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Rail Road Time Cards

A., T. & S. F.

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

GOING EAST.

No. 4, Atlantic express	4.52 a. m.
No. 8, Eastern Express	5.05 p. m.
No. 6, New York Express	6.33 a. m.
No. 42, way freight	1.57 p. m.
No. 44, " "	3.00 p. m.

GOING WEST.

No. 3, California and New Mexico Ex.	10.10 p. m
No. 7, Colorado and Utah Express	11.04 a. m
No. 5, Denver Express	10.00 p. m
No. 41, way freight	10.14 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	3:00 a. m.

ARRIVES.

Express	4:40 p. m.
Freight	10:00 p. m.

All trains daily except Sunday.

W. TORREY, Agent.

Mo. Pacific.

ARRIVES

St Louis Express	12:45 a m
Colorado Express	7:10 a m

DEPARTS

St Louis Express	5:30 a m
Colorado Express	11:00 p m

All trains daily.

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Collections Promptly Attented To.

Office over Moss' Grocery Store,

GREAT BEND. - - KAS.

PHYSICIANS.

F. LIGHTFOOT,

Physician & Surgeon,

Headquarters at Allen's Drug Store.

A. Y. McCormick, M. D. V. L. Chester, M. D.

McCORMICK & CHESTER,

Physicians and Surgeons.

Office over Dodge's Hardware store, northwest cor. La Fayette Park.

GREAT BEND. - - KANSAS.

Shaw & Ayres

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

HEADQUARTERS AT

Wilson & Shaw's Drug Store.

DR. W. H. WHITE,

Homœpathic Physician.

Office in the Willner Block, opposite the Postoffice. Night calls promptly attended to, lamp burning at office door all night.

GREAT BEND, - - KAS.

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.

Typer House,

Terms reasonable. Good sample room for commercial men.

East Side Square,

GREAT BEND, - - KANSAS

Valley House,

N. R. HOLMES, Prop.

Near depot. Best accommodations in the city. Transient $1.50 per day; by week $4. A good feed stable in connection.

FRENCH

Restaurant,

JOE TROILLET, Proprietor.

Meals at all hours. Fine French candies, fresh fruits and cigars.

"SALVATION'S free for you and me." There are fifty-three Sundays in this year.

CORN is king in Kansas. But back in "Old Kaintuck" the juice of corn is king.

THE fame of Kansas is world - wide. *Puck* says in Italy children are taught that when they die they will go to Kansas.

DON'T call all men gentlemen who wear plug hats. Never eat boarding house mince pie without looking under the crust.

REAL estate men are correcting up their plats, oiling up their tongues and looking up the "advantages over all competition" of their seperate additions.

THE many blacksmiths and repairing shops in the city are now running at their full capacity, which shows that the stnrdy yeomanry are preparing to tickle old mother earth aud make her smile again.

THE idea of extending the Kansas lines so as to take in No-man's-land is not a bad one. Bringing that country under the laws of Kansas would give it better laws than could be brought about in any other manner.

A FEW ladies have already registered, and it would be well for all the ladies of the city to remember that if they wish to vote at the city election in the spring, as it is their privilege to do, they should not neglect to register.

HOW MANY weeds will you allow to grow in your garden or on your farm this year? And how many are you now cultivating in your heart and grafting upon your immortal soul? Now is a good time to study this question over.

A VALUABLE addition to our reference library is the Chicago *Daily News* Almanac and Political Register for 1888. It is full to overflowing with valuable information to everyone, and therefore a mighty handy little book to have around.

THIS PART of Kansas will have a wheat and corn boom next year. The prospects were never better in Edwards county than they are now. Those who sowed wheat last fall will be handsomely rewarded when the harvest time comes.—Kinsley *Graphic.*

AN EXCHANGE says: The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe company has decided to buy 100,000 bushels of seed wheat and ship it to the western counties of Kansas, charging nothing for the transportation, and selling the wheat to farmers, taking in payment notes due in one year at 8 per cent.

