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THE Supreme lodge of the universe, I. O. O. F., meets in Denver on the 10th of September.

THE increase of immigration to Castle Garden from the 1st of January to 1st of July, 1887, is 63,848 over that of the same period last year.

MINNEAPOLIS is preparing to bore for gas and coal. Ditto every other locality in Kansas that has a proper spirit of enterprise and push.

THE Knights of Pythias, at their installation meeting at Salina on last Thursday, decided to erect a temple at that place to cost in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

OUR building boom moves right along, and almost the first remark all visitors make when they see our town is: "Well, you people don't seem to be going wild over a boom, but your substantial buildings going up look as though your people had all faith imaginable in your town."

CANADA boasts of a printer one hundred and three years old, who remembers of having seen a clean printing office towel when he was a little boy. If the man still lives he is indeed a wonderful being. There is a chance, though, that he has entered his second childhood, and his statement about the towel one of the vagaries of an unsettled mind.

THERE is no doubt that natural gas is going to revolutionize the fuel question. The whole country is taking a deep interest in this new product. The cities within a radius of 100 miles of the Pennsylvania and Ohio natural gas fields are promised gas, for domestic purposes, in a short time. A great many firms are likely to remove to the gas region, in order to save coal.

WILL BOULTON, of the Greensburg Signal, says: "When the roll call is sounded on the judgment day and the heavens are rolling together as a scroll, and the reverberations of wrecked, and ruined worlds peal forth the fiat of eternal rest, I want to hang my weary bones on the galley rack of immortality and register in four line pica as a man from Kansas."

THROUGH the courtesy of Mr. G. R. Scott of this city, we were shown a fac-simile copy of the Vicksburg Daily Citizen, published on July 2, 1863, the last number of that daily published before the fall of the city. For a number of days during the siege of Vicksburg this paper was printed on the reverse side of wall paper, that being the only paper obtainable at the time. The copy shown us is a curiosity well worthy of preservation.

BARTON county is fast getting to the front as a pork raising county. Two firms in this city shipped over 4,000 hogs out of the county inside of the last week. With the immense corn crop this state will have this fall it will stand the farmers in hand to keep a large number of stock hogs for breeding purposes, as they can get a better price for their product through fattening stock than by selling the corn direct from the field or granary.

GARDEN CITY appreciates the value of competing railroad lines. At a meeting there on the 6th inst., the citizens subscribed \$25,050 as a premium to the first to be given to the first competing line of railroad that will come to their town. In Barton county we have a chance to get one of the best lines on Kansas soil in addition to the A., T. & S. F., and the Mo. P. We mean the Midland & Western, or "Frisco" Line. Let us vote the bonds.

AN EXCHANGE says the Kansas frontier has been moved over in Colorado. There is a good deal of truth in the saying, too. Kansas ground is now pretty generally occupied by actual and permanent settlers, and those pioneers who are forever on the move, the men who are the first to open up new territory but who never stay long enough in one place to receive a reward for their early hardships, have been mostly crowded out of Kansas by the more thrifty and energetic settler.

A Great Gas Belt.

The Topeka Daily Capital of yesterday says: "Experts now say that Kansas is in the center of a gas belt that extends from the Atlantic ocean to the Rocky mountains," and we have every reason to believe that they are right. Wherever a hole has been put down, and pushed to a good depth, the result has been a successful flow of gas. Our company has now over \$3000 subscribed to the capital stock for prospecting, and in a few days some of our men will visit Fort Scott and Paola to ascertain the best machinery to

use in boring, and get other pointers necessary to the business. Let there be no lagging now until we have a well in successful operation.

C. F. Hays has moved his family to Albert, where he has opened a general store.

We have been informed that Mrs. Dr. Boles, of Lucas, Ohio, formerly Mrs. Fordham, died on last Sunday at her home in Lucas.

Mr. T. J. Compton, who left here a few weeks since for Colorado, has been appointed postal clerk between Kansas City and Pueblo.

Silas Clark is the name of the man who was shot at Maxville the other day. He was not dead at the last report, but no hopes are held for his recovery.

Mr. Richey, of Mansfield, who has purchased a quarter of a block in Heizer Park addition and will build a fine house, says there is a prospect of several families coming soon.

Will Crilly, a younger brother to John, Cal and Ed, came back Friday to again make this city his home. He has been in Wichita and Leavenworth in business for the last three years.

Stephen Brown, of Eureka township, has the proper spirit. He came in and got copies of our Barton county papers to send east with his wife, who starts on a visit to her old home in a day or so.

