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Goit's Shoe Store,

S. W. ecke Square,

Great Bend, Kansas.

Hier wird deutsch Gesprochen.

SUNDAY's Hutchinson *News* says "a long boy dressed in a big mouth and a pink shirt" umpired the game here Friday.

WE ARE in receipt of the premium list of the Fifth Annual Fair of Kansas, which opens September 19th and continues until the 24th.

THE street car conductor at Garden City is on a strike. We feel sorry for Garden, and we tremble to think what a dire catastrophe it would be to have our street car force take a notion to go on a strike.

WELLINGTON is sending out a cry for a creamery; El Dorado wants a hog packery; Peabody has a silk wormery; Hoisington is going to have a young foundery, and Great Bend a gas wellery.

WHAT are our gas well people doing? This is a question often asked of us now-a-days. We would like to see the work commenced, for we believe it will be the beginning of another good, healthy enlivenment of the real estate business.

WE WOULD like very much to see a good, square game of base ball between Great Bend and Scott City, played on neutral ground and with a fair and unprejudiced man as umpire. But we do not want to see another game where the umpire tries to steal the game and the crowd tries to bulldoze the umpire.

WE BELIEVE some knowing prognosticators of the weather told us, at the beginning of the year, 1887, that this would be a year of devastations. Thus far Kansas has not suffered from a single, live, funnel-shaped, house-twister and tree-puller, and as the cyclone season is about past we are inclined to believe the weather prophets were somewhat off in their calculations.

THERE is no need of the people of Kansas borrowing trouble on account of the present dry spell. With a splendid oat and flax and potato crop, with an abundance of nearly all kinds of fruits, a larger wheat crop than is needed to supply the home demand, a much better corn crop than Illinois or Iowa, and with hundreds of thousands of bushels of old corn, there is not much occasion for apprehension or croaking.—Sterling *Bulletin*.

A GENTLEMAN just returned from the east says the drouth has been worse there than people in this state think for, still the citizens of Illinois and Ohio are feeling very sorry for Kansas. Men who have to drive stock 3 to 10 miles to water, and are using hot, stagnant pond water for domestic purposes are wondering what we poor people out here in Kansas are going to do for something to eat the coming winter.

A REMARK made by one of the gamblers who came here from Scott City to bet on the ball game, that "We don't say Scott City can beat Great Bend on the *square*, but we can do it for money," about sizes up the principle upon which that outfit expected to win the game. We believe the Scott City club is composed of gentlemen, and exceedingly good ball players, but when they permit a game to be handled like that of yesterday they make a great blunder.

THROUGH Illinois and Ohio the vegetation has been so thoroughly dried up that numerous fires have been started by sparks from railroad engines. We talked with a gentleman yesterday who said that in some parts of this state the same deplorable state of drouth was experienced, notably along the Solomon valley, where he came through a day or two since and saw numerous prairie fires. He also said that corn looked better in the Arkansas valley than anyplace else in the state through which he traveled.

THE health of our people is exceedingly good for this time of year. All things conspire together for good health; good water, sufficient wind to carry away malaria, and cool nights where the system can rest up after the trying heat of the days.

THE Chicago Boodlers have received the smallest sentences in the gift of the law, some of them escaping with a slight fine. It will now be in order for the courts to grant the anarchists a new trial and eventually turn them loose to their bomb throwing again.

SOME of our people who appear to lack an interest in our gas well project should remember that no great boon is ever acquired without an effort on the part of some one to bring it about. All sane people will acknowledge that natural gas, or coal, if we should get it, would be the making of a large manufacturing town at this point, and would therefore be of incalculable value to us. The outlay will be small to each individual if all who can will take a little stock, and even if we don't succeed in developing anything of value the mere fact of our showing a willingness to make the venture will materially help the town. But the chances are great that we will find natural gas. No well or hole has ever gone down to a sufficient depth to find just what we have got beneath us, and we think the citizens are at fault if they longer remain in ignorance.

A SUBJECT has been brought before our notice by the extract we give below, which has been given considerable attention by many educators of a practical turn. We believe the sentiments of General Walker are good and will be endorsed by our teachers. The extract reads that "General Francis A. Walker in Boston recently stood up and attacked the modern method of teaching arithmetic in public schools in a way to do our hearts good. He says 'the old fashioned facility and accuracy in ciphering have been largely sacrificed to the numerous technical applications and difficult logical puzzles that have been introduced into the study of arithmetic. Children,' he says, 'leave the schools ill prepared to foot up colums of figures, though able to work out useless puzzles.' He condemns all this unqualifiedly and holds up the modern arithmetic as 'a bastard arithmetic, which fails to perform the true functions of that study in our public schools, namely, to produce accuracy and a reasonable degree of facility in numerical operations, while wasting the time of the pupils, perplexing their minds, worrying their tempers, rasping their nerves, and, in case of total or partial failure, unnecessarily and unrighteously shocking and impairing their self-respect and scholarly ambition.' General Walker will please accept thanks all around. Think of arithmetics with impossible problems in them, which keep the children awake half the night because they can't work them out!"