THE sad intelligence reaches us that Lon Beard, editor of the Kinsley *Graphic*, died at the Kinsley House, Monday the 23d inst., of pneumonia fever. His remains were shipped to his old home in Illinois on Wednesday. An able newspaper man is lost to western Kansas by the death of Mr. Beard.

The *Herald* printed the health officer report for 1787, last Saturday. Perhaps it believes in the maxim of "better late than never."-Garden City *Democrat.*

IT MAY be better late than never; but just what interest the citizens of Garden City can take in the aboriginal report of a hundred years or more ago, rather puzzles us.

SOUTHERN Kansas produces as good blue grass and other tame grasses as can be found on the globe. The entire profits of many farmers in the middle states is derived from the tame meadows, and when our farmers give more attention to this department then net earnings will be materially increased. Sow more tame grasses and plant more trees.—St. John *Sun.*

A PHILADELPHIA man has figured out that the jaw of an average man who lives to be sixty-five years old, will travel just 107 miles in his life time, in the mastication of food, chewing tobacco and general conversation. When asked to make the same calculation concerning an average woman's jaw, he declined positively, saying that "life is too short."

THE beautiful Kansas weather still continues. One day the clouds will shift threateningly about and appear to be gathering for a storm; but the genial sun will heep from beneath their changing borders, and in a few hours the sky will be again clear an another perfect day will be recorded. It is not an unusual thing now-a-days, to see men in their shirt sleeves upon the streets, and one almost looks to see the ladies coming out in white lawns and bright sun-shades. The Italian clime predominates.

THE Board of Directors of the Great Bend Gas & Fuel Company held a meeting Saturday evening in Captain Lewis' office and discussed several matters of interest, among which was the locating of the first prospecting well. Another meeting will be held shortly, when it is thought the location will be fixed upon, and the machinery for boring is expected any day.

A KANSAS paper, summing up what a town should have, makes use of the following language: "More unanimity, faith in the future, fewer talented liars, fewer men who know it all, more faith in one another's honesty, fewer who are playing to get even, a public place for growlers to soak their heads, and a spitting on the slate and a rubbing out of old scores, old grudges, and old personal, political and business difficulties."

THE *Kansas Farmer*, though an excellent farm paper, is killing its usefulness in Kansas by its support of Blaine and his doctrines. It is sadly forgetting its mission when it devotes whole columns to the support of the greedy monopolists and heartless trusts and combinations which united to rob the farmers of this broad land of their well earned money. One day the *Farmer* will see the error of its course, and that before many months have rolled by.

EVERYBODY seems to be getting ready for a big Kansas boom this spring. The indications are that farm property will receive more attention than for several years past. It is very evident that many of the hard worked tillers of the soil back in the middle and eastern states would like to get into Kansas, but the attempt to unload back there will be so universal as to produce absolute stagnation, and none of them will get away without great sacrifice.—Winfield *Courier*'

SEVERAL Kansas papers are speaking of an arrangement which has been made by the farmers of their neighborhood to send to Iowa or some other corn growing state of the north and get early seed corn. The idea is, that a corn which will mature early will make a more certain crop than the later varieties, and the idea is a good one. From all indications now the spring will open early and farmers who have been here any number of years will know that, as a rule, the earlier corn is planted the more certainty there is of its being beyond the danger line when the hot winds of summer come. There is need for our farmers to look to all means of improving their seed and the manner of seeding, and it is of importance that every point possible be made in this direction.

"THE little hours of each little day give to us all that life contains." Ambitious men are sometime prone to underrate the value of to-day, and would, perforce, see only pleasure in the time to come, forgetting that "to-morrow"—like a dancing Jack-o-lantern on the treacherous marsh of time—"may never come." To-day, a glorious sample of this great Kansas climate, we doubt indeed if even the ambitious and most grasping man within the precincts of our city fair breaths the pure and healthful air and bathe within the sunlight's warning rays and not enjoy the present for the pleasure of it. But yesterday we read of death and desolation in the frigid north, where biting and relentless winds chilled all earthly pleasures and pursuits, and sent into eternity the souls of men. To-day "each little hour" is full of life, and joy, and health, and hope. Rejoice, ye Kansas lads and lassies fair and take what comfort now you may, and ne'er forget that in this land of promises fulfilled all days are full of profit and of pleasure, and all nights are full of healthful rest.

