

SATURDAY'S STORM!

Considerable Damage Done to  
Barns, Sheds and Small  
House—The Armstrong  
Catastrophe.

SINCE our visit to Larned on the 4th, a number of people have asked us how we liked Larned as compared to the city of Great Bend. We would say that Larned has some handsome and substantial business houses which show in their architecture that money was not spared in their construction. She has some as fine residences and grounds as can be found in western Kansas. Her people appear to be thrifty and enterprising, working together pretty unanimously on anything they undertake. As regards their expenditure of money in fine buildings, they have always had plenty of money coming into the town. The land office has been the means of bringing people into the town constantly, and while Great Bend has been dependent on the surrounding country for her support, and has been subject to the influences of bad or good crops, wet or dry seasons, Larned has had her constant stream of land office business. This business is becoming less for them every day, and there is no disputing the fact that Pawnee cannot begin to compare in settlement and tillable land with Barton county. Larned has seen the days of her most rapid growth while Great Bend has just entered upon her period of advancement.

ONCE and a while in our daily rounds for the public good we meet a man who sets up the cry that the slack in trade the last few weeks is the beginning of a general depression that will visit the whole country. Such walls come alone from men who take no note of the general business prospects of the country and who gauge the business they expect to do to-morrow by the dollars they have handled to-day in their own individual business, and not from the natural results of outside affairs. To all such we will say, crawl out of your shell, drop this hide-bound fashion of looking at small affairs and expecting they will have the ruling influence over the country's welfare. Kansas is to-day at the head of all the union in her crop prospects, her climate advantages, and the wealth and enterprise of her citizens. Barton county will pile up the greatest corn crop she has ever gathered, and Great Bend will this fall receive the greatest influx of people that has ever entered her precincts.

THE remarks so recently heard on every hand that "the chinch bugs are taking the corn," are now few and far between. The insect is only destructive to rapidly growing corn when the bug is young and not fully matured, as, when it is full grown and able to travel it gets up and starts on a tour of inspection instead of settling down in great numbers in any one particular locality.

NUMEROUS political rumors of a local nature are beginning to float about, and men are casting around to feel the public pulse. We believe there can be a democratic ticket put in the field this fall that will sweep everything before it. In order to get their names before the leading men of the county, candidates will do well to send in their announcements.

THE glorious Fourth has passed and gone, but the Midland & Western, a continuation of the great "Frisco," is on the way. Let every citizen use his influence in the right direction and Great Bend will be the best railroad center in central Kansas.

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The storm of last Saturday evening will not soon be forgotten by those who were in its track, and some of the oldest settlers say that for the severity of the wind and amount of water which fell its like was never before witnessed in this county. Trees throughout the town were badly damaged, and numerous small buildings overturned.

The most serious work of the storm yet reported is the wrecking of the barn and summer kitchen of John Armstrong, five miles northeast of town, Lakin township, in which both Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were seriously injured. At this point the wind came in a sudden gust which partook some of the elements of a cyclone.

Mr. Armstrong's son was in the barn, which was a large building, and was not injured as were none of the horses or cattle inside also. The wind caught the barn and lifted it up and then tore it into kindlingwood. Mr. Armstrong was caught between the timbers of the barn and a gate post, his right wrist sprained badly and his collar bone on the left side broken in two places by the flying boards and timbers. Dr. Ayres, who attended the cases, says Armstrong's injury is one of the worst of its kind he has ever had experience with.

Mrs. Armstrong was in a small summer kitchen which stood within three feet of the house, a large two story frame. The kitchen was taken up and totally demolished and the lady sustained severe injuries about the head and face, also having her back injured. The large frame house was not injured at all. It is thought that both injured parties will recover.

"SENATOR'S" SLUGGERS SLUGGED.

Hard luck and an inability to bunch their hits brought another defeat to the Great Bend ball nine Monday. The delegation from this city, consisting of the ball nine and their admirers, numbering in all about thirty, arrived at Ness City about 3 p. m. From the hotel the club went straight to the ball grounds, which was gaily decorated and crowded with people in honor of the glorious Fourth. The home club presented McHenry & Smith as their battery, while the old reliable Evans & Tate filled the points for Great Bend. The game from the outset was anybody's, and it was not till the last Great Bender was out that Ness City felt that the game was won. The visitors were especially good in battery work and infield. Ness City's outfield and batting, however, was the superior. The special features of the game were three double plays, two of which were made by W. Remick and Keiser. Howard Allison and Price carried off the batting honors, while "Red's" work in the box was faultless.

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A Carrion Bee.

The colored people of the city held a festival at Stauffer's hall Monday night, and all was going off smoothly until the murderous spirit entered the mind of one young fellow present and wrought him up to a fury which almost resulted in the taking of human life. The man doing the cutting was Thomas Hunter, an employe of the Union hotel, and his victim John Acres. It appears that some trivial occurrence brought about a misunderstanding between the two, when Hunter drew the favorite weapon of his race, a razor, and began carving right and left. Before parties could stop him he had made three ugly openings in the physical anatomy of his antagonist, one in the left side, one in the left hand, and a third across the left jaw, the latter cut only missing a vital artery by half an inch or less. Blood flowed freely but no serious results will follow, as Acres is on the streets to-day. Hunter got loose from the crowd and took refuge in his room at the hotel where the night watch, Rube Frey, found him shortly afterwards and put him under arrest.

Exchange Gleanings. Sam Jones says there is more fine land, pretty women and ugly men in Kansas than in any other state in the Union.

Kansas has her people with odd names as well as other states. Latham has a citizen by the name of Thing. This Thing may be very nice, too.

The Kansas railway commissioners have rendered an important decision to the effect that promises made to taxpayers by railroads must be carried out to the letter.

The prospects are that the corn crop in Kansas will be greater than ever before. Why should even so much as one car load of it be shipped in its raw state? Hogs and cattle should be fattened with it, and starch made out of it, so that Kansas can get the greatest amount of good from what she raises.—Lyons Republican.

The papers of Kansas are responsible for the state's present marvelous growth. They have given the state such and vertisement as no other state in the Union ever had. The brains of the Kansas press have been used the past years to develop this state into one of the most prominent and prosperous commonwealths in the Republic. No state has a more loyal set of editors than has Kansas. And what difficult tasks they have accomplished. Nothing seems impossible to them except the accumulation of money.—Marion Register.

The Midland & Western Railway Company.

Sheriff's Proclamation and Notice of a Special Election in Barton County Kansas.

To the qualified voters of Barton county, Kansas: At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, of Barton county, Kansas, held at the office of the County Clerk, of said county, in the City of Great Bend, Barton county, Kansas, on the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day, the following proceedings were had and ordered entered of record on the Journal of said board:

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Notice to Contractors.

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