To The Croakers.

For the last ten days or so, when there has been no sign of rain in the heavens, and the hot south winds have swept over the land with an unpleasant breath, you have drawn your faces down until they looked as dismal as they possibly could look and in graveyard tones you have growled out your predictions. You have made yourselves, and as many others around you as would pay any attention to you, miserable, and you have caused to go out among strangers an impression that the crops of Barton county are a total failure.

Out upon you and your grumblings! Go out into some corn-field, and there amidst the rank vegetation kick yourself into a good humor, or gather a good sized roasting ear and choke yourself to death by ramming it down your thorax. There is ho room for such as you in this great land of ours as long as you have not sufficient sand to stand a few days of hot wind which is only a forerunner of the roasting which is prepared for you in another world. You had better perform the choking act and go at once to that "land that is hotter than this," or else stand on your head in some of the many ponds of water on our streets which the street commissioner has kindly provided for and soak a while.

They Are Bound To Come.

Our level headed real estate men are about right when they say that, notwithstanding our short corn and wheat crop this year, there will be thousands of land buyers in Kansas this fall. Our lands are the best, and taking the years one after another, the surest to produce crops of any state in the Union. The Kansas *State Real Estate Journal* makes good argument when it says:

"The value of land must increase as the demand for it increases. This is but natural. It does not require an extra clear head to understand that the population is increasing rapidly. It does not require great foresight to realize that the vast public domains heretofore known as government lands are almost gone and that hereafter homes must be bought from parties to whom the land is deeded. It requires even less effort to know that with the increase of population, the large demand for farm produce, the profit of farming and stock raising increases and makes land a marketable commodity. Summing it all up the case is plain. Land must become valuable in all choice portions of the United States, and where it is cheapest will be the greatest influx and rush of trade. Nowhere will this be more observable than in Kansas."

Corn Crop in Kansas.

Estimates made a month ago as to the corn crop in this state will have to be revised. The acreage was largely increased, at least 25 per cent. over last year, and most of the increase is in the newer counties west. But there have been unfavorable influences in localities, and they have operated to lesson the average yield materially. It is too soon yet to estimate accurately. Our reports, September 1, will afford reliable data. The crop will then be made, and we can know just what it is.

Reports are varying and cannot be safely accepted as accurate now, because farmers are very busy, not getting about much over large territory, and weather has not been regular, so that within short distances different conditions exist. In one neighborhood, or in one township, everything may look well, while in the next it may look different. A report from either locality would not give a fair statement as to the whole region. We must wait a few weeks for complete returns.

It is interesting, however, in the meantime, to learn that the prospect is regarded as good for a fair average of corn per acre, and that with the increased acreage, the aggregate yield will be much above that of any former year. The Kansas Farmers' Insurance company publish reports from forty-one counties, many of them showing that corn is matured. The reports are in response to special inquiries. Most of those received up to date of publication are from the eastern counties, and they indicate that the yield will exceed the average. Our own advices are to the effect that in some places the yield will be enormous, in other fair, and in a few particular localities of small area, the crop will be very light. On the whole, we expect an average corn harvest.—Kansas *Farmer*.

Man who is born of woman is small potatoes and few in a hill. He riseth up to-day and flourisheth like a ragweed; to-morrow or the day after the undertaker hath him in an ice-box. He goeth out in the morning warbling like a lark, and is knocked out in the first round and two seconds. In the midst of life he is in doubt, and the tax collector pursueth him wherever he goeth. The banister of his life is full of splinters, and he slideth down it with considerable rapidity. He walketh in the bright sunlight to absorb the ozone, and meeteth the banker with a sight draft for $357. He cometh fourth at eventide and meeteth the wheelbarrow in his path, and it smitheth him to the earth, and falleth upon him and runneth one of its legs into his ear. In the gentle spring he putteth on his summer clothes and a blizzard striketh him far away from home and filleth him with woe and rheumatism.—*Ex.*

Kansas is growing wonderfully, and manufacturing interests are looking this way for investment. The interstate commerce law will equalize transportation facilities. Flouring mills will be built in Kansas to grind Kansas wheat, woolen mills will be built to manufacture our wool; packing houses will be built to prepare our meats; railroads are building to afford us prompt and easy commuication. It behoves the farmers to improve their opportunities in the coming years by adopting and pursuing the very best methods of agriculture.—*Ex*,

Suppose a man and a girl were to get married—the man 35 years old and the girl 5 years; this makes the man seven times as old as the girl; they live together until the girl is 10 years old; this makes him 40 years old and four times as old as the girl; and they live until she is 15, the man being 45, when he is but three times older than she is; and still live until she is 30 years old, this makes the man 60, only twice as old, and so on. How long would they have to live together to make the girl as old as the man?

Fred Shrader, of Kokomo, Ind., utilized gas well No. 5's noonday illumination by cutting his wheat by night. Parties visiting the well were greeted with the hum of the harvesters in the large wheatfield adjacent to the burning well. Two self-binders were in operation, followed by the requisite number of men gathering the sheaves and putting them in shock. The light was sufficient to enable the harvesting to be done as successfully as in midday, and the workmen appreciated the rare privilege of gathering the grain without the sun accompaniment.