Barton County Ahead.

The report of the State Board of Agriculture, for the quarter ending December 31st, 1887, is before us. It is full of valuable statistics, and makes a showing for Kansas that, even in an "off year" like 1887, we should indeed be proud of.

Following is an extract from the crop statistics, showing the seven counties which sowed the greatest number of acres to winter wheat, and the number bushels harvested and value of the product:

Counties.	Acres sown	bus. thresh'd	Value.
Barton,	73,504	441,910	$242,553.50
McPherson,	69,744	334,704	217,596.60
Saline,	65,653	262,616	157,569.60
Sumner,	56,407	338,440	219,986.00
Dickinson,	45,741	164,664	90,565.20
Ellsworth,	42,508	212,540	127,524.00
Ottawa,	40,926	51,080	30,618.00

Barton county's barley crop is also shown as being some $20,000 in value ahead of all other counties in the state, while her corn crop came up to the average as to the acres planted.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

Twenty-five years of republican law, and things getting worse for the poor man, and better for the rich, all the time.—Sterling *Times.*

The Standard Oil Company is said to be moving heaven and earth to thwart Cleveland's renomination. This fact alone should rally every honest man to his support.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer*: "Strange that no one has hitherto suggested that the quickest way to dispose of the surplus is to recall the exiled Canadian colony and give them a chance." This does very well, but the quickest way to get rid of the surplus is to turn it over to the Blaine crowd.—Wyandott *Herald.*

When Mr. Cleveland quietly suggests that stockings for the poor man's family and a winter overcoat for the poor man himself are very much more important necessaries of life and should be cheapened, Blaine gives a convulsive scream and declares a free "chaw" is all he can grant, and his big heart almost bursts at the thought of giving that much.—New York *Herald.*

Senator Plumb came to the front last week with an attack on the administration, but we think that he regretted his step when Senator Vest got through with him. Plumb, speaking of the surplus, complained that Cleveland vetoed the river and harbor bill, which would have spent $14,000,000. In reply Vest said that "the most virulent attacks upon that bill had come from Plumb. He had fought the bill by sections and in the aggregate, had ridiculed it and denounced it and voted against it. The executive had only acted in the line of the senator's arguments. The president had it in his annual message defined, and sharply defined, the issue between the two great parties, and he (Vest) indorsed that message from beginning to end. He was prepared to go into the canvass upon it and whatever the result might be, declared now, publicly, that if the President had done nothing less than write that message he had proved himself to be an honest patriotic man, and worthy of the leadership of any party that ever existed in the history of this country."—Parsons *Palladium.*

HOISINGTON HASH.

From the Echo.

John Dramer wears a big grin on his face—nine pound boy at his house.

Mr. Houck, of Wichita, is visiting his brother, A. S. Houck of this place.

J. A. Markley who has been very low with inflamatory rheumatism is reported to be much better.

The nice weather has brought mechanics into demand again as there is a great deal of building being done.

Rev. Haskis, of this place has been holding a series of meetings in the Humphrey school house southeast of here the past week.

In answer to a telegram announcing that her father was at the point of death, Mrs. T. E. Mallory left for Madison, Mo., on Sunday evening.

The well work is progressing rapidly. F. M. McElfish the foreman has had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, but he is pushing the work just the same. The pumping department is opperated by C. O. Yarrel, of Holden, Mo., who keeps the pumps running night and day to keep the water out of the way of the diggers.

CLARENCE.

Hear the wheat grow.

Miss Mary Webster was out from the metropolis Monday.

