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ett's hardware store.

LARNED will call an election at an early day to vote on the proposition to issue \$5,000 bonds for the purpose of prospecting for natural gas.

ONLY 28,872 pensioners draw pensions every quarter from the Topeka agency, and the sum total of their quarterly drawings is \$241,697.86.

THE odiferous little chinch bug is making sad havoc in the grain fields of Illinois. The plague is one of the worst that has ever visited that state.

A HYDRANT was left open on one of the streets at Lyons the other night, and the Democrat is crying for an investigation. The town among the Rice hills has at last discovered the value and usefulness of water.

THE Boston "culture" craze has taken another turn. The dizzy wheel goes round, and young ladies who have been educated up to the highest notch can see no harm or indecency in having themselves photographed as nature made them. A photographer named Gertz has been arrested and bound over in the sum of \$1,000 bonds, by the Society for the Suppression of Vice, for photographing the nude belles of baked bean Boston and selling the photographs to the public.

THE wrangle over the question of accepting the Larned waterworks still goes on in their council. The tests have not proven satisfactory to all the members of the council. It transpires also that the parties who have put in the works have already mortgaged the plant in the sum of \$60,000, and when it is understood that the works have cost less than \$30,000, it appears to some of our neighboring city's citizens as though there was being laid a scheme to confidence their city out of a snug sum.

A TORRID wave swept over the entire country last week, reaching from the pine clad north to the cypress shaded south, carrying with it death and destruction. In Washington the mercury reached the highest point ever known for the month of July, at many places reaching 105 degrees in the shade. In the cities there was no escape from the terrible heat, but here in Barton county, we suffered no great inconvenience, though the scorching sun probably ruined the chance of a corn crop in some instances where the corn was well advanced. It is thought that the strong northwest wind of Wednesday night broke the backbone of the heated term here.

THE Hutchinson News of Saturday says: "It was not a case of 'supposition' but a case of official returns," when they got a report that Great Bend's population was "500." Would it not have been as "reasonable to suppose" that the operator or the man who gave him the figures omitted the third cipher and thus made 500 out of 5,000, as to "suppose" that a town about as old as Hutchinson, located in as good a county as Reno and having street railway, electric lights, water-works, a college, and other monuments to the enterprise of her people, has only 500? The party who gave you those figures doubtless thought you were asking for the number of thrifty real estate men we have in Great Bend, else there certainly was some mistake in transmitting the message.

TO THE laborer, the mechanic, the clerk, to every young man in the city we say, "get a home." In years to come, when you have seen the life and joy, the pleasures and excitements which all youth so loves, when you have sown your wild oats and begin to recall in memory the days of your childhood and all the endearing associations of a home; when you have found a mate whose life will be blended with yours forever and aye, and you recognize the necessity of providing her with comfortable surroundings; when little children gather about your knee with their childish wants and requirements; then indeed you will know the value of a home which you can call your own. Then too there will be a greater demand upon your means, and if you have made no provision in former years when there was but one mouth to feed and one body to clothe the task of getting a home will be doubly hard. Make a beginning now. Save a few dollars each week from your earnings; buy a lot while lots are plentiful and reasonably cheap, and begin to prepare that home which sooner or later you will want.

A GOOD many farmers were in the city Saturday, and the talk on the streets was divided about equally between the voting of bonds to the Midland & Western and the coming fall campaign,

the political question having the preference. There appears to be considerable opposition to the bonds among the more remote residents of the county. But few men who look at the question calmly and weigh carefully both sides of it, will make any great objection to the bonds. The fact that every tax payer in the county will get value received in due time for every cent of railroad bond tax he pays, is being pretty well established in the minds of the people.

READ what the New York Times has to say on the recent uncalculated action of a few overzealous republicans, and the president's answer to the same, on our second page.

TAKE the hogs and put them five to a rod (so as not to squeeze them) along the state line with the snouts outward, and they will present a front of pork around the entire state. Start the sheep three abreast from the base line of the survey along the sixth principal meridian and let them follow four to the rod, and the first will be bleating in the Indian Territory, while the last will be whisking their tails in Nebraska. Let the horses and mules go single file, a thousand to a mile, and they will reach from Kansas City along the Kansas Pacific railroad to Denver and the mountains up Clear creek.—Russell Record.

IT MAY not be generally known that Great Bend is, as a rule, a better market than Kansas City for the crop and stock products of our county. To-day fat hogs are being contracted for at 5 cents, which is 10 per cent. better than the Kansas City market. Taking the year round, all kinds of butcher's stock commands a better price right here in Great Bend than can be realized by shipping to Kansas City. This is the result of the opening up of the western market, and the demand of stock for home consumption. All the new counties north, south and west of us have rapidly settled up within the last year, and the country being new sufficient stock and produce is not raised to feed this multitude. Better railroad facilities will enable us to get still better prices for the result of our labor.

