

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

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All advertisements or communications, to obtain an insertion in the Democrat, must be handed in by Wednesday noon of each week, at the very latest.

Mr. Roetzle came up from Ellinwood last Monday to show the people in these parts how he was going to run the board of county commissioners, but he found Carney and Willms loaded for a bar, and he had to go back without "running things," a wiser if not a better man.—Register.

The Register attempts to make light of the claims of the first commissioner district. The facts in the matter are these: The resignation of Mr. Roetzle made vacant the office of commissioner from the first district. This vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mr. Willms, and the law provides that such officer is thus appointed to fill the position only until the next regular election. At the last fall election Mr. Langfeld was elected commissioner, and was entitled to his seat as such. So his friends Mr. Roetzle representing them, claimed as the Register claims, Mr. Roetzle found "Carney and Willms loaded for a bar," that "bar" being the said Register and the load they intended firing into the county printing. Mr. Langfeld was not given his seat, and Mr. Willms was permitted to serve after his term had, according to the interpretation of the law, expired.

Mr. Schwier offered a motion to make the Democrat the official paper at one-third the legal rates, but his motion was not seconded. Messrs. Carney and Willms then designated the Register as the official paper and allowed him one-half legal rates for legal printing. Mr. Schwier objected to this and several other things done by the republican majority of the board, on the grounds that Mr. Willms was not entitled to his seat.

We do not think the Register is wise in taunting the first commissioner district with their failure to get their rights, especially do we think it unwise, when we believe that Mr. Willms was not entitled to his seat after the election in November.

The rapid development of Kansas has been a wonder to the whole nation. She became a state twenty-five years ago, after having passed through most bitter struggles against introduction of slavery. Kansas is a slice from the juiciest side of the earth. A few years ago it was a nameless wilderness, reeking with dishonor, and robbed with disrepute. To-day it is the garden of the world, redolent with fragrance of the orchard and vintage, teeming with the homes of thrifty people pushing with vim and vigor of progress, and mellow with the bloom of an almost perennial harvest.—Ex.

WILLIE BAXTER, of Clearwater, Minnesota, was thought to have died of diphtheria Monday, December 26th, and on Tuesday his body was made ready for the coffin and the family retired from the room. Half an hour after some one returned and found the boy up and dressed in his every-day clothes. He insisted that he was not dead and not going to die. However, in about an hour, during which time he talked cheerfully to those around him and seemed to be getting better, he suddenly fell over and was stone dead in an instant.—Ex.

The Nashville (Tenn.) American says that "one of the strangest couples ever seen in this city were buying toys and Christmas things at the stores the other day. The peculiarity was the difference in size. The man was 8 feet 4 inches in height and weighed only 160 pounds. His wife's height was 4 feet 2 inches, while her weight was exactly that of her husband. They were buying presents for eight boys and eleven girls. They lived near the head waters of Bledso's creek in the twenty-sixth district of this county."

A music teacher in Ontario county, N. Y., put her card in a country paper. The paper was sent to a friend in Kansas. The Kansas friend showed it to a young neighbor. The young neighbor was well heeled, and turned out to be a former lover of the young music teacher, who seeing she was still single, wrote to her and in a few months they were married. It always pays to advertise.

A PENNSYLVANIA woman trapped a skunk and threw it into a saloon frequented by her husband. It had the good effect of closing the ranch for a week, and kept her husband and everybody else away for that length of time.

"Silence is golden; chin music is cheap."—Ex. Professor—"What can you say in regard to the articulation of the bones?" Student (doubtfully)—"I don't think they articulate very much."

Abandons His Party.

The following letter tells its own story: "NEW YORK, Dec. 6, 1887.—Col. S. V. R. Cruyer, Chairman Republican County Committee—Dear Sir: I do hereby resign as a member of the Republican County Committee from the Twenty-first Assembly district.

"I have been a member of the committee for about fifteen years, and it is not without reluctance that I sever a tie with the party I have loved and in which I have many warm friends, but my sympathies for some time have been growing away from the Republican party. The objects for which it was organized have been accomplished, and I am aware of no issue before the people on which it is entitled for support.

"I believe that the civil war and all questions growing out of it have been decided, and I am opposed to viewing the South as a conquered province, ever to remind her that her people were 'rebels.' The recent incident of the battle flags shows how a noisy and conspicuous portion of the Republican party is willing for political effect to fall into flames sectional hatred.