Mr. H. Ward took a run up from Pawnee Rock, Saturday.

That makes eight for Mr. Wm. Gagelman—it's a girl.

Mr. W. Compton is still confined to his bed with rheumatism.

Mr. James was out from the city on business, last Wednesday.

Let us hear more from Bar-Vi-er, that is, I mean Albert.

A musical *soiree* was a pleasant event in this neighborhood, last week.

Mr. Charlie Cline is prepaing to commence the erection of his new blacksmith shop.

Mr. Martin has enclosed the lawn which surrounds his residence, with a fancy picket fence.

Mr. Hans Carstensen has added to the appearance of his residence, by applying a new coat of plaster.

Cattle and hog buyers who come out from the Bend expecting to purchase stock from the farmers at a discount, owing to the alleged "scarcity of feed," get left about as bad as the Republican candidates, at the late county election.

Wonder what the denizens of the ice clad and snow bound east think of this weather as they pass through or stop in the Sunflower state? Perhaps it strikes them that the tales of "suffering," of which they read in the prejudiced eastern papers was a little exaggerated—just a little.

Oh, say Reuben, you can't evade it; you really can't now. We are all watching to see when you go to town, and then, if the cigars don't suffer it will not be our fault. (For the benefit of others we will explain that she is a girl, and arrived at Mr. R. Nelson's place last week.)

BUCKEYE.

P. S. I retract. The tales of suffering in Kansas from the effects of the blizzard are not wholly unfounded. I have since writing the above discovered a harrowing tale of suffering even in our immediate neighborhood. It is in connection with a steer belonging to Mr. A. B. So-and-so. When the spinal veterbrae of the winter receive a fracture, the connection will be severed, undoubtedly. B.

PAWNEE ROCKETS.

From the LEADER.

Reports from south of the river say that the wheat is in excellent condition.

Miss Mollie Iles commences her duties in district No. 17, near Olmitz, on Monday.

The merry music of the anvil is one of the reminders of the approaching of spring.

Will Ferger, tonsorial artist, of Great Bend, shook hands with Pawnee Rock friends Sunday.

A gentleman who has been over the county pretty thoroughly says he never saw wheat looking better at this season.

A merry throng of young people met at the residence of L. Johns on Wednesday evening and spent a pleasant evening with games and taffy.

George Wynkoop, living west of town, is hauling his wheat to market. He had 1,000 bushels of No. 3, Turkey wheat, and is getting 62 cents for it.

Register Brownlee, of the Larned land office, is in Washington, D. C. The appointment of Stockslager as commissioner of the general land office makes Brownlee everlastingly solid with the administration, he being an old-time friend of the commissioner.

ELLINWOOD EARMARKS.

From the Express.

This week has been almost like spring time again.

The carpenters' hammer is again heard on every corner.

Mr. Baker, who has been very sick for the past few weeks, is again able to be out.

It is rumored that another wedding will soon take place in our midst. It looks as though the girls were not going to be so backward as the boys have been.

Rev. Israel Harris, on the 26th inst. died in the county poor house. His remains will be enterred in the Ellinwood cemetry on Saturday, the 28th, at one o'clock.

A large crowd was present at the meeting of the G. A. R. boys on Saturday evening last, and, after some very interesting speaking and singing was listened to, the following officers were elected: F. R. Young, adjutant; Dr. R. W. Barr, sergeant major; H. W. Burchfield, quartermaster sergeant. After the installation of officers, supper was served, consisting of hot coffee, baked beans, etc., to which all did ample justice. After supper the hall was cleared and a general good time was enjoyed by those who delight in shaking the fantastic toe, which was continued until about twelve o'clock, when all departed for their respective homes.

Training Bird-dogs.

REDWING, Kans., Jan. 23d, 1888.

Last summer, when the chickens were getting rather numerous in Redwing vicinity, H. E. Smith began to make numerous inquiries for a bird-dog, in order to avail himself of the resources of the field. By trading around, in various ways, he had supplied himself with two double-barreled breech-loading guns, belts, and other sporting accessories and lacked in but one particular- a good bird-dog.

