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Orders left at Henry Wildgen's barn, south side of the square will receive prompt attention.

JOSEPH WILDGEN.

Advertise Well.

Advertise well 'tis the secret of glory, stick to this principle as fast as a leech;
Think of the names that are famous in story, advertise well is the lesson they teach.
How have men compassed so wide a connection, made the world swollow their nostrums at will?
'Tis that by constant and serious reflection, advertise well is the principle still.

Advertise well! you will never repent it; nothing more wise can a business man do.
Stick to this motto, and never forget it; advertise well—it will pull you safe through.
Advertise well; do not think what 'twill cost you; publishers bills are but friends in disguise.
How do you know what your caution has lost you? Would you be wealthy, you must advertise.

Advertise well! though business be waning; those who spend freest must win in the end.
Up and be doing! no need for complaining; act for yourself, and be your own friend.
Advertise well! all lanes have a turning; nothing pays better than paper and ink.
Thousands who daily this motto are spurning, find that it brings them to bankruptcy's brink.

—*Yonkers Gazette.*

THE next Republican national convention will be held at Chicago, on Tuesday, June 19th, 1888.

RICE county will have a grand jury for the January term of the district court. They need something out of the usual line down there.

HERE is a sentence for some of our high school scholars to punctuate: If Moses was the son of Pharaoh's daughter then Moses was the daughter of Pharaoh's son.

DOES IT look very favorable for Wichita's boom when a man holding some $400,000 of it, and a relationship to several hundred thousand more, commits suicide?

SOME of the "boys" are asserting that the supreme court's decesion on the Kansas prohibitory law was a "dry" affair, and they feel like going out and lubricating.

WHEN did a president of these United States ever deliver a message which has caused more surprise to friend and foe alike, than the one just issued by Cleveland?

THERE are said to be, by actual count, 27 newspapers in Kansas under the editorial management of women. In addition to this, there are a large number of editors who are under the same managment.—Lyons *Republican.*

THE Hoisington *Echo* thinks there is a good opening in that town for a bank. If the end of a division of the Mo. Pacific railroad is assured to Hoisington, it would seem there ought to be a chance for a bank to do a good business there.

IT IS not the quantity of matter that goes into a paper which counts to the interests of the town and country, but the quality. A brief statement of every day occurrences, and a short comment on local and general happenings will give better satisfaction than long editorials upon matters of no vital importance to any one.

TAKE out your pencils and make a note of this fact: 1,680 miles of railroad were built in Kansas this year! Don't let the world at large forget this. And don't let the people forget that every mile of this road, in addition to all that was built in former years, will be used to convey to market Kansas products and will be used to carry back to Kansas the money received for these same products.

KINSLEY people have got into difficulty by their coal stealing proclivities. Coal was taken from the Santa Fe cars, in the night, but the people claimed they had to steal it or freeze. However, it was proven there was plenty of coal for sale at the time, and that most of the people who took the railroad coal were well able to pay for it, and they were fined quite heavily for their theft.

A GREAT many people may think nothing wrong of the practice of calling at the county treasurers office at a time when he is the busiest, and having him look over the books, hunt up descriptions, etc., when they have no intention of paying the taxes at that time. It may be considered, and is, an imposition upon the time and patience of the treasurer and his assistant and should not be done.

A GENTLEMAN from Iowa called at our office and in the course of conversation said: "I formerly lived here and a few years ago moved back to Iowa. Now I am coming back to Kansas and have bought a farm near New Salem. The reason is, this is a better farming country, more enterprising people and the healthiest and most delightful climate I have ever lived in." He is trying to arrange for his brother in Illinois, to also come here. So they all talk.—Winfield *Tribune.*

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

An Interesting Session, But Not as well Attended as it Ought to Have Been.

According to previous announcement, the institute opened Wednesday last at 2:30 p. m. Mr. L. H. Lusk was made chairman and George Miltimore secretary of the meeting. The president made an opening address, stating the object of the meeting and the benefit expected to be derived from it. Mr. C. E. Sowle was appointed a committee to keep the house in order, and Messrs. Levi Gunn, Wm. Hood and John Price a committee to distribute programs.

Prof. Shelton, of the State Agricultural College then delivered a very interestin and instructive lecture on "The trouble with Farming and the Remedy."

