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THE *Tribune* gave us a dose of those "heartless plates" last Friday. And has it come to this completion at last?

WESTWARD the stream of immigration still pours, and Great Bend is receiving a liberal portion of it. Come on, there's room for thousands yet.

THE long dead-lock in the Florida legislature has been broken by the election of Hon. Samuel Pasco as U. S. Senator. Mr. Jones, the former Senator, devoted too much time to matrimonial affairs to suit the people of Florida, and they retired him.

THE *Herald*, published at Industry, Kansas, is a new visitor at our office. Like most Kansas papers it is of the progressive school, and McGregor himself was not more loyal to his native heath than it is to Industry. Long may the *Herald* herald the matchless worth of Kansas.

TOPEKA is so exceedingly moral that the mayor and council would not permit a circus in the city limits. And yet Topeka welcomes a meeting of the State Legislature with open arms.

Hush, hush, my lad, such thoughts resign, Comparisons are cruel,
Fine pictures suit in frames as fine, Consistency's a jewel!"

THE *Leoti Transcript* of May the 19th has a long editorial in regard to moving the land office from Wa-Keeney to a place more centrally located. The *Transcript* argues that it is unjust to be in one corner of the district while the vast majority of the business is transacted by men living a long way from its present location. Of course the *Transcript* favors Leoti for the land office, and it brings forward many strong arguments in favor of the position it takes.

In a recent letter one of our correspondents complains that several mistakes are made in his letter. Such things will occur, especially in a daily paper where the time given to correction is necessarily very short. In our own manuscript there are often errors calculated to make one smile. A few days since we were made to say "culminate" where it should have been "calumniate"; and then we had "abstractedly" where we intended "abstractly". We say this in order to show our correspondent that it is not through inattention that these errors occur, but the result of hurrying.

THERE was never a time in the history of the Knights of Labor when there was greater need for the members to heed the wise and conservative advice of their leader, Mr. Powderly. The country is in no humor to see the scenes of last year repeated. The action of 300 men in the coke regions of Pennsylvania last Friday, beating and maiming men whose only sin was that they were laboring for a compensation the Knights had refused, will not exalt the order in the estimation of the American people. So long as the working-men are in the right they are entitled to the sympathy of the people. But when they transgress the law they are nothing but law breakers, and no organization can long remain respectable where such things are countenanced.

THE following editorial we clip from the *Larned Chronicle*, a staunch republican paper. We are not prepared to say how many republicans in the state will endorse the sentiment of the *Chronicle*, but we are inclined to believe that they would be vastly in the minority. Blaine is still the idol of Kansas republicans: "The fact that Blaine is letting the discussion of his candidacy continue without entering his protest belittles the man who has already received a goodly measure of his party's respect and homage. Blaine cannot be elected, even if he were nominated, and he ought to know it by this time. Conditions are not changed in his favor from two years ago. His name ought to be dropped from the list, and if the papers refuse to do this, he himself ought to give the people to understand that he doesn't want to jeopardize the success of the party which has honored him, and which he in turn honored, by following further the forlorn ambition of his life."

Mr. LaFayette Weaver, treasurer of Barton county, is attending the U. S. land office as defendant in a timber claim suit.—*Chronoscope*.

The people will feel better and our boom will grow since the seasonable rains.

The windows of heaven were opened and the rain came.

The farmers, the real estate men and the merchants, are happy over the crop prospects.

The man who does not own a home cannot appreciate "The Old Oaken Bucket," nor any other of the simple poems that touch the heart; his children will never have those "scenes of their childhood which fond recollection presents to our view." Instead of the cosy, nestling home, is the cramped tenement, with its bleak back yard and its dusty street in front. Instead of the proud glance from front gate to gable, with the sweet sense of ownership, is the uneasy watching for the never-failing landlord and rent day. If our young men will make a very slight effort they can lay by enough of their weekly salaries in a short time to purchase a lot or two in one of the pleasant additions to Great Bend, and at a small outlay can fence, plant to trees and so improve the same that in a very few years it will be a source of honest pride, and the starting of a home. Do not delay, boys, but take our advice, and you will never regret your action.

Was it Lew Judson?

The *Greensburg Rustler* gives an account of how a Coldwater banker beat a lightning rod man, as follows: The banker after receiving many propositions, agreed to have the rod put up and agreed to pay one-third cash, balance in six and twelve months. The rod was put up and the man came in for a settlement. The banker said: "Well, I am ready to give my notes, but if you will allow me the same rate of interest I get over the counter I will pay the cash." The lightning rod man said that just suited him. Witnesses were called and the proposition stated to them so there could be no dodging. The banker commenced figuring interest on thirty days, same as short time loans. When the last payment was due the aforesaid lightning rod man owed the banker seventy-five cents. This is the first case on record where a lightning rod agent was downed.—*Kingman Courier*.

A Lively Time.

Judging from the following which we clip from the *Kingman Daily Courier* they are having a lively time down there.