A Terrible Mistake.
Last Thursday night J. H. Turner was killed by a shot from a revolver in the hands of his brother-in-law, a man by the name of Vandeman, at the Rock Island camp, just west of Pratt Center. It seems that Vandeman had a sister in the camp who was being courted by two young men one of whom was a Frenchman, and he became so enraged that he threatened to kill the young lady. Thursday night as a storm was approaching, Turner went to tighten the ropes of the tent in which the young lady was sleeping. Vandeman awoke and saw him about the tent, and thinking it was the Frenchman he fired the shot which cost poor Turner his life. The body of the dead man was shipped to Cedarvale for interment.—Pratt Register.

As the clouds of prejudice are dispelled from the political sky the virtues of the democratic party becomes more and more apparent. The good feeling everywhere manifest, augers well for the future and it requires no prophetic vision to see our country, under its gentle sway, ascending higher and higher up the horizon of development and progress.

ALL ABOARD!
Our Long Needed Street Car Line Now Ready for Operation. The Cars Put on the Track

Great Bend has reached that era in her prosperity when she cannot do without all the necessities of a metropolis. She has gone right ahead in the matter of all public improvements without stop or hindrance until to-day we have a city which is acknowledged by both friend and foe to be one of the best cities in the Arkansas Valley. The growth of Great Bend has not been a mushroom growth. The country surrounding us has been settled up and the rich farms tilled and made to yield up their treasures from year to year, and thus establish the certainty of their productiveness. In the meantime Great Bend has been steadily but quietly growing in population and business enterprise, and keeping pace with the country, until to-day she has a population of near 5,000 souls, and every train bringing in its quota of enterprising people who are casting their lots in our midst.

To meet the demand for cheap and

rapid transit the street car company was organized, obtained a franchise, and pushed the building of the road to a rapid completion, until to-day we can ride to or from the depot in handsome, comfortable cars.

The cars are roomy, substantially built, handsomely finished, and are in every respect as good as the cars of any metropolitan city. This street railway has been put in at a large expense by the company, they sparing no pains or money to have everything done in first class order, and as a result we have one of the finest tracks in the world. We believe the enterprise will be a paying one for the company, and the benefit the city will derive from such an addition to her many attractions can hardly be estimated.

The street cars are here.

Miss May Winterburg has returned from her visit east.

T. T. Smith is building an addition to his residence on the east side.

Mr. L. P. Aber, our efficient constable, is smiling and happy this morning. It is a boy.

Elmer Dawson has returned from New Mexico. He reports the boys down there all getting along finely.

Mrs. R. B. Warren, of Dighton, Lane county, is in the city visiting with the family of C. W. Murphy.

Miss Frankie Kellogg, of Concordia, who has been visiting Miss May Palmer for a few weeks, left to-day for a visit in Iowa.

Jake Stauffer, the packer and provision man, has had put in large stock scales, at a cost of \$200, at his slaughter house and stock yards.

The crop of fall candidates is coming up, and, after being nurtured and cultivated by the political papers, will soon be in a good growing condition.

We predict Great Bend will have one of the best fire companies in the state. The boys who have volunteered their services are strong, plucky and full of vinegar.

The man who is not ashamed to soil his hands, or afraid to sprain his muscle, need never fear but he will succeed in anything he undertakes in this land of rustlers.

An exchange says a young man in a neighboring town killed himself because his girl refused to go to the ice cream parlors with him. Instances of persons killing themselves for joy are rare things these days.

It appears to the average citizen of Great Bend as though we had a decidedly unsatisfactory "grade" on Main street about the vicinity of Broadway. Just what will be done about settling the question satisfactorily we do not know.

An exchange tells of a man whose leg has turned to stone, and he is in constant dread of stubbing his toes off. In this country the hardening process first shows in the cheek, and no fears are ever entertained that any harm can come to that part of the body ever after.

Barton county stock-raisers report season very favorable and the prospects for good returns unusually bright. While some kinds of stock are selling low and seem fair to continue so, yet, with the advantageous conditions now prevailing, none engaged in the enterprise need fail to make it pay.

This office has just finished the printing and binding of a catalogue for 1887, of the Fall Creek herd of blooded cattle, owned and bred by D. Franklin & Son, of this county. These gentlemen are bound to make a good record with their stock, and should receive the greatest encouragement from our farmers and stock men.

The indications now are that the Midland railroad bonds will receive a large majority in all the localities voting. No Kansas county or community is so slow and stupid as to allow a chance for securing such a road for this territory to pass by unimproved, such less is Barton county so sleepy, or its citizens so inert and dull.

