again.

"There was a man in our town,  
And he was wondrous wise;  
He jumped into a bramble bush  
And scratched out both his eyes."  
MORAL.—Don't be a bramble bush.

"Seest thou a man diligent in business,  
he shall stand before kings,  
he shall not stand before mean men."

"But, mouse, thou art no thy lane,  
In prying, foresight may be vain:  
The best laid schemes o' mice an' men  
Gang aft agley,  
An' lea'e us naught but grief an' pain  
For promis'd joy."

"He who by the plow would thrive  
Himself must either hold or drive."

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