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WE made the Daily Chronoscope of Larned, a short visit last Saturday, and found it prospering as it deserves to. The papers of Kansas are doing a great work for the state.

THERE is every reason for our people to rejoice and look forward to even greater prosperity in the future than in the past. Our boom is backed by all that makes booms permanent. Let us do our part and the rest shall be added unto us.

ST. LOUIS has scored an important victory over her great rival—Chicago—in the recently promulgated freight rates from New York to Missouri River points. According to that schedule shippers will save 8 cents on first class, 4 cents on second class and 2 cents on third class, by shipping via St. Louis instead of Chicago.

KANSAS cities have had fierce struggles this year for city officers, but we hope they have all acted as Great Bend has done—forgot the election and all its feeling the day after. This is the only way to insure the continuance of the great boom.

THERE will be neither stopping nor flagging in our boom, if our people will continue their zeal. Everything is in Great Bend's favor, and all we need is work on the part of our citizens. But we need water works, we need streets lighted and other public works ought to be pushed. This is the way to keep our boom moving.

THE editors have sent in their passes, and we presume the railroads are happy. But the question is still in doubt whether the editors haven't, as a class, more than paid for every ride over the roads of Kansas. Of course there are some papers whose advertising is worth but little to railroads, but we believe the majority in the state would be willing to pay for their rides, if on the other hand the roads will pay for the space occupied by time tables, etc.

If there is a city or town of any considerable importance in Kansas that is not experiencing a boom, we have failed to hear of it. Even the staid old fossils of eastern Kansas, like Atchison, Leavenworth, Lawrence and Ft. Scott are waking up, and "humping" themselves to keep up with the cities of Central Kansas.—McPherson Democrat.

To all of which we can heartily subscribe. But the greatest of all the booms is here at Great Bend, and it daily grows wider and broader and deeper.

THE Arkansas Valley Democrat published at Arkansas City, in its issue of last week copies two articles from the Barton county Democrat for which we receive no credit.

One of the articles in question our good friend McIntire, used for an editorial descriptive of Arkansas City and Cowley county, substituting them for Great Bend and Barton county in the original. The second article also referred to Great Bend and instead was substituted Arkansas City. This is hardly the courtesy we should expect from our able and generous contemporary, whose personal good will we value so highly.

THE outside world is just beginning to realize the brilliant future that is opening for Great Bend. For three years the city has been growing and each year has been more brilliant than its predecessor. Last year all of us were satisfied that our city had made wonderful progress. But it was nothing when compared with the growth of this year. Property has advanced with giant strides, and the growth of the city in population and wealth has fully kept pace with the advance of property. We have passed the period when there is any doubt about the future of the city. As well as anything yet in the future can be foretold we can speak of Great Bend. And we can assure our readers that this is the coming metropolis of Central Kansas.

It gives us pleasure to announce a fine girl who made her appearance last Saturday at the residence of Chas. E. Dodge. The price of lots on the north side will now take another jump.

JUST BEGUN.

As a Strong man Rejoiceth to run a Race, so Does the Fair City of Great Bend Gird Herself as she Prepares for her Onward Career.

Like Mantua's Poet, her Motto is, "Situr Ad Astra"—Come Where Fortunes Await you.

Notwithstanding that this week has been one of political excitement throughout the state and business has suffered somewhat from this cause, yet, save a short lull for a day or two, it has had a perceptible effect on the advancing tide of Great Bend's boom. If anyone had an idea that the real estate excitement was only a temporary flurry that would shortly blow over, the events of this week should disabuse his mind. Notwithstanding an exceedingly hot municipal contest, the real estate transfers for the week ending to-day, make a splendid showing, aggregating very nearly \$100,000. If our city can make such an exhibit as this when we have gone through the trying ordeal of an election and when, in most cities of the state, business was at a comparative stand-still, what can she do when the circumstances are favorable? Every friend of Great Bend must feel proud of her record during this week, and those who have their eyes turned this way ought to be encouraged to come on.