"On the tariff I also find myself opposed to the Republican party. It is not wise nor proper to keep up war taxes in time of profound peace. Not only is the money unnecessarily taken from the people, but a great surplus leads to improper expenditures. In regard to pensions, no one believes more than I do in liberal pensions to the brave men who fought our country's battles, but I am persuaded that the honest soldiers do not approve of the greatly increased pensions provided for by the bill the President vetoed.

"In 1884 I hesitated to support Mr. Cleveland, for I feared the effect on the business, of his election. He has proved himself to be honest, energetic and faithful. I am in favor of his re-election, and I think him entitled to the votes of all candid citizens.

"Holding these views, it will be apparent to you that I cannot, with self-respect, longer act with the Republican party, which has honored me and which I leave with regret. I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. KNOX.

Wedding Chimes.

PINKNEY-PYLE—At the residence of H. Pyle, at 4:30 o'clock to-day (Jan. 3, 1888) Mr. C. D. Pinkney to Miss Lotta E. Pyle, both of this city, Judge Doster officiating.

A few of the happy couple's friends and relatives were present and witnessed the ceremony, and a most elegant repast had been prepared, which was substantially enjoyed by all present. The groom is well known in our city as a young man of splendid habits and sterling worth. For the last two years he has acted in the capacity of head clerk at the Union, and much of the popularity which that hostelry so deservingly enjoys, is due to Mr. Pinkney's excellent management and clerkship. To put the many excellent traits of character which Mr. Pinkney richly possesses in one brief compendious form, extra good, would be the proper expression.

The bride has resided in our city for the past year and her amiability of deportment, kindly and gentle manner, and charm of character has made her the cynosure of a large circle of warm and admiring friends. She is a queenly lady and will preside over the Pinkney household as becomes a true, peerless American girl.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pinkney, here are our warmest congratulations. May you have a pleasurable voyage through life and always enjoy a large share of the most substantial blessings of this mundane sphere.

The happy couple will depart to-night for their future home at Great Bend, where Mr. Pinkney will assume the management of the Morrison House. Our loss will be Great Bend's gain.—McPherson Freeman, Jan. 3.

WE GLADLY join with the Freeman in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Pinkney our congratulations and welcome to the city of Great Bend. Mr. Pinkney's reputation as a gentleman is voiced throughout the land by the traveling public, and the above extract from his home paper shows the high esteem in which he and his charming wife are held in McPherson. May their cup of happiness and their new home always be full.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, JAN. 10, '88.

Council met pursuant to adjournment; present, Mayor, A. J. Buckland, councilmen, F. J. Kramer, S. H. Moss, D. R. Jones, F. J. Spencer, F. C. Schuster and W. O. Morrison. The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Bill of Brinkman Bros. & Gwinn for lumber was referred to the finance committee. Councilman Spencer moved that the city attorney be instructed to draw up an amendment to the ordinance relating to auctioneers, making the license for auctioneers, per day, \$25, and strike out or repeal that part of the present ordinance which makes the license for auctioneers \$50 per annum.

Motion lost. Councilman Moss moved that the sum of \$1250 be transferred from the water fund to the general fund.

Motion carried.

The clerk was on motion instructed to notify Mr. Newcomb, surveyor, to be present at the next meeting of the council and bring with him the notes, plats and profiles belonging to the city.

The following bills were allowed, all councilmen present voting aye: Eureka Hose Co. hose and carts \$81,175.40 Henry Schlobaum, erroneous special tax 30.00 Maher & O'Connell, attorneys fees in case of Mrs. Roseburg vs. city 25.00 F. J. Kramer, work on fire building 6.00 W. E. Stokes, services as city clerk and printing 25.28 Total \$81,202.68

On motion the council adjourned sine die.

WILL E. STOKES, City Clerk.

ON A DAKOTA TRAIN.

How a Big Man Secured a Comfortable Seat in a Crowded Car. A big railroad grader who loomed up like the late Goliath came in and sat down in a "turned seat" opposite a very little man. The large gentleman was comfortably drunk—the little man rather looked as if he might be a prohibitionist. The big man snorted a few times, wiped his feet on the small man's cushion, and then remarked:

"Say! I jes' despise a little, dried-up, insignificant man!" "Er—ah—is that so?" said the little man, with a weak, nerveless smile. "Commonly I eat 'em!" continued the large party in a loud voice. The little man's smile grew more feeble and ghastly.

"I chaw 'em up and leave 'em!" continued the grader fiercely, as he glared around without appearing to notice the small man with the dying smile. "I wouldn't hit a little, sneakin' wad of a man that weighed less than a hundred and fifty, 'cause there wouldn't be enough of him left for a funeral; but I've bit more'n a million of 'em!"

