

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

When we are getting along in years,
And more of the world we see,
It almost makes us weep to think
How fresh we used to be.

A northern man named Derore
Stepped out of his back kitchen door—
He was caught by the blizzard
And froze to the gizzard
And he'll come back "never, no more."

Justice W. P. Bruce was in the city Monday on business.

C. E. Hotchkiss, of Ellinwood, is in the city attending court.

Mrs. Charlie Chamberlin has been very sick since Thursday last.

Ed. Comfort, of Creston, Iowa, is in the city visiting Will Gibson.

Wm. Friend will occupy one of the rooms in the Fair block, March 1st.

"Give us this day our"—a little more of the same sort of moisture.

Farmers are beginning to purchase their garden seeds for spring planting.

Saturday afternoon a beautiful rain fell almost throughout the entire state.

J. N. Robinson, living seven miles southwest of this city, is reported as very ill.

W. H. H. Keeney is moving things into his new produce store, on Forest avenue.

E. H. Jones, of Eureka township, was in the city Saturday on legal business.

The wife of J. B. Fugate, of Newton, died on the 16th inst., after a long illness.

The school boys are now putting in their leisure hours playing marbles and "craps."

The next session of the Masonic Grand Lodge, of Kansas, is to be held at Wichita.

J. J. Winterburg, who has been very sick for the past week or more, is getting better.

The grand jury has closed its labors and a few of the anxious ones will now breathe easier.

Pap Thomas Post did not meet Saturday night on account of the rainy weather.

John Hartwick, president of the "board of trade," feedstore, came in from Pueblo last night.

John Baur, of the west part of the county, was a caller Friday, having been in town on business.

Frank Strothman, register of deeds, has hung an attractive sign in front of his office, in the court house.

Matt Mohr has returned from the eastern part of the state, where he has been working at his trade.

Chas. Andreae, south of Ellinwood, has been down with the fever, but is now about his business again.

Robert Gwinn has returned from his trip to Colorado, where he has been visiting for the past week.

Kansas is a prairie state: but she has now within her borders something over 308,000 acres of artificial forest.

Kansas fields will soon put on their mantle of green, and Kansas farmers on our streets will be less often seen.

From the Ellinwood Express we learn that "J. J. Ferrell has left to spend a few weeks with relatives in Michigan."

Every farmer you meet on the street these days has a "big crop this season" and a smile on his countenance.

L. B. Fuller, a banker of Pratt county, has been in the city for several days visiting with his old friend, Judge Ogle.

W. M. Boyd and family, friends of H. A. Bishop, came from Illinois last week, to settle on lands in Eureka township.

F. M. Jackson, of Newton & Jackson, will pay a good round price for a dozen wolf hides, if brought in this or next week.

Every man who visits the new Morrison hotel says it is one of the finest hotel buildings in the west, in every particular.

Cash Moses is expected to arrive here in a few days. It is reported that he intends to engage in some kind of business here.

A newspaper editor grimly remarks: "Let me supply the bustles of the women and my paper will have the largest circulation in the world."

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jenkinson, on Friday, Feb. 17th, a daughter. Score one more for the west side.

"What I'd like to know," said a school boy, "is how the mouths of rivers can be so much larger than their heads."

Farm animals are hurt more by medicine than by the lack of it. When an animal needs medicine, it needs a competent physician.

On the grand jury retiring, the foreman, in behalf of that august body, thanked sheriff Wilson for the many favors shown them during the session.

Died, in this city, on the 18th inst., Arthur, aged six months and 17 days, son of Henry and Mary Sellers. Funeral occurred Sunday afternoon.

P. B. Groseclose, clerk with G. H. Hulme, returned from the east last week. He has been among the wilds of Missouri, and says it's a "fearful country."

William McIntosh returned last week from Princeton, Illinois, where he has been spending the winter. He says that part of the country is snow-bound.

We understand the Mo. Pacific Co. are endeavoring to get the different railroads together to fix an emigration rate of fare from the east and return.

Mrs. Geo. T. Elliot, of South Bend, and O. Racey, of Webb, were two of the friends of the DEMOCRAT, who began this week by renewing their subscription, Monday.

Several of our citizens are complaining about horses running at large. Trees in different parts of the city have been destroyed by horses peeling the bark and breaking branches.

Saturday's rain brought joy to more than one, and among these joyful ones was Morgan Caraway, who stood upon the steps leading to his office, while the rain was pouring down, whistling "Glory Hallelujah."