Beginning with Monday and closing with this evening, the tendency of real estate has been steadily upward, day by day. We have talked this week with several gentlemen, who came to see if it were true that Great Bend is enjoying the boom ascribed to her by the DEMOCRAT, and in each and every instance they have said that half the truth has not been told. One thing that strikes them with peculiar force is the character and number of buildings now going up. When men, who know Great Bend and her prospects, begin to put up a block that will cost \$20,000, or, hotels, two of them, each costing from \$25,000 to \$35,000, it means something.

The tide is on and naught will stop it. The wondrous development is in its infancy and the great fortunes are yet to be made. Men, who came here only a few months since, have made investments and realized one hundred per cent. on them. Each day bring new additions to our growing population. This time last year we modestly contented ourselves with claiming a population of 2,500, but to-day the city has over 4,000. This is why Great Bend is booming, it is growing. Growing in numbers, growing in wealth, growing in everything that goes to make a great city.

HOW IT STANDS.

Fifteen of the thirty-eight states at the present time have republican governors. Twenty-three states, including Rhode Island which yesterday elected a democratic governor, are under democratic administrations.

In only eight of the fifteen states having republican governors, namely, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont, did their chief executives receive a majority of the total vote cast. The republican governors of New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin all hold their offices by a plurality vote.

We invite our republican friends, who feel so jubilant over their little victories in Kansas, to study these figures, and see what hope they afford of the election of a republican president in 1888.

No wonder the astute republican leaders, who are back of the John Sherman movement, should desire to recover West Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, etc. to make up for the certain loss to the republican party of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana, Wisconsin, and other northern states.—Topeka Democrat.

From Clarence.
Mr. Editor—After reading your oft repeated request for a correspondent at every post-office in the county, I pen these few lines venturing to hope they will meet the editor's approval, and find space in the column of the DEMOCRAT.

I cannot promise to write every week, but, as fast as I can reap a grist of items, they will be sent to the editorial mill and be published; or, dreadful to contemplate, be consigned to the waste basket.

With reasonable rains Clarence will retain the good reputation as a wheat producing township that she has made in former years, and will undoubtedly send a longer stream of the golden cereal to the Great Bend elevators than ever before. An unusually larger acreage of oats will be harvested this year.

Miss Mary Cline was in the metropolis Saturday.

Henry Elling is fencing his pasture, and repairing the house generally. I understand that Mr. M. Jurgensen will shortly begin the erection of a new residence.

A parairie fire raged in the north west part of Clarence on the 1st inst., but I am unable to tell on whose land it was.

Hush! whisper it softly break the news gently editor, for I do not wish to startle this community too much by saying suddenly that John Jurgensen has at last traded off "Old Sam."

A much used sentence Saturday: "Is it hot enough for you?" another one: "Say, do you ever expect to see any more rain?"

The public sale at John Price's place last Friday was well attended.

C. Rucler was in town Saturday.

Thomas Jurgensen, one of our most promising young men, who is at present in the employ of a Great Bend clothing house, came out the other day with a grim resolve to slay every wild goose that dared to venture into Clarence. How well he succeeded I am not prepared to say. Ask Tom.

Last Sunday the playful zephyra from the west concentrated all their fury on the inoffensive hay-stacks built by our farmers with so much care last autumn, and with "ghoulish glee" (a presidential adjective) tossed and twirled about the product of mowing machine and "go devil" with no more conscience than it filled our eyes with our neighbors real estate.

Master George Hale, son of Mrs. Hale the artist, is the guest of his aunt Mrs. Frank Cline.

Miss Eliga Soomiller is teaching the young ideas how to shoot at district No. 11.

Mr. Wilkison our P. M. was in the city Saturday.

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Orders left at Henry Wildgen's barn, south side of the square will receive prompt attention.

JOSEPH WILDGEN.

Choice Selections

FROM BRILLIANT AUTHORS

"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 notion;
What airs in dress an' gait wad lea'e us
And ev'n devotion."

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

Said the old white crow, with solemn air,
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 crooked 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 compeet 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 bramblebush
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, mouseie, thou art no thy lane,
In proving, 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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