

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. M. R. Bell left for a ten-days visit to the mountains last evening.

The examination of teachers for the city schools will take place on Friday and Saturday of this week.

Mr. L. O. Ray, of Nebraska, is in the city to-day and is surprised at the size and prosperity of Great Bend.

The new Arcade hotel is rapidly nearing completion, and will probably be open about the middle of October.

Mrs. Martin, of La Belle, Mo., mother of Mrs. R. T. Ewalt, and Mrs. Koch of Knox Station, Mo., a daughter of Mrs. M., are in the city visiting with their relatives.

Mr. W. J. Sturgis, of Beloit, Kan., a brother of H. J., our genial young attorney, is in the city. He reports that in his vicinity in the north part of the state about a half crop of corn will be gathered.

Tom Dowling, from Los Angeles, Cal., stopped off this morning on his way to Iowa, for which point he leaves to-night. Tom reports everything booming there and all the old Barton county people doing well.

"On with the waterworks" is now beginning to be heard on the streets. And complaints of the impassable condition of some streets, resulting from the dirt in the water-main ditches having settled, are becoming quite frequent.

The fair to be held here on the 4th, 5th and 6th of October, will be the first meeting of the Agricultural District Association No. 1, which will embrace Barton and such of the adjoining counties as wish to come into the association.

In another column of this paper you will find the announcement of L. K. Benefiel as a candidate for the office of clerk of Barton county. The writer hereof has not a personal acquaintance with Mr. Benefiel, but has talked with many of his friends and neighbors who all unite in saying that he is a gentleman in every way competent to fill the position of county clerk.

Ich, Mange and Scratches of every kind on human or animals cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. This never fails. Sold by A. S. Allen, Druggist, Great Bend.

We understand that contractor Jones is asking of the city council that he be granted additional time on his water works contract. It appears that he has been unable to get the piping fast enough from the foundry, and as there was some unnecessary delay on the part of the city at the time of letting the contract, Mr. Jones should probably be given more time.

In another column will be found the announcement of N. R. Holmes as candidate for the office of sheriff of Barton county, subject to the democracy of the county. Mr. Holmes is well known as one of our oldest citizens, having come to Great Bend in 1875. During his twelve years' residence in our midst he has made many friends and is well known throughout the county as a staunch democrat and a responsible man.

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The Arkansas Valley Association will meet at Great Bend on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The sessions are all open to the public, and will be largely of a popular character. Wednesday afternoon, September 7th, there will be a gathering in the College Chapel at 3 o'clock sharp, where an address will be delivered by Rev. S. E. Busser, of Kinsley, with short speeches by citizens and members of the Association, music and other appropriate services connected with the opening of the new building for the work of the College. It is expected that the formal dedication will be deferred to some future occasion. The exercises will be of an interesting character and there should be a large gathering from city and country.

LAND OFFICE TROUBLE.

Rumors of trouble in the U. S. land office at Larned have been floating in the air for some time. But the nature of the difficulty has been a mystery to most people. The DEMOCRAT is refrained from saying anything in regard to the matter until the present moment, because the whole thing was so vague that it was impossible to say just what was going on, or against whom the fight was directed. But the curtain has been raised and now the rest of the play will be for the delectation of the general public. To express the whole matter briefly, it is sought to remove the Register of that office. The charges brought against him are of serious importance and, if sustained, he will have to go. On the contrary, if they are not sustained, the Register should be sustained. The DEMOCRAT has not a single word to say in this matter. Last winter we thought the office did wrong in sending half the land notices to a Republican paper, and we spoke right out in meeting and said so. But in regard to these charges we know nothing. It seems to us that the proper course for the Democrats of this land district to pursue is to take no part in the matter at present. The government has sent a competent man to examine the whole matter, and he is now engaged in a full investigation. Let us, as impartial jurors, wait until the testimony is before us and then decide in accordance therewith. It is folly for us to range ourselves on different sides before the investigation and begin a war among ourselves. Let us assume, before the evidence is heard, that the Register has been an honest and efficient officer. If the evidence condemns him, let us rise as one man and say, "so mote be." If on the contrary the evidence exonerates him, he must not only be vindicated, but his accusers must not be held guiltless. This is the course the DEMOCRAT has decided on for itself and we hope the party will endorse it.

