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THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT
WILL E. STOKE,
Editor and Proprietor,
(Office in Opera Block)
GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

Of all dear words the tongue can tell,
In this land or another,
The one without its parallel
Is—Mother.

What makes you think the world is round?
Give me a reason fair.
Because so very few are found
Who act upon the square.

The grand jury will hold forth next week.

Mr. L. Schwemley, of Buffalo township, is reported very ill.

Miss Grace Rankin has accepted a position in the post office.

W. P. Coles is having his trees on Forest avenue trimmed up.

John Harris reports the fish harvest from the Walnut, immense.

H. C. Chappel left this morning for his old home in Wisconsin.

George Kincaid and family are visiting in St. John this week.

George Young and wife are expected home Saturday of this week.

Our feed stores are doing a big business these days, selling seeds and feed.

Men may come and men may go, but monthly bills come around forever.

Squire Brown, of Fairview township, was in the city to-day visiting his father.

Fred Du Mont is in the city visiting relatives, having arrived last evening from Arkansas.

C. R. Brooker has placed a marble top on the Master's pedestal, in the Masonic temple.

Suppose you have not neglected to read the "Famous" ad. at the top of these columns?

Miss Nettie Sowle has returned, after a few weeks visit to Kansas City and Topeka.

The school board are having Dodge & Co. put the waterworks into the east side school house.

Joe Ewalt and J. C. Evans were out about thirty miles north Sunday, taking in the fresh air.

H. O. Beal, of Kinsley, Kans., is in the city looking after his landed interests in Barton county.

This kind of weather maketh glad the heart of the farmer, for it soaketh the wheat fields muchly.

Real estate has commenced to pick up. Several pieces of land changed hands yesterday and to-day.

Jacob Alefs telegraphs from San Diego, California, that his brother, John, is very low and recovery doubtful.

The children will long remember Kansas Day and its celebration in Great Bend; and the "grown folks" should remember it also, and when next year it comes around again it should be celebrated by every person in the county, young and old.

It is rumored that "No man's land," in the south part of the city, has been sold to the Rock Island railroad company.

Henry Nordman, of Walnut township, was in the city Tuesday selling his wheat. He raised over 1,400 bushels last year.

Willis Winstead sold the bouncing bovine of the season Tuesday to Summers & Clayton. The cow weighed 1,560 pounds.

Wm. Legg, Sr., uncle of Wm. Legg of this city, arrived last night from Pittsburgh, Texas, and will visit his relatives in this city.

The Misses Thomas, the Forest avenue milliners, have moved to the north-east corner of the square, opposite the Morrison hotel, west.

Dave Gray says he is going to have three new railroads running across his section of land within the next six months, if some of them don't get away.

A surveying corps of the Mo. Pacific railroad are surveying a line to this city from Frederick, a town east of Clafin. Will say more about it in the future.

William Friend found the party who obtained goods from him some time ago, under false pretenses. The party was promptly brought to time, and the affair hushed.

Rev. C. H. Brown, of Sterling, Kansas, will preach at the court house at 11 o'clock, Sunday, Feb. 5. All members of the Christian church are requested to attend.

Fred Murphy has a collection in the show window of the City Book Store, consisting of Spanish moss, alligators' teeth and postage stamps from nearly all parts of the globe.

Work has again commenced on the Hulme-Wilner block, on Forest avenue. We understand this will only be a starting of the building that will be done on that street this year.

Golden Star Chapter, O. E. S., will meet at the Masonic hall Saturday evening, Feb. 4th, at half past seven. All members are requested to be present for the transacting of business.

W. D. C. Smith is in the city with a view of establishing a branch of the Commonwealth Loan and Trust company of Kansas City and Boston. He will operate from this city in about twenty counties.

Mike Jacobs and Lon Ball were in last Monday from Beaver township. We understand that work will be commenced on the Little River extension of the Santa Fe, as soon as the weather permits.

A New York girl stuffed the sleeve of an old coat with straw, and placed it around her waist as she sat in the window wrapped in the soft June twilight. It looked all right and natural from a distance, and broke the neighbor's girls all up with envy, but the satisfaction she derived from the hug was about as thin as strained moonshine.

COST!

P. F. Kline and D. R. Logan were in the city Monday, taking in the town and transacting business. They say business is picking up in their town, and boring they will soon commence for natural gas.

Ira Brougher was out in the north part of the county yesterday. He has the same report to make concerning the crop prospects that we hear from every side, viz: they could not be better at this time of year.

A Chicago paper tells of a man who was complaining that he had invested a rather large sum of money in Wall street and lost it. A sympathizing friend asked him whether he had been a "bull" or a "bear." He replied, "neither; I was a jackass."

A butcher's boy, carrying a tray on his shoulders, accidently struck it against a lady's head, and nearly knocked her hat off. "The deuce take the tray," cried the lady, in a passion. "Madam," said the boy gravely, "the deuce cannot take the tray."