Miss Hattie Laver is visiting relatives at McPherson.

The oat crop is panning out extremely good this year.

Miss Hotstein, of Larned, was the guest of Mrs. Samuels Sunday.

W. M. Gunnell is spending a few weeks in Colorado, recuperating his health.

Miss Minnie Doty is spending this week with relatives and friends at McPherson.

F. M. Dodson has moved from the west end of town into Dr. Hess' house, east side.

Mr. and Mrs. Bacon came up from Larned Sunday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bert E. Watts.

Charles Rodgers, cashier of the First National bank at Ness City, was on our streets Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Tilton will leave on the west-bound train to-morrow on quite an extended visit.

Jos. D. Wiener, of New York store, left Saturday for an extended visit in Chicago, New York and other eastern cities.

Geo. Buckland was up to Hoisington Sunday. He says our little neighbor up there is putting on airs to beat anything.

The Great Bend Bottling works are doing quite an extensive business with towns west of us in the shipping of soda pop, extracts, etc.

W. F. Moore returned Sunday from a short visit to Colorado. He took in the new wonder of the West—Arlington Springs.

Still the building boom goes on, new houses are started every day, and those in course of erection are rapidly nearing completion.

Mrs. Geo. N. Moses has returned from her visit to Indian Springs, Indiana, where she has been for some time during the hot weather.

Sunday evening a number of boys were bathing in the river near the bridge, and their indecent actions were bad enough to warrant their arrest by the marshal.

The Mann & Hill Mortgage Loan company and Ewalt & Bement, attorneys and land agents, have moved their offices in the new A. R. Moss building, south of Forest avenue.

H. C. Cutter, living near Dundee, has sold out and will start for Albany, Col., in a few days. He makes this move on account of his health, hoping the mountain air will improve it.

DIED—On Sunday, July 24, 1887, at his residence in Great Bend, Kan., Samuel T. Brown, aged about 25 years. The funeral took place to-day at 10 o'clock.

Quite a rumpus occurred at the Larned races Saturday evening. Several shots were fired at the marshal, and one man was struck a terrible blow behind the ear, but no serious casualties resulted.

Mr. D. M. Lazarus, of the Boston, has got moved into his new quarters in the Buckland-Moses block. He now has a chance to display to good advantage his large stock of boots and shoes and furnishing goods. Mr. Lazarus takes pride in keeping things in the best of order and pleasing his customers.

Various inquiries are being made by parties wishing to attend the normal institute to commence in August, as to where they can get board during the institute term. Any person wishing to take a few boarders for a limited time should inform Prof. Reece at the office of county superintendent.

Experience with cotton in Clark county demonstrates that it can be successfully grown in southern Kansas. This will open another source of revenue to the Sunflower state. With the unprecedented growth of all grains and vegetables adapted to the northern states, and those of the southern as well, what is to prevent Kansas from becoming productively what it is geographically, the central and most important state in the Union? Time is only necessary to bring it all about.

Thos. L. Powers, of the Sterling Gazette, was shaking hands with his many old friends on the streets Sunday. Mrs. Powers and the children have been in Ellinwood visiting for a day or two.

J. A. Bland returned Sunday evening from Rice county. He says along the upper lands the corn is badly in need of rain, and quite a number of farmers have commenced cutting up corn for fodder. The oat crop in that county is good.

DIED—In this city, July 20, 1887, Charles Marion Hoole, son of W. R. Hoole, Esq., aged 17 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church by Rev. Dewey, pastor, Thursday morning at 9 a. m. The platform and desk were festooned with crape and garlanded with flowers, and a large cortege followed to the cemetery.—St. John Sun.

Kansas Patents.
S. A. Haseltine & Bro., patent solicitors, Springfield, Mo., send us the following list of patents which were issued to citizens of Kansas during the past week: Lubricator for steam machinery, G. Z. Clark, Topeka. Combined tenoning and mortising machine, Joseph Du Frames, North Topeka. Hand-stamp, William Orcutt, Abilene.

The city could hardly make a better investment than to spend \$5,000 in prospecting for natural gas and coal. The fact that nowhere in Kansas where a systematic investigation has been made has there been a failure to develop some mineral that has amply repaid the expense of the work, should encourage our citizens to take hold of the project. We can never find out whether or not we possess any of these natural resources unless we search for them, and the proposed manner of doing the work is a fair one for all concerned. Should the search be successful, the entire city will reap the benefits.—Larned Chromoscope.

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These nurseries, at Fort Scott, Kan, have been furnishing a great amount of nursery stock for this county, and they grow a full line of all kinds of trees, shrubbery, vines, etc., and have made a special study to grow only such stock as will do the best in this climate. Their stock is sold at reasonable prices, is always packed safely and carefully, and their delivery is prompt.

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