"The merits of Polled cattle as compared with other breeds" was discussed by Mr. Milligan, Mr. W. H. Newberry, of the *Kansas Farmer*, Mr. John Pascoe taking part in the discussion. Prof Shelton favored all breeds in their respective localities. "Best Method of Growing Corn" was discussed. Mr. C. E. Sowle was in favor of listing and harrowing well. Mr. I. Milligan favored listidg in rows three feet five inches apart, and thought the Acme harrow the best. J. C. McEenroth also took part in the discussion of this project' favored deep listing. Messrs. Briggs and Fish also talked upon the subject. Mr. Levi Gunn favored listing and plowing shallow before listing. Mr. Sowle preferred planting different varieties, some early and some late. H. F. Hagen also favored deep listing and early cultivation. Mr. Briggs said of the new forage plant — milo-maize—it made four tons of hay at each cutting, can get two or three cuttings in a season, and get at the rate of fifty bushels of seed to the acre where other corn was a failure; thinks the fodder worth double that of common corn.

The meeting then adjourned until 7 p. m., when it was again called to order, and Prof. Shelton delivered a splendid address. A vote of thanks was tendered the Professor for his able and highly appreciated effort. An adjournment was then made until 9:30 a. m. Thursday.

FORENOON SESSION.

The meeting called to order. "The Value of Agricultural Associations and Public Sales Days," was discussed, Messrs. C. E. Sowle, H. F. Hagen, H. K. Newburry and Profs. Popenoe and Olin, taking part in that discussion.

On motion the chair appointed a committee of three to draft a plan of organization, and report at the session in the afternoon. Messrs. Miltimore, Hagen and Sowle were appointed such commitee.

"Profits of Cultivated Grasses as Compared with Native Grass," was discussed. Mr. Sowle thought Alfalfa was the best for this part of the state, and was the only grass successfully grown.

On motion the meeting adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 Thursday afternoon. An address was delivered by Prof. E. A. Popenoe upon "The Insect Enemies of the Apple." The address was an able one, and well received by all present.

"Sorghum: Its Value as a Food Plant, and for Sugar Production," was then discussed. Mr. Levi Gunn was not in favor of sorghum, nor was Mr. Fish. C. E. Sowle did not like it for a food plant, but thought it was the coming sugar producer. M. Giddings favored sorghum for hogs, and at times for cattle. Mr. Newberry thought it the coming sugar plant of Kansas.

The committee on permanent organization made its report, which was, on motion accepted,

The meeting then adjourned until 7 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Prof. O. E. Olin, of Manhattan, delivered an able lecture on "A Practical Education," making many good points, and demonstrating the necessity of farmers uniting in an effort to improve their plans and methods of agriculture.

The following resolutions was offered and accepted unanimously:

WHEREAS: Recognizing the efficient and valuabe assistance rendered this Institute by Professors E. M. Shelton, E. A. Popenoe and O. E. Olin, of the Agricultural College, be it

Resolved: That a vote of thanks be herewith extended them.

The report of the committee on permanent organization named the following gentlemen for officers and charter members: President, C. E. Sowle, of Great Bend; Treasurer, H. F. Hagan, of Ellinwood; Secretary, Geo. Miltimore, of Great Bend.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

L. H. Lusk, G. W. Merrit, R. B. Briggs, B. Markey, John W. Price, of Great Bend; L. G. Fish, of Pawee Rock; Wm. Hood, Wm. Reece, E. L. Chapman, Phil Smith, Ira D. Brougher and C. C. Wolf, of Great Bend.

It was decided to call the Association "The Central Arkansas Valley Agricultural Association," and on motion a committee composed of Messrs. Miltimore, Brougher, Lusk, Briggs, and Wolfe was appointed to obtain a charter and to draft a constitution and by-laws.

On motion the Institute adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in January, 1888, at Great Bend, at which time the committee on permanent organization will report.

CHAS. E. SOWLE,
Chairman *pro tem.*

GEO. MILTIMORE, Sec'y.

Kansas Educators to the Front.

The first annual meeting of the Central Kansas Educational Association held at Great Bend, Nov. 24th, 25th and 26th, was a grand success in every particular. The general expression of all who attended was that they had never listened to a more interesting or practical program of exercises. The addresses were all well prepared and most of them were deliverd in a sprightly manner without the aid of manuscripts. The discussions were pointed and lively. Railroad rates were the same as the holiday rates for the State Association. Hotel rates were still lower. Good $2 houses entertained all members of the association for $1 a day.