EXCHANGE GLEANINGS.

The money market is loosening up in the east, and business everywhere throughout the country is in elegant shape. So is everything in Kansas.

It is rumored that New Mexico will seek admission as a State at the next session of Congress, and will ask to come in with all of Texas west of the Pecos added to it.

The man who allows his wife to inveigle him into the mysteries of the milliner's establishment is none better than he who seeketh to pound sand into a rat-hole.

The Kalamazoo gas well struck a deposit of remarkably pure clay sixty feet thick. This moulded and burned would, it is claimed by experts, produce a cherry-red brick superior to the famous Philadelphia pressed brick. It is down 130 feet below the surface.

There isn't a newspaper in Kansas but has at least one caller a day who wants to look over an exchange from some town or other who wants to "see who the prominent business men are." Yet some people say that nobody ever reads an advertisement.

Fire at Larned.

Sunday forenoon a fire was started in Larned that bid fair to do a considerable amount of damage. The large barn near the Santa Fe depot, which was filled with baled hay, in some manner got on fire, and but for the prompt action and heroic work of the hose companies, the entire business portion would probably have been burned. It was thought at one time that the opera house and the entire block would go. By the prompt action of the fire companies and the successful manner in which the waterworks were manipulated, the town was probably saved enough to pay for the waterworks, and the maintenance of the fire company.

A. T. & S. F. Time Table.

On and after January 9th, 1887, trains leave Great Bend as follows, viz:

GOING EAST.

No. 2, Atlantic express	4.50 a. m.
No. 4, Eastern Express	4.53 p. m.
No. 6, New York Express	6.32 a. m.
No. 16, way freight	1.56 p. m.
" "	2.30 p.m.

GOING WEST.

No. 1, California and New Mexico Ex	10.19 p. m.
No. 3, Colorado and Utah Express	11.05 a. m.
No. 5, Denver Express	9.57 p. m.
No. 15 way freight	9.55 a. m.

GREAT BEND WAY FREIGHT.

Arrives from east	12.15 p. m.
Departs for east	2.30 p. m.

C., K. & W.

LEAVES.

Express	11:10 a. m.
Freight	11:20 a. m.

ARRIVES.

Express	4:40 p. m.
Freight	6:20 p. m.

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GREAT BEND LODGE, NO. 15, A. F. & A. M.—Meets every second and fourth Friday evening in each month.
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M. CARAWAY, Sec'y.

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IRA D. BROUGHER, N. G.
CHAS. ROZELL, Sec'y.

ZARAH ENCAMPMENT, NO. 35.—Meets every second and fourth Monday evening.
R. T. EWALT, C. P.
CHAS. ROZELL, Sec'y.

CLARA BARTON REBECCA DEGREE LODGE, NO. —.—Meets every first and third Tuesday evening of each month.
MRS. ED. TYLER, N. G.
MRS. C. ROZELL, Sec'y.

PAP THOMAS POST, NO. 52, G. A. R.—Meets every first and third Saturday at G. A. R. Hall.
G. N. MOSES, Post Commander.
A. C. SCHERMERHORN, Adj't.

WOMANS' RESIEF CORPS, meets regularly every other Friday evening, at Odd Fellows Hall.
MRS. L. BALDWIN, Pres.
MRS. D. E. BENEDICT, Sec.

WOODLAND LODGE No. 87 K. of P.—Meets Thursday of each week.
O. B. WILSON, C. C.
E. E. DAWSON, K. of R. S.

GREAT BEND DIVISION No 27, U. R. K. of P. meets Wednesday night of each week.
C. F. CULVER, S. K. C.
O V. DODGE, S. K. R.

Church Directory.

M. E. CHURCH (German Society).—Preaching every Sunday, excepting every third, at 3 P. M. Sunday school every Sunday from 2 to 3 P. M.
H. H. HACKMANN, Pastor.

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Corner Forest avenue and Morton street, S. H. Enyeart, pastor. Services every Sabbath, morning and evening; Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Young Peoples meeting Tuesday evening, prayer meeting Thursday evening.

CONGREGATIGNAL,—Cor. Broadway and Stone street, W. A. Bosworth, pastor. Services every Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night, young peoples meeting Tuesday night; Sunday school at 12:45.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Corner Broadway and William avene, J. W. Thompson, pastor Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 a. m., Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Teachers meeting every Wednesday, and prayer meeting Thursday evenings.

LUTHERAN.—Services at school house first and third Sunday of each month; Rev. Haering, pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.—Services at the Court House on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 11 o'clock a. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 3 p. m.

CITY OFFICERS.

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City Clerk—C W Murphy
City Attorney—D N Banta
City Marshal—John W Dawson
Street Commissioner—J T Airhart

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Second Ward—Frank Kramer, Geo. Spencer
Third Ward—D R Jones, F R Caldwell
Fourth Ward—F R Schuster, S H Moss

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REGISTER BUSINESS, 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

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