Mr. Charles Weller and Miss Elizabeth McCullough, of Ellinwood, were married Monday at the office of Judge Ogle. The Judge, who by the way is a good judge of beauty, says this was a very handsome couple.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Meek died Sunday morning and was buried in the afternoon. This little one had for some time lingered on the borders of another shore; now it has passed forever beyond the sight of those who love it.

We learn from our exchanges that Great Bend is to be the end of a division on the C., K. & W. railroad. As Great Bend is only about thirty-five miles from Walnut City, the story that the latter place is to be the end of a division will, no doubt, now be so transparent that even Walnut City papers will hardly continue to repeat the assertion. They must, however, come to the aid of the heavily-loaded real estate men of their town and, if history repeats itself, some fiction will be manufactured or repeated in order to try to deceive strangers.—LaCrosse Democrat.

It appears that there was war in the Larned camp over the question of accepting the waterworks by the Council. The two papers have got mixed up in the squabble, as it appears from the following extract from Col. Leftwich's speech, which we clip from the *Chronoscope*.

"Mistah Mayah!—Why, by G—d, sah, this yah thing has done got to stop, sah!—Yes, sah, boodlahs, sah!—Don't ca-ah who knows it, sah!—*Chronoscope!*—yah!—scoundrels!—penitentiary!—Whoop!—Bad medicine! A dull thud, and all was again serene.

Natural Gas.

For some time it has been an open secret that geologists had given it as their opinion that the formations here gave flattering indications for natural gas. To test this matter a company has been formed and a charter obtained, as the *Commonwealth* this morning notes:

"The Lyons Natural Gas, Oil and Mineral Company, of Lyons. Term, ninety-nine years. Capital stock, \$1,000,000. Directors: A. M. Lasley, D. M. Bell, D. S. Myers, T. A. Butler, D. M. Lasley, Theo. Godshalk, I. D. Haning, F. M. Rummell and W. T. Nicholas."

If there is any natural gas in this county (outside of the real estate office) this company can be relied upon to go to the bottom and find it. Within the next month it is expected that the machinery will be here to go at least 2,000 feet into the earth, and find what we have beneath us.—Lyons Republican.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

The average tramp takes no interest in the motto: While there's life there's soap.

In Persia a man gets to kiss his sweetheart but once. We wonder what some young men of our acquaintance would do if they were Persians.

The Macon, Ga., *Telegraph* says: We want it understood that we are in the Union tooth and toe nail, heel and eye brow, corn, bunions and scalp; that this is as much our country as anybody's, and that we shall not lift a shovel of earth nor tote grass except in the shadow and under the folds of the flag of the Union.

A drug store at Junction City was "pulled" last week, under the search warrant clause of the prohibitory law, and nearly one hundred cases of beer was found. Whatever induced a druggist to "overstock" in that way in a high moral prohibition town like Junction City, is one of the unsolved mysteries.—*Ex.*

Now the most difficult matter in the world is to edit a newspaper so as to make money and fame at the same time. If the paper makes money, it must be newsy and trashy, and no genius can get editorial fame out of news and trash. Sheckels is his only gain. If he makes a paper for fame, the great public will let him do it all by himself.

"I ain't much in a city like New York," said Col. Blood, who had been drinking all the evening at Dumley's expense, "but down in the blue grass region I'm a pretty big gun." "Yes, Colonel," asserted Dumley, as he paid for another round, "you are a big gun, and it costs money to load you up."

An editor received a letter from a vain and tiresome contributor, asking him to give an opinion of the work which he had recently sent in. "I want the opinion," said the contributor, "written in your own hand, so that I can show it to my friends, and, socially, I think it will greatly help me. I see that you sometimes write poetry, and it would please me much better if you would write it out in rhyme. You may make it funny if you want to." The editor sent him the following:

"Try to be pleasant, and your writings are flat, try to be funny, and they are worse than that; try to be wise, and you are simply a fool—try to be honest, and you're only a tool—And it seems that there's no use in trying it more, for you only succeed, eh, in being a bore."

Why Boys Should Not Be Snubbed.

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor of the telephone, first entered Boston he wore a pair of yellow linen breeches in the depth of winter.

Don't snub a boy because his home is plain and unpretending, Abraham Lincoln's early home was a log cabin.

Don't snub a boy because of a dullness in his lesson. Hogarth the celebrated painter and engraver, was a stupid boy at his books.

Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the world's poet, was the son of a man who was unable to write his own name.

Don't snub a boy because he chooses an humble trade. The author of the "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker.

Don't snub a boy because of physical disability. Milton was blind.

Don't snub a boy because he stutters. Demosthenes, the great orator of Greece, overcame a harsh and stammering voice.



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