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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Diphtheria has broken out in Atchison county again.

The low price of butter has closed the Alma creamery.

An Atchison street car driver has become an evangelist. This is proof certain that salvation is barred to nobody.

The wheat statistics fiend has not opened up for business in Morton county yet. Farmers are still sowing winter wheat there.

The Lawrence Journal published a picture of Frank Nelson, the Lindsburg professor. This ought to complete anybody's happiness.

Jess Mosely of Chautauqua county is looking for pasture for 15,000 head of Texas cattle. That's the kind of cattlemen the Chautauqua county buyers are.

The young Englishmen who were brought to Kansas to learn farming have scattered. One is at Cripple Creek and another is on the stage at Chicago. The rest have disappeared.

The state board of irrigation will put in no more plants remote from town. A mile will be the outside limit, and the town will have to give the state a deed for the land—forty acres.

Empire City, once a city of 3,000 people