The little man weighed less than a hundred and thirty, and appeared to be growing rapidly smaller. "W'y, blawk their little hides!" went on the big, big man, "there orter be a law ag'in 'em! They got to pass it mighty quick, though, or I'll have 'em all killed off!"

The little man was looking at the window out of the corners of his eyes and contemplating a leap. "Somebody tie my hands 'n' feet an' show me one o' these small men!" yelled the grader as he warmed up. "Lemme lean over an' fall on him an' squish him! Somebody hold me an' lead up a small man an' lemme look at him an' par'ize him! Ya—a—a—ah! Lemme breathe on one o' 'em an' scorch him!"

The little man had his feet braced and gripped his umbrella with the energy of a last hope, as he resolved to sell his life as dearly as possible. "War-r-r-thar! Git outter my way! Gimme one o' these yere dwarfs or I'll bust yer ear!" yelled the big man, as he rose up and began striking out wildly at the air. "Show me a little man, 'cause I'm hungry! Bring me one for my supper! Hi-thar! Dash me here's one now—see me chaw him!" And he made a lunge at the little man, who in some unaccountable way shot up over the back of his seat and rushed along the aisle and out the door onto the rear platform, where he roled to the next station, while the big man subsided and spread his feet all over the opposite seat, pulled his hat down over his eyes, and only grunted and kicked aimlessly at the arm of the seat when the conductor came along and demanded a ticket.—F. H. Carruth, in Chicago Tribune.

"Mi card, Oh!" is a unique sign that Mr. Moorehouse, the paper dealer, has hung at the corner of Broadway and Main street.

Commissioners Proceedings.

In the matter of appeal from the decision of the county superintendent, the county superintendent is hereby ordered to add to school district No. 30 the south 1/2 of southwest 1/4 of 36, township 19, range 11.

Ordered that John Dickenson be rebated \$300 valuation June payment tax of 1887, on lots 5 and 6, block 27, Heizer Park addition, account of erroneous assessment.

In the matter of petition of W. T. Glenn et al, for private road, ordered that prayer of petition be granted and W. W. Winstead, Will H. Dodge and L. P. Aber be appointed as viewers to meet Jan. 9th, 1888, and view and locate said road.

Ordered that John Armstrong be rebated one half of his personal property taxes of 1888.

Ordered that the tax sale of 1887, taxes of 1886, lot 8, block 137, city of Great Bend, be cancelled, account of error.

Ordered that Chas. Barston be refunded \$9.60, illegal tax sale on lot 5, block 143, Great Bend.

In the matter of petition of Riverside Park and Lafferty additions, in regard to excessive assessments, not acted upon.

Bill of Greve & Zeller laid over. Bridge petition of J. V. Brinkman et al laid over. Jan. 5th, 1888.—Board met pursuant to adjournment and proceeded to inspect the iron bridges in Logan and Lakin townships, when they adjourned to meet Jan. 6th, 1888. Jan. 6th, 1888.—Board met pursuant to adjournment, full board present. R. M. Ward was appointed constable of Lakin township, to fill vacancy. Report of District Judge and County

Attorney, on condition of jail read and ordered to be published.

In matter of viewers and surveyors report on road petitioned for by A. W. Ward et al, ordered report rejected and said road is not of sufficient public benefit to pay the large amount of damages claimed.

Ordered that \$360 valuation, taxes of 1887, on w 1/2 of sec. 4 and e 1/2 of sec. 5, twp. 18, r. 13, be rebated—erroneous assessment.

Ordered that the June payment of tax of 1887, on blk 28, Col. Grove addition to Great Bend, be rebated—erroneously assessed.

Ordered that the June payment, tax of 1887, lots 7 and 8, blk 93, Great Bend be rebated, on account of being unable to pay the taxes.

The sheriff is hereby ordered to collect the rent due the county for office rent, and if not paid on demand the county attorney is hereby ordered to commence suit at once to collect said rent.

Ordered that Josiah Spencer be appointed Bridge Commissioner for Barton county for one year from date. It shall be his duty to inspect all county bridges, at least twice a year. It shall also be his duty to repair all bridges the cost of which shall exceed \$10. When the cost of such repairs shall be less than \$10 it shall be the duty of the township trustee to repair the same at the expense of the county. Said bridge commissioner is also required to locate and plainly mark out all abutments and to inspect the same before paid for by the township in which abutments are located. Said commissioner shall receive for inspecting bridges etc., \$5 per day, all repairing to be done at regular mechanic prices.