A Boston mother was putting her little one to bed, and said: "I think, Flossie, you are old enough to learn an evening prayer. I'm going to say it for you, and you will repeat it after me." "Yeth'm," lisped the little one. "Well, we'll begin. Are you ready?" "Yeth'm. Let'er go Gallagher."

John Alefs Dead.

A telegram received by J. V. Brinkman this afternoon, contains the sad intelligence of the death at San Diego, Cal., of our old townsman, John Alefs. His remains will arrive here Saturday and be interred by the side of his wife and children.

Leap Year and Surprise Party.

Several young ladies of this city hired a carriage and drove their "best boys" out to the home of Miss Mary Dodge, where they gave her a surprise party. The young ladies assisted the boys into the vehicle and started. After running into the ditch several times they arrived at the house all safe and sound, where the young ladies helped the boys out, went in and spent a most enjoyable evening.

A Bohemian Wedding.

Nick Webber, of Dubuque post-office, was in Monday. He says one of the boys in that neighborhood is soon to be married to a Bohemian girl, and the wedding ceremonies are to be performed in accordance with the manner it is performed in the old country. A boy starts out on horseback with invitations, and at every place where the invitation is delivered the party receiving the same will tie a piece of ribbon on the horse or the boy. After invitations are all out, the boy, decorated with all the hues of the rainbow, returns to the bride that is to be. After the wedding ceremony is performed the room is cleared and dancing and other amusements will be enjoyed by the merry-makers until daylight.

P. T. Barnum's Own Gift.

Mr. P. T. Barnum, the famous showman, from the fact that his great story "My Plucky Boy Tom" has proved such an immense success in *The New York Family Story Paper*, has determined to present to all subscribers to that paper, while his story lasts, a beautiful souvenir in the shape of a Portfolio. This Portfolio contains illustrations of all the wild animals that will appear in his show the coming season. *The New York Family Story Paper* for four months and "Barnum's Portfolio," as this beautiful souvenir is called, will be sent to any address for the small sum of \$1.00, the regular price of the paper. This is certainly an opportunity which our readers should take advantage of. Address, Munro's Publishing House, 24 & 26 Vandewater Street, New York.

A Conscientious Singer.

The supreme court of North Carolina has just decided a question of interest to church people. A man was indicted for disturbing religious worship and his conviction followed. The evidence showed that defendant had a very unmusical voice and sang in church so that his notes were heard above all others, and that his singing caused either amusement or anger in the congregation. The defense was that he was a conscientious singer, and that though he knew his voice was not musical, his conscience reproved him if he did not sing every time a church song was raised. His conviction was set aside by the higher

court, which rules that a disturbance in church which is caused by the singing of a "conscientious" singer is not an indictable offence. It is to be hoped that some one will bring a test case in which is involved a paid choir singer, for whom conscience can not be pleaded.—Leoti Transcript.

What Answer!

There is a certain perverted something in the nature of men and women, who are neither angels or fools that demands sensation. In a time such as the present, when the country is at peace, when comparative harmony reigns, how is one to satisfy this element of uproar, this shocking vein that makes us gloat over murders, suicides, crime, of all glaring character, and shudderingly enjoy! From the lips of a fragile blond we heard—"keep still! hush! she's going to harrow our feelings." This courting of pathos and squeezing of tears is as ludicrous as it is sad; as true in effect as it is false in sentiment.

To the same extent do we absurdly search for cause for hilarity; we burlesque everything that is sweet and beautiful in life, make farces of tragedies, drinking songs out of hymns, slang from Scripture quotations, and give way to wild extravagance in narrative that causes a fearful strain on lines of truth and veracity. What is to be done about it? If one's heart beats time to a break-down jig how can one set his lips to the tune of "Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound," in a minor key? It is an attempt to do this that often makes hypocrites, as was said of Tallyrand, he was so two-faced that if you kicked behind he would smile in front.

We think it true that a taste for the horrible, in fact and in fiction, is growing. Also that the habit of burlesquing is benumbing reverence; respect, purity of taste, and making cynics of our young people and saddening the aged. What is the refining, softening influence? How can we come under its control?—FIDELIS, in *Sterling Bulletin*.

Lead Astray.

Ferdinando, Nassau Co., Fla., March 29th, 1880.

"I have used Dr. Simmons Liver Regulator and always found it would do what is claimed for it. The last bottle and two packages did me no good and worse than nothing. I see it is not put up by J. H. Zeilin & Co., and not genuine, and a waste of money to buy it. I would be glad to get the pure and genuine. Send me some from honest hands (with red Z. and Zeilin & Co.'s signature on the wrapper) The fictitious stuff sold will injure some one badly."

Corn and Feed, at Culver's Elevator. 37tf

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Third—We offer The DEMOCRAT, one year, The Kansas City Weekly Times one year, the garden seeds, and the "Farm and Household Cyclopaedia," all worth \$5.00; for only \$3.25.

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