With its customary penchant for indulging in falsehood, when the truth would answer the purpose much better, the last issue of the *Morning Trump* contains a long article regarding an encounter between one John J. Strickland and the writer hereof. That it is most highly colored to suit the purposes of the reprobate who wrote it need not be adverted to here.

It is a well known fact that John J. Strickland, is a walking arsenal so far as the supply of pistols which he carries about with him constantly, is concerned. It is also well known that he has never borne any love for the editor of this paper, when, therefore, Wednesday night, Strickland met the editor of the *Courier*, who had stepped into a place of business on Main street, after having attended a meeting at the Masonic hall, and Strickland without the slightest provocation made an assault upon the editor, drawing at the same time two pistols, he found the editor prepared to meet him. For a brief time there were three pistols flashing in the air, but bystanders succeeded in disarming the editor. Strickland's "pops" were soon relinquished also, and there the matter ended.

When the little *Trump* says that the editor of the *Courier* played the part of a coward, it says what is not true. There were some eight or ten witnesses of the assault and all know so far as the writer is concerned he acted the part of a man. If the little *Trump* thinks Foley is so cowardly, why don't it amuse itself sometime by trying to scare him to death.

The law which cannot be, upon constitutional principles, enforced, is a hindrance, a danger, a demoralizing influence. The law which is not sustained in principle by the majority of honest and intelligent citizens is not one which will further its professed object as fully as would one which the mind and heart of the people endorse.—*Providence Journal*.

BOOMING WICHITA.

The following letter was written from Wichita to the editor of the *Vincennes Commercial*. The truth is, there's getting to be a deal of exaggeration in this booming business, and the irony of this letter is probably merited by many other places as well as Wichita:

WICHITA, KAN., May 9.—Allow me to thank you for a copy of your paper containing picture of the new city hall. I have adopted the exact plan for my new coal shed and wash room, now in course of construction. The outside world is unfortunate in having no means, save by actual presence, in knowing the enormous strides this city is making to catch up with London, England, and there is scarcely a doubt but it will lead that city in population by July 1. It has grown too fast for even the *Eagle*, and that paper will likely be entirely overhauled—new presses, new head and a new editor supplied within ten days. After that, it will appear each morning as a ninety-six column quarto, printed on tinted oil silk.

Correspondents who write from here to friends in Vincennes don't do the subject more than half justice. There are 2,800 seven-story buildings now being erected, with 9,000 brown stone dwellings half finished. The families with their "plunder" in the streets in front, and cursing the mechanics for not hurrying on with their work.

From this you will understand that our saw mill and brick yard are taxed to their utmost capacity—some twenty hands being employed at each. Four miles in either direction, lots are held at \$600 per square inch and no takers. A blind begger struck the town last Thursday—ragged, homeless and half drunk. He stationed himself on the corner near the brick drug store and held out his battered hat for alms. At dusk he had gathered in \$12,000 in nickels and his sight was restored.

The new Young Men's Christian association quarters, began two weeks ago, are completed at a cost of \$2,000,000. They occupy five acres in one corner of the public square. Special rates will be secured on railroads for young men (Christians) to come and occupy them. We have none of that kind of young men here, as the youth of the town are in the real estate business.

Please don't let your prejudice cast this letter into the waste basket, as I have been at great pains to get the facts, and refer you to Perry Hood for the truth of what I say.

Yours Boomingly,
P. BOLLIVER.

Pawnee Rock Election.

Following are the city officers elected at Pawnee Rock on last Wednesday, the 18th inst. The contest was a lively one, and it is to be hoped our sister city has received a good set of officers. The majority ranged from 14 to 50.

Mayor, W. R. Bunting; Police Judge, Chas. Gano; Councilmen, W. H. Bowman, William Walton, K. Benefield, J. H. Hepler and W. S. McDougall.

For Poker.

From the *Detroit Free Press*.
He had been out night after night for several weeks, claiming to be a member of the Business Men's association, and that his presence at the meetings was a positive necessity. The other morning Mrs. Barker cornered him at the breakfast table with:

"See here, Richard, but one of the servants saw you in a Monroe avenue saloon last night."

"Yes; that's where the association meets."

"What! A Business Men's association meet in a saloon!"

"Certainly."

"But you were drinking beer and playing cards."

"Certainly I was. You don't seem to know the object of a business Men's association! Did you suppose we went there to sit down and look at the ceiling?"

Willing To Reciprocate.

"I would like to pass to New York, if you please. I believe you are permitted to give passes to the clerical profession?"

"Yes; the Interstate law gives us that privilege, I believe. You are a member of that profession? Yes? What name? (Writes out the pass and hands it to the applicant with a gracious bow.) And where do you preach, Mr. Blander?"

"Preach? I don't preach anywhere."

"But you said you were a clergyman?"

"Not I. I said I was a member of the clerical profession. Clerk down in Julia's saloon. Call around and see us. Glad to reciprocate. So long."—*Boston Transcript*.

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