Commissioner Henry Schwier protested against above action. Ordered that the salary of the probate judge be raised to \$300 per year, to commence Jan. 1, 1888.

Commissioner Henry Schwier protested against above action. The matter of county printing being under consideration, it was ordered that the Great Bend Register be and is hereby designated and declared to be the official newspaper of Barton county for one year and until its successor is selected according to law. The publisher of said newspaper to file a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful and proper publication of all matter required to be published in said newspaper for Barton county. It is further ordered that the publisher of said Great Bend Register be and is selected as the county printer for Barton county for one year and until his successor is selected and designated as required by law the said printing to be done at one-half legal rates. Henry Schwier, Commissioner, protesting.

Official bond of E. L. Chapman, county printer approved. Henry Schwier, commissioner, protesting.

Board met, Jan. 9th, 1888, pursuant to adjournment. Ordered that John Long, of Clarence township be rebated \$1750 valuation, tax of 1887, as he was assessed in Iowa.

In the matter of viewers report on road petition of W. L. Glenn, laid over until April meeting.

Ordered that G. W. Johnson be released from the county jail. Minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings read and approved.

The appointment of W. E. Looney and W. A. Strong as county board of examiners approved.

O. V. Dodge and A. C. Fair appointed examiners of county treasury. The county superintendent is hereby instructed to move into the northwest corner office in the basement.

Board adjourned sine die. The following resolutions were passed: Resolved—1st, that we express to Ed. L. Teed, our retiring clerk, our hearty thanks for the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which he has always treated this board, and recognizing the efficient and able manner in which he has conducted the office of county clerk during his four years service. We extend to him our best wishes for his future welfare and prosperity.

2d.—Chas. A. Willms, the retiring member of this board, we have found an earnest, diligent and faithful member who has labored for the best interest of the first commissioner district and the people of the whole county. W. W. CARNEY, HENRY SCHWIER.

STATE OF KANSAS, s. s. COUNTY OF BARTON, } s. s. County Clerk's Office, Jan. 9, 1888. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to law for the purpose of organization. Present: W. W. Carney, Henry Schwier and Henry Langfeld, commissioners, and D. R. Jones county clerk in attendance.

On motion of Henry Langfeld, Henry Schwier was elected chairman for the ensuing year. On motion Board adjourned.

Bills Allowed.

WOLF SCALP MONEY. J. W. Sevely 3.00 Angus Johnson 8.00 O. Van Horn 12.00 A. J. Miller 12.00 F. M. Campbell 3.00 J. F. Roberts 3.00 J. C. Fernall 3.00 Fred Blinn 3.00 John Schlobaum 3.00 Norman A. Andrus 1.00 T. J. Bismarck 3.00 Frank Wheeler 3.00

Table with names and amounts: E. J. Quantance 3.00, Lewis Young 3.00, John Young 3.00, John Lile 3.00, W. J. Church 3.00, Joseph Carr 3.00, Geo. D. Barnard 30.25, U. N. Crane & Co. 148.50, J. S. Bodsworth Book Co. 30.00, John Morris Co. 10.00, Hall & O'Connell 64.05, J. H. Rice & Sons 26.00, Wichita Eagle 16.00, E. L. Chapman 28.25, W. E. Stokes county printing 41.00, Lewis Boardard boarding paper 72.00, H. H. Remick 29.00

Table with names and amounts: Merchandise for poor: H. R. Lewis 24.00, Moses Bros 9.00, H. H. Remick 10.00, J. H. Remick 10.00, N. Schenk 10.80, M. M. Ward boarding paper 32.50, J. H. Rice & Sons 26.00, G. W. Johnson 5.00, Gano & Logan merchandise for poor 51.92, J. F. Byran 19.90, S. A. Drummond overcoats 4.00, S. P. Mowery coal for poor 3.25, Theo Griffith merchandise for poor 3.00, John Strus boarding paper 35.75, M. M. Ward digging grave 1.00, Cannon & Dulles merchandise for poor 25.00, J. D. Welner 26.40, Mary H. Pippet boarding paper 95.50, W. E. Stokes ticket for pauper 1.00, James Lamb boarding paper 39.00, Tullis & Tullis merchandise for poor 6.70, John Conroy witness state vs. Hoack 1.40, Joseph Cue 4.20, E. C. Cole attorney fees Helias C. J. S. Dalziel sheriff fees 46.40