As THE coming fair is being talked up we learn of numerous gentlemen throughout the county who have blooded stock which they propose to exhibit.

FROM the annual apportionment of the State Superintendent of public instruction we learn that Barton county has 4,698 of a school population, a little more than one fifth of which is furnished by the city of Great Bend. The amount of state funds apportioned to this county is \$2,820.72. There are thirty-eight counties in the state which have a smaller school population than Barton.

OUR town is now in a healthy condition, financially. There are not many transfers being made in real estate, but what are made are at good prices. A feeling of confidence has taken the place of the slight flurry of uneasiness which the dry weather of a month ago cast over a few of the latest additions to our business circles. Our merchants have laid in and are now laying in larger stocks of goods than they ever carried before, and the regular fall trade has commenced. It has been the experience of the "stayers" in this country that the men who are not afraid of a little depression in business and are willing and ready at all times to put their shoulders to the wheel and "boost," occasionally, are the men who are to-day in independent circumstances. Good citizens in any community are those who come to stay, and the men who shirk none of the responsibilities of that citizenship. They contribute their means in proportion to the benefits they derive from any public enterprise or undertaking. They comprehend the meaning of the word "enterprise," and they know that no general good can come without some concert of action upon the part of those who will be benefitted thereby.

An Elopement.

Monday a Mr. Brown, of Eureka, was out in the field at work, leaving his daughter, Miss Alta Brown, a young lady of about 18, at the house. When Mr. Brown returned to the house in the evening, his daughter had flown the ranch, and it afterwards transpires that she had eloped with one Ed McGinnis, a neighbor, who had been for some time paying attention to the young lady against the wishes of their parents. The young couple drove to town, put their team up at Benedict & Meacham's barn, and left instructions for them to care for it for three days. They then took the evening train for the East. Late last night Mr. Brown and some neighbors came in search of the run-aways. The father had "blood in his eye," and if he catches Mr. McGinnis, his name will likely be "Dinnis."

FOR SALE.—I have for sale at my elevator, good, clean Nebraska Oats, at 32 cents per bushel. d16m J. B. DANIELS.

PAWNEE ROCK ITEMS.

Still the raindrops fall!  
The chinch bug dieth of cold.  
The granger prepareth his wheat-field.  
The festive candidate covereth the ground.  
Tullis Brothers have sold out to Mr. H. E. Linn.

J. N. Paine is rapidly recovering from his illness.  
James Kelley, in the west end of the city, is quite ill.  
Lem Johns has gone to live on his Barber county farm.

The Dundee boys came up to play our boys a little game, and "done them up" to the tune of 28 to 37 in favor of Dundee.

Joe Williams, S. P. Leitner, Will King and Hez. Booze have gone east to work with the D. M. & A. building corps. They are now engaged at Sedan on the coal chutes at that place.

Mr. J. M. Vanaken and daughter are on an extended visiting trip east through Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. They will take in the Grand National encampment of the G. A. R. at St. Louis on their return home.

S. A. Drummond, who figured somewhat prominently in placing J. F. Byram before the people as a candidate for Sheriff, has been sick for about four weeks, but is now so far recovered as to be able to be on the streets again.

F. W. Bester, W. T. Seamohorn and J. B. Williams are gathering up their toggery preparatory to going to Benton county, Arkansas, where they will pitch their tents in the future. Uncle Billy intends engaging in shipping fruit westward.

Pawnee Rock comes to the front nobly in the matter of candidates for county offices. J. F. Byram and N. P. Smith are willing to suffer for the good cause by accepting the Sheriff's office, while L. K. Benefiel has permitted his many friends to offer him on the altar of County Clerk. And oh! how they bleed for their country!

The lawsuit at the bank last Saturday seemed to be the center of attraction, until it was announced that a jury was wanted, when there was a general stampede, and Newt had quite a hunt until he found the desired "six" to fill the "long-felt want," when the case proceeded. But in the end the "six" stood three to three, and a new trial will be had some time in the by-and-by.

N. H.

The Missouri Pacific comes to the front with the offer to the Grand Army of one cent per mile, each way, between Larned and Kansas City, and one fare (7.50) for the round trip, Kansas City to St. Louis. They also offer them an elegant Horton reclining chair for the round trip without charge, if they will muster in sixty members.

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Publication Notice.