People like to purchase goods where things look as though they were clean. Therefore it behooves some of our store keepers to get up and dust, dust their shelves and clean their windows and prepare to look pleasant. It will pay.

We regret to learn of the misfortune which befel Hon. F. A. Steckel, of Ellinwood, the other day. He stepped into a hole in a defective walk and falling, broke his ankle, which injury will probably make him a cripple for life.

H. R. Nickerson, so long division superintendent of the Santa Fe railroad, and well known in this city, has been promoted to General Superintendent of that road, with headquarters at Topeka. We congratulate Mr. Nickerson upon his merited advancement.

A farmer got swamped with a spring wagon on Broadway Saturday, having driven into the waterworks company's territory. The farmer only sustained the loss of considerable time and breath spent in cuss words, a broken doubletree, and a few other minor damages.

As the grand jury is now in session it is reported that several of Claflin's business men are sight-seeing in the east.—Ellinwood Express.

How about Ellinwood's citizens, brother Obleness? We respectfully refer our readers to the "Ellinwood Earmarks" in another column.

Rev. J. N. Barbee, local editor of the Sterling Times, and Messrs. Geo. T. Kerfoot, Mason K. Wood and E. Edmouson, from near Alden, Rice county, were here last week to participate in the ordination ceremonies at the deacon's and minister's institute held here to-day.

Mr. Strickler showed us this morning a spray from the arch of natural flowers which stood on the casket enclosing the remains of Miss Etta Shattuck, the heroine who died from the effects of the blizzard in Nebraska, and for whom \$4,000 was raised before her death for her heroic acts to care for the children in her charge.

A Tennessee farmer says the great and fatal mistake made by southern farmers is the neglect to cultivate grass. Grass, he says, is the foundation on which every good farm is built, and he points to the prosperity of the northern farmer who keeps up the fertility of his soil with grass and stock, as evidence of the correctness of his assertion.

DIED—In this city, of congestion of the lungs, John Hug, aged 67 years, 5 months and 13 days. Mr. Hug was the father of Mrs. Joseph Hiss, and the funeral services were held at the residence, on Park avenue, Tuesday, at 10 a. m.

Harry Vowel returned last week from Arkansas, where he has been spending the winter, which he says has been very severe there. Three families accompanied him with a view of settling in this country. He has several fine mineral specimens with him, and we understand it is his intention to try and get stock holders to work certain lands in that state. He still thinks there is no place like Kansas, however.

J. M. Davis, the man indicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$600 for violation of the liquor law at Larned, has had his place of business closed by the sheriff of Pawnee county. Davis' wife claims to have bought the goods from her husband before the sentence was pronounced, but as Davis plead guilty of the charge preferred against him before his wife claims to have bought the goods the county will appear to have the best claim on them.

"Why don't you run a paper like that?" a grocery merchant said to a reporter this morning, throwing out a Chicago daily. "For the same reason that you don't run a grocery like that," the reporter replied, turning to an advertisement of a Chicago house showing a twelve-story building. The grocery-man looked attentively at the picture a moment and said: "I never looked at it that way before."—Atchison Globe.

Mr. D. L. Giphart has bought a half interest in the Great Bend Marble Works, with C. R. Brooker as the other partner, and the firm will now be prepared to continue in still better shape the large business which this establishment has attained to and won by fair dealing, fair prices and first class workmanship. These gentlemen will be glad to receive a call from their friends at any time, and will lose no opportunity to please their customers.

DIED—On Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 1888, Bertie, aged 3 years and 10 days, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Orr, of Hoisington, Kas.

Little Bertie was a favorite with all who knew him, was bright beyond his years, and will be missed by a large circle of friends who loved him and whose heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved parents. The little one died of congestion of the lungs.

"Ere sin could blight or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
The opening bud to Heaven conveyed,
And bade it blossom there."

Catalogue of Vaughan's Seed Store.

The annual issued for 1888 is just at hand, and we must say in behalf of Western enterprise that as a work of art it excels anything in this line we have ever seen, both in its exceeding beautiful gold and colored cover and in its readable print and handsome wood engravings. It should be in the hands of every one who plants a garden, and can be had by sending five stamps to J. C. Vaughan, 88 State Street, Chicago.

Real Estate Men's Convention.

J. W. Brown and Capt. Lewis returned from the real estate convention held at Hutchinson on the 14th. They report a very successful and interesting meeting, some thirty-four delegates being present from various points along the valley. A permanent organization was made, committees appointed and all necessary arrangements made for the united action of real estate men in looking after the prospective immigration to Kansas. The boundary lines of the association were determined as follows:

All counties west of and including Marion to the state line, and south of the county lines between Wallace and Greeley, and extending east to the east line of Marion county, which includes thirty-eight counties.