Table with names and amounts: Witnesses fees: F. H. Sewell 2.50, G. H. Harbort 2.50, J. O. Lightbody 2.50, J. H. Klein 2.50, J. H. Hader 2.50, J. M. Needham 2.50, J. H. Campbell 2.50, Amos Johnson 2.50, John Farrell 2.50, Wm. Pender 2.50, E. C. Cole attorney fees 7.50, James Dalziel sheriff fees state 8.00, Ira D. Brougher clerk's fees 2.50, W. H. Dodge judgment 175.00

Table with names and amounts: Witnesses: Chris Hopman 4.00, Jacob Fry 5.10, E. D. Brand 5.10, Ed L. Teed 5.10, A. W. Strong 5.10, J. H. Remick 5.10, Myron Willmore 1.50, Langham 1.50, Ira D. Brougher clerk's fees 12.95, J. S. Dalziel 8.10, C. U. Worman witness fees 8.00, S. B. Chappell 3.00, T. O. Gallik 3.00, Chaw Kee 7.40, Geo Crumback J. P. 114.90, F. D. Wilson constable 114.90, J. S. Dalziel sheriff 112.00, E. C. Cole county attorney 7.50, S. B. Chappell witness fees 2.50, Ira D. Brougher clerk's fees 5.30, W. H. Dodge judgment 175.00, J. W. Brown 5.40, J. S. Dalziel constable fees 6.10, Ira D. Brougher, clerk's fees 6.10, J. W. Whitman, justice fees 5.70, George Stetlingham, constable's fees 10.35, J. O. W. Hillman witness fees 1.00, Gus Foster 1.00, A. E. Fouch 1.40, Joe Brown 1.40, Ora Brown 1.40, Wm. Brown 1.20, Geo Crumback, justice fees 7.50, J. W. Dawson, constable fees 7.50, J. A. Redmond 6.75, J. S. Dalziel, sheriff fees 17.15, Ira D. Brougher, clerk's fees 3.80, Geo Crumback, justice fees 3.80, Peter Carbin, constable fees 2.30, J. P. Aber 1.50, J. S. Dalziel, sheriff 1.50, J. S. Shaw, coroner's 1.00, M. Carney, J. S. Dalziel's fees 1.00, B. H. Bell 1.00, H. Bishop 1.00, J. E. Benedict 1.00, F. M. Burson 1.00, L. E. Nimocks 1.00, W. H. Parry 1.00, W. H. Zlatner 1.00, J. W. Hawson constable fees 1.25, E. C. Cole 1.00, C. W. Watson Jr juror fees 1.00, Lemuel Johnson 1.00, James King 1.00, Albert Foster 1.00, J. H. Daniel 1.00, Frank Byron witness 1.00, J. H. Barrett 1.00, J. S. Van Akin 1.00, J. R. Leach, jury county physician 20.00, J. S. Shaw 60.00, W. L. Teed " " " 516.00, C. U. Worman " " " 300.00, Ed L. Teed " " " 395.15, E. C. Cole " " " 200.00, J. S. Dalziel " " " 2.50, Joseph Hill binding plat books 38.85, John Zoller painting court house 150.00, Western File & Index Co. book cases 89.00, W. M. Welch school register 4.10, E. F. Mowery " " " 4.10, Allison Bro " " " 303.55, Board of Education rent for holding examination 15.00, W. Torrey freight on iron bridge 213.74, P. E. Lane iron bridge 1383.33, Chauten Bros & Co material for bridge 64.57, E. Manning work on bridge 22.00, Spencer & Spencer repairing bridge 44.95, C. Q. Newcomb taking magnetic variations 80.00, C. Q. Newcomb surveying road 60.00, C. Q. Newcomb surveying county line 12.00, C. Q. Newcomb " " " 48.50, J. S. Dalziel posting election notices 7.50, C. A. Sibenberghorn merchandise for jail 7.50, Bath Dunn washing for jail 3.20, W. M. Parry work on jail 1.50, W. E. Looney school examiner 2.00, W. F. Ogde examining county treasury 2.00, W. W. Seward " " " 2.00, E. E. Boperson " " " 2.00, Geo Crumback drawing jury 2.00, Geo Crumback " " " 2.00, John Deberry clerk of election 2.00, C. G. West " " " 2.00, J. D. Ronaldsd judge " " " 2.00, A. H. Harris " " " 2.00, F. L. Borchardt " " " 2.00, F. M. Doty sheriff " " " 150.00, J. S. Dalziel Stairs seen " " " 45.00, J. S. Dalziel " " " 133.80, " " " Collecting delinquent tax 5.25, A. J. Buckland tickets for pauper 1.00, J. R. Hannum building vaults 500.00, Martin Mussel winding road 2.00, Wm. Hirsch work on bridge 2.00, John Wolf " " " 2.00, J. S. Dalziel boarding prisoners 327.40, Chas. Barston illegal taxes refunded 1.00, Electric Light Co. lights for court house 74.02, J. S. Dalziel sheriff fees St. vs. Hoack 59.35, Ira D. Brougher, Clerk fees State vs. Me-Hugh 15.55, W. M. Ireland witness same case 1.50, E. M. Farin " " " 1.50, Fred Stauffer " " " 1.50, J. S. Dalziel sheriff fees same case 4.25, Fred Stauffer " " " 5.50, W. M. Ireland witness " " " 5.50, G. N. & E. R. Moses Mdee. for county 14.43, K. C. Bridge & Iron Co., Iron bridges 2468.30, J. Spencer, inspecting bridges 75.50, Spencer & Spencer building poor houses 40.50, Shaw & Wilson mdee for county 1.75, F. Borchardt boarding Harris, pauper 36.00, Chas. Barston illegal taxes refunded 1.00, C. A. Willms salary county commissioner 42.00, Henry Schwier " " " 29.00, W. W. Carney " " " 29.00