He chanced to visit the town of Great Bend on one occasion, and was approached by ex-attorney C. F. Diffenbacher, of the firm of Diffenbacher & Banta. On inquires it was found that Mr. Diffenbacher had an untrained bird-dog, this he let Mr. Smith have, it being understood that the latter was to train the dog for sporting. Mr. Smith agreed to these terms and upon examining the animal was pronounced a setter.

Another dog (just a dog) was noticed about the premises and as they started for the country with the Spanish setter Mrs. Diffenbachor said, "there's another dog, don't know whether a bird dog or not; you might take it too."

The bird-dog was taken out and an extensive hunt planned, it was found that the Spanish setter would only set grasshoppers, chase a snow bird all over the Cheyenne Bottoms; but when a prairie chicken was met with the setter would lay down and whine. Mr. Smith who had always been in the habit of returning with game, at least returned much exhausted and minus any chickens. But the dogs genius was directed into other channels as will be seen from the following bill of damages:

To 5 doz. Plymouth Rock chickens @$4	$ 20 00
To 8 Brahmas @25c	2 00
To 1 double reversible chinchilla overcoat	17 00
To 2 prs. Poland China swine @$6.37½	12 75
To an unlimited and variegated variety of shoes, socks, dolls and ladies apparel @$2	1 85
To days delayed in administering justice to dog	14 00
To claims presented by neighbors	10 00
To breaking into house at night on three different occassions @$2	7 00
To appropriating contents of safe	12
To discouraging a lightningrod agent	2 00
To damages sustained by a ladies' shawl who passed the premises on one occasion	1 00
To hardware bill	8 03
To removing wheel from locamotive	25
To sporting losses sustained	10 25
To bills ranging from 10c to $8	3 00
A grand total of	$104 25

We just happened to see the above bill and are in no way responsible for any amount on the same. It is the result of the training experience of one dog (just dog).

H. C. BENKE.

Why Will Ye?

There is something peculiar about he American people in their willingness to be gulled. Barnum, the greatest and most successful showman of the world, says that we were made to be humbugged, and it would seem that in a great measure he is right.

We have, in this city, men in all branches of business who are honest, square dealing, and who only want a reasonable profit on the sale of their goods. They are men who came here as pioneers; who have stood by the people of Barton county through all the difficulties and hardships of the earlier days, and who, know that they have in most cases made reasonable headway in their business, are in still better shape to stand by their friends in the times of financial strains. And they will do it, are doing it this winter.

Now, what we ask is this: Why will the people of this county—and city too—permit themselves to buy articles through eastern men or their representatives; listening to their blandishments, their false representations, and purchase goods which they could get from our own merchants, paying as a general rule more for such goods than is asked by our own dealers? Our attention was recently called to this matter through learning that a number of farmers had been purchasing wind mills through agents of eastern houses; paying from $150 to $200 for machines which could have been bought from our local dealers for at least one-third less. It is true they bought on long time; but they gave notes, and these notes have been placed on record and stand as a lein upon the farms where such machinery has been put up. Doubtless there are many men who would not buy implements or machinery if they thought a claim upon their title to the land would be made of record; but they appear to forget all that when a smooth talker tackles them and begins his persuasions and explanations, and they often purchase what they do not want, paying more fore it than they would have to pay our home dealers, and sending the profits in the transaction all out of the country.

Why will you do it? Reflect, and remember that it is the first duty of man to stand by his home, to assist his neighbor who in turn will assist him; keep this truth in mind; that a business man or firm that can send men throughout the country to solicit personally, your patronage are, making a big profit out of it else they would not do it.

Wanted,—About 50 able bodied, portly men and boys to sit on the railing on the east side of the opera house and obstruct the light from entering the DEMOCRAT composing room. Color or previous condition of servitude no object. Would prefer, however, that they face the rising sun and spit in the gutter and not against the windows.