State of Kansas, ss.  
In District Court 20th Judicial District, October term, 1887.  
J. E. Hayner & Co., Plf's.  
vs.  
M. R. and J. N. Lawrence, Wm. A. Cook, Wm. H. Thornd, of the Home and Foreign Investment and Agency Company, The Topyka Investment Loan Company, and H. Diehl, Defendants.

The above named defendants will take notice that suit has been brought on this 28th day of August, 1887, in the District Court of Barton county, Kan., by J. E. Hayner & Co., against them to foreclose a certain mortgage given by M. R. and J. N. Lawrence to plaintiffs, on the northeast quarter of section 19, township 16, range 13 west of p. m. to secure the payment of \$200.00 with interest from November 1, 1886, at 12 per cent, and unless they appear and answer the petition in the above cause judgment for the sum of \$200.00, with 12 per cent from November 1, 1886, and said mortgage be foreclosed and defendants forever barred of all right, title or interest therein.  
Attest: RICH CREEK & JENKINSON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.  
IRA D. BROUGHNER, Clerk District Court.  
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NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., July 13, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge, of Barton county, Kansas, at Great Bend, Kan., on September 4, 1887, viz.: Henry Benson, H. E. 9589, for the southeast 1/4, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, & 1/16 w.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Daniel Ely, Thomas B. Poor, David Ely and David H. Names, all of Holington, Barton county, Kansas.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., August 9, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge, of Barton county, Kan., at Great Bend, Kan., on the 15th day of October, 1887, viz.: William Mar, of Dubuque, Barton county, Kansas, Homestead Entry No. 6784, for the northeast quarter section 8, township 16 south, range 11 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Fred Haddon, of Atchison, Barton county, Kan.; A. P. Warner, of Wilson, Ellsworth county, Kan.; Bernard Mollmann, of Dubuque, Barton county, Kan.; and Fred Seyfert, of Dubuque, Barton county, Kan.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., July 23, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Great Bend, Kansas, on September 17, 1887, viz.: George W. Brower, Homestead Entry No. 10,198, for the northeast quarter of section 12, township 18, range 13 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Daniel Ely, Henry Benson, David Names, of Holington, and James Reading, of Great Bend, Barton county, Kan.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., August 15, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court of Barton county, at Great Bend, Kansas, on October 26, 1887, viz.: William A. Mathias, D. S. 9587, for the lots 1 and 2, and south half of northeast quarter section 4, township 16, range 15.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: N. H. Jenkinson, Francis Bress, W. R. Jenkinson and I. C. Harrows, all of Bartonsdale, Barton county, Kansas.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., August 15, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court of Barton county, Kansas, at Great Bend, Kansas, on November 21, 1887, viz.: Pleasant Lawson, Homestead Entry No. 9,279, for the west half of northeast quarter, and west half southeast quarter section 10, township 16, range 14 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: George Law, R. J. Potter, John Boehl and N. S. Hays, all of Millard Postoffice, Barton county, Kan.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., August 3, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District Court, of Barton county, Great Bend, Kan., on September 28, 1887, viz.: Frederick W. Telen, Homestead Entry No. 7,142, for the lots 1 and 2 and east half of northwest quarter of section 3, township 19, range 15 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: John Bennett, Great Bend Postoffice, Barton county, Kan.; Wm. Wilkinson, of Bartonsdale, Barton county, Kan.; Julius Both, Bartonsdale, Barton county, Kan.; and James M. Caffrey, Pawnee Rock, Barton county, Kan.  
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MIDDLEPORT, Ohio. J. HUGG.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., August 19, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register or Receiver at Larned, Kan., on November 15, 1887, viz.: Lyander P. Jostlin Homestead Entry No. 8,911, made November 10, 1884, for the northeast quarter section 14, township 17, range 13 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: Jacob H. Parkison, William Barber, Ferdinand Schadle and Wilkey Rosenbeck, all of Odia, Barton county, Kansas.  
W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., July 20, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court, at Great Bend, Barton county, Kan., on October 11, 1887, viz.: Parkison Keffler, D. S. 7,374, for the southeast quarter section 34, township 18 south, range 13 west.  
He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: C. L. Jones, John Hong, Cal Lawson and George Bromer, all of Great Bend Postoffice, Barton county, Kansas.  
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