Annual report of the County Commissioners of Barton county, Kansas, for the year ending December 31st, 1887. Total bonded indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1887, \$12,000.00. Total warrants outstanding, Dec. 31, 1887, \$7,729.31. Total indebtedness, \$19,729.31. Credit by sinking fund in county treasury, Dec. 31, 1887, \$14,700.00. Credit by warrants in county treasury, Dec. 31, 1887, \$1,191.40. Total credits, \$15,891.40. Total indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1887, \$14,837.95. Total indebtedness, Dec. 31, 1886, \$14,837.95. Total increase for the year end, \$1,054.00. Total decrease for the year end, \$1,054.00. Approved: W. W. Carney, County Clerk.

Special Texas Excursion.

Round trip tickets to Houston and return or Galveston and return will be sold Jan. 11, Jan. 15th and Feb. 8th, good to return on, or before May 1st, 1888. Rates, Houston and return \$23.60, Galveston and return \$25.10. W. TORREY, Ag't., A. T. & S. R. R.

NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION.

Land Office at Larned, Kan., November 18, 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, Kansas, on January 20, 1888, viz: Karl Schuber, Homestead entry No. 2367, 1/4 of north west quarter of section 2, township 17, range 15 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Hester, David Quinby, Wm. Porter and Louis Abricht, all of Nathan postoffice, Barton county, Kansas. W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: L. H. Vena, Charles Mitchell, Ed. Ellwood, Barton county, Kansas, and Lewis Ketch and Sid Crane, of Great Bend, Barton county, Kansas. W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

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Land Office at Larned, Kan., Nov. 19th, 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, Kansas, on January 23, 1888, viz: George T. Harper, E. O. K. 1046, for the 1/4 of sec 17, range 14 west, & 1/2 of sec 12, township 17, range 14 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: William S. Johnson, Great Bend, Kansas; Edbert J. Ingorsoll, Holdenville, Oklahoma; Ed. Smith, Holdenville, Oklahoma; W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

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He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Charles Marston, Ed. J. W. Smith, of Great Bend, Kansas, and L. Mury and Stephen Brown, of Maherville, Barton county, Kansas. W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

Land Office at Larned, Kan., January 6, 1888. 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, Kansas, on the 24th day of February, 1888, viz: William H. Kerr, Homestead entry No. 6278, for the south-west quarter of section 24, township 16 south, range 14 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John Broedel, Russell county, Kansas; Dolebeck, all of Dubuque, Russell county, Kansas, and James Toolvine, of State Center, Barton county, Kansas. W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

Notice of Application to Purchase School Land.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he will, on the 15th day of January, 1888, make an application to the Probate Court of Barton county, Kansas, to purchase the following described school land, situated in the organized county of Barton, Kansas, viz: The S 1/2 of the northeast quarter of Section 16, township 16 south, range 14 west. He names the following persons to prove his settlement, continuous residence, and improvements, viz: Thomas Gergerson, residence Great Bend, Kansas, and Hans Gergerson, residence Great Bend, Kansas. Done at Great Bend, on the 24th day of Barton, Kansas, this 3rd day of January, 1888. J. O. WATKINS, Petitioner.