Many teachers were invited into private families. The rooms were the meeting was held are among the best in Central Kansas. Elegant street cars were in waiting to carry the visitors from the train to the hotels.

Public interest and enterprise were so fully aroused that over 550 citizens attended the opening session and remained even through the business part of the program, to greet the visiting teachers.

Many of the business men and other citizens purchased membership tickets to encourage the enterprise. A culturned citizenship ever encourages progressive teachers.

If Topeka sends out as good a proportion of her citizens, four thousand citizens of the Capital will greet the teachers of the State Association.

Europe and our own large cities are cursed with a murderous, howling class that claims the world owes them a living, and it has been well published the last two weeks, that all the anarchists are not in Chicago. Associations all over our country as well as in Chicago, are likely to be annoyed by hungry communists, hanging on to get some of the living they claim the world owes them.

The Central Kansas Association in common with others has been somewhat annoyed but it is well organized with experienced and progressive leaders, a united and cultured membership and well backed by invincible armies of intelligent citizens. The mad raving of a few disappointed dead beats need not intimidate any city from bidding for the annual meeting of the association. It is in a district that can make it one of the leading association in the state. Below will be found the list of members as registered at Great Bend.

Sickness, bad weather, and unexpected school duties kept many from coming after they had announced their intention and made preparation to come. Although we cannot give names until they are registered, yet in estimating the strength of this association it will be safe to multiply the number here by three.

The association although young is on a firm basis and in excellent financial condition.

EXPENDITURES.

Programs printed at Lyons	$11.25
Tickets " " Gt. Bend	1.50
Special invitations	1.00
Coal lights and janitor 2½ a day	11.30
Music (orchestra)	25.00
Postage and stationery	2.00
Photos of building	1.00
Total	$53.05

The association is under special obligation to the press of Central Kansas, trustees of the M. E. church and to Mrs. Dr. Ayres, Miss Florence Townsley, Miss Lida Norton, Mrs. Will Kelley and Miss Lillian Moses for the valuable gratuitous assistance rendered.

TREASURER.

Mrs. Geo. D. Fisher and children, of Newton, are visiting her sister. Mrs. J. J. Winterburg, of this city.

Charges Withdrawn.

The case of of the State *vs.* C. E. Fearl, the Santa Fe collector, for assaulting the deputy sheriff of Finney county some time ago, has been settled by mutual consent of Mr. Fearl and prosecuting witness. Clemency was extended to Mr. Fearl because of his having a family dependent upon him for support.

Sound Advice.

If you are a farmer patronize your home merchant. If you are a merchant, do your business with the farmer from whom you obtain patronage. If you are a laborer, spend your money with tradesmen, and thereby assist in making our city prosperous. If the business men, the mechanics and tradesmen are prosperous, the laborer, the farmer and all others in the community will be benefitted. Do business in a spirit of reciprocity. Let each vocation try to assist the other, and in this way a friendly and mutual relation exists which will prove beneficial to all. –Smith county *Bazoo.*

Fire Such an Icicle.

May the good Lord have pity on the child who is compelled to go day after day, week after week, and month after month to a school presided over by a teacher who never laughs, nor smiles, whose contenance is solemn as a sepulchre, whose voice is a dreary, drawling monotone, and whose methods of instruction have neither variableness nor shadow of turning. Wretched brother or sister, if it be impossible for you to put more vigor into your movements, more vivacity into your talk, and cheerfulness into your face, take we beseech you, your chilling form from off that school-room floor, and give place to some one whose presence is a perpetual sunshine, and whose manner and method are in eternal entagonism to monotony.—*Exchange*

Down With Our Gas Well.

Every week reports from over the country show the usual finds of coal salt, oil or natural gas by the towns that are drilling prospecting holes. It has become a sort of duty for a town to find out what underlies its particular section, and while in many cases the serch has proved to be a fruitless one, yet thousands of towns have within the last twelve months improved the condition of their people and the value of their property many fold by a simple hole in the ground. About the only way to know what lies under the surface is to bore down and see, and an artesian well, even, is worth many times the cost of finding it. Every town of a thousand inhabitants can well afford to know what resourses are under as well as around it.—Augusta *Journal.*

Prices Advancing.