The use of the word "blizzard" by some of the Kansas press, was condemned, as used when ever a cold snap was spoken of.

A. R. Camp, advertising agent of the Rock Island, stated that excursions will leave New York on March 21, April 4 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 6 and 20. Tickets good to Dodge City, and allowing forty days stop-over.

The executive committee will hold a meeting at Hutchinson on the 25th inst.

There is no doubt but that our real estate men have made a good move if they will follow up the advantages to be obtained through such an organization.

The Beautiful Steer.

Miss Ella Paxton, known as the "cow-girl of Pan Handle," recently favored an enlightened western audience with the following original production, which, in her introductory remarks she styled a "paradox" on Beautiful Snow. She also stated that it was "paradoxed" while sitting on her horse on day-herd on her father's ranch in Pan Handle, situated about three miles from Mobeetie, Texas:

O, the steer, the beautiful steer,
Kicking the dust from the point of his ear,
Flapping its tail in its frolicsome glee,
Hopping about like a snake river flea.

Bellowing!
Roaring!
Thundering along!

Filling the air with its steercal song,
Till the rattle from its lung-laden pits
Scare timid jack-rabbits and wolves into fits.
To me there is nothing on earth so dear
As the long-horned, slim-bodied Texian steer.

How often I wish that I was a steer,
With a long shiny horn at the butt of each ear,
With a clear fearless eye, and a tapering tail,
That would snap like a whip in the maddening gale.

How I'd bellow!
And roar!
And paw on the ground!

Lope over the hills with a thundering sound,
And snort like a terror, and hump up my back
When I saw a wild cowboy pursuing my track,
And I'd laugh at his oaths as he fell to the rear,
Oh! I'd be a Joe-dandy if I was a steer!

I once roped a beautiful steer—but I fell,
Fell from my pony with ear-piercing yell!
Fell with theariat fast to my waist!
Fell to be dragged through grass wet with mist.

Bumping!
Rolling!
Granting I went!
A full mile a minute, or I don't want a cent.

Gravel and grass yanked the hide from my nose
And rained a pair of forty-cent hoofs
Aye, even my hoofs was thrown out of gear,
By the frolicsome freak of that beautiful steer.

—New York World

Charming Ignorance.

The New Orleans Pycnane relates the following incident as having occurred on a Mississippi steamer:

A few days since there was a wedding on Baronne street, celebrated with great eclat, and the newly married couple set out at once on a bridal tour. The ceremony took place at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 5 o'clock they were on board a splendid steamer bound for the upper Mississippi. As soon as the vessel was under way, the passengers crowded the saloon, and mirth and revelry began to hold festival. A dance was improvised, and joy and merriment was protracted into the "wee sma' hours."

Now it so happened that the berth next to our newly married friends was occupied by a lively little matron and infant. Wishing to enjoy as much pleasure as possible, she had intrusted her infant to a servant, with instructions to put it to bed as soon as it should go to sleep, while she herself joined in the dance.

By a strange mistake the servant mistook the stateroom, and deposited the rosy infant in the bridal couch. Now when the hour of retiring came the groom led his blushing bride to the door and modestly waited outside for her to disrobe and retire. One can readily imagine his astonishment, therefore, when the next instant he heard his name called frantically, and in accents of surprise and distress.

Opening the door, he looked in dubiously and said:
"What's the matter, my love?"
"O, Henry, look here!"
"Why bless me, it's a baby!"
"Yes, but O, Henry, how did it come here,—do you think it is ours?"
"Well no!" replied Henry, solemnly,
"I think it is almost to soon."

"Yes it certainly is, but then what shall we do?"
Just then the anxious voice of the mother was heard inquiring for the baby much to the relief of the young people.

CLAFLIN CLIPPINGS.

From the Gazette.

Farmers are all busy sowing wheat. Our streets were crowded all week with teams.

Forty new residences to be erected in the near future.

Lee Dougan says if his toe gets well he won't kick on anything else.

A. A. German don't get time to figure up one load of wheat until there is another one on the scales.

The farmers will be greeted by disposing of their wheat at a large flouring mill here in the near future.

Sam'l Thomas, of Ellinwood, will erect a fine livery barn in this place in the near future. Welcome Mr. Thomas.

To Whom it May Concern.

There will be services at Catholic church, in Great Bend, Sunday, February 26th, 1888. By order of

DR. DIEFOLDER, Pastor.

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