For two weeks past both wheat and corn have been steadily advancing in New York and Chicago. January wheat closed in New York, on the 5th, at 96¼, being the highest point reached for many months past. Corn keeps pace with wheat and has a strong upward tendency, January closing at 95⅞ cents. The prospect for higher prices on corn and wheat before a new crop can be produced are very flattering. This means much to the general wellfare of the country. We export over 100,000,000 bushels of the two grains annually and an advance of 25 per cent. means an increase of $25,000,000 to the value of our exports. Live stock is also advancing in the eastern markets. These things mean greater prosperity to our farmers, especially to Kansas farmers, and when they prosper every other industry in the country prospers.

The election here on Tuesday resulted in the following: E. M. Carr Mayor. Alex. Dennis, John Johnston Sam. Boxwell Geo. Orr, and John Barreiras Councilmen, and A. H. Baker Police Judge. According to the ballot cast Pete. Johnston and E.M. Carr were a tie for the office of mayor, lots were drawn by the judge in which resulted the election of E. M. Carr.—Hoisington *Echo.*

REAL ESTATE is generally picking up over the country. Considerable is doing in farm lands and ranches as well as city property, though the transferes are largely confined to trades or exchange. It is believed, however, that the cash investments will rapidly increase from the present until April. —Real Estate *Journal.*

She kissed her pug, with haste arose, and rained upon that creature's nose a storm of osculations sweet; the swell reclining at her feet remarked, as he looked sideways up. "I wish that I'd been born a pup." Then, smiling coldly from her throne, she said: "And were you born full grown?"

Electric Election.

At the meeting of the electric light company last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: E. R. Moses, president; J. V. Brinkman, vice president; H. M. Kline, secretary; Louis Zutavern, treasurer. The following is the board of directors: E. R. Moses, W. Torrey, Louis Zutavern, Jacob Stauffer and J. V. Brinkman.

Final Settlement.

A committee of the board of trustees of the Central Kansas College are engaged in settling up and auditing the accounts, and soon will issue a statement of the financial condition to the public and also to the Congregational Association of the Arkansas Valley, preparatory to the final winding up of affairs under the administration of that institution.

Next Meeting.

The following will be the subjects discussed at the next meeting of our city teachers: How to write, analyze and parse infinitives and participles. A lesson in penmanship. The origin, growth and destiny of the English language. Questions demanding the attention of educators. How to teach the use of signs in arithmetic. Other topics will also be discussed.

Coal and Hogs.

Last week a half ton of coal was stolen from the brick yard of Wood Bros., near the Walnut creek. The Dodge school house was broken into and several things stolen. Only a week or so ago a couple of hogs were stolen from Wood Bros. corral. No trace of the thieves has as yet been discovered, but such things generally come to life in the course of events.

Married.

RUDE—BROWN.—Mr. Jacob Rude, of Union township, and Miss Katie Brown, of Beaver township, were married on Wednesday evening, December 7, 1887, at the residence of W. A. Rush, in Great Bend, Kansas, the Rev. W. A. Bosworth officiating.

The wedding was a quiet one, and the young couple have the hearty congratulations of their friends. Fred Prindle and Miss Gracie Wonsettler stood up with the bride and groom.

Social at Claflin.

Last week the Union Sunday school of Claflin gave a social and osyter supper. A fancy table arranged by the ladies of the Sunday school with the assistance of Mrs. Albro, Mrs. Bridsall and Mrs. Dusenbury, of New York City, was a beautiful thing, and showed exquisite good taste on their part. A fine silk, crazy quilt was drawn, but by whom we did not learn. The net proceeds of the event, we are told, amounted to nearly $40.

Sons of Veterans Election.

The annual election of officers for the Sons of Veterans occured last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Captain, W. H. Chamberlain; 1st Lieutenant, A. G. Fry; 2nd Lieutenant, D. W. Reece; Camp Council, D. W. Reece, A. G. Fry and J. C. Airheart. Delegate to state encampment, A. G. Fry; alternate, J. L. Airheart. Captain Chamberlain will appoint his staff in a few days, and all of the new officers will be installed at the first meeting night in January.

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C. Wallace Birdsall, of New York City, who has been visiting Albro Place, the home of Mr. Dusenbury, in the east part of the county, is in the city, with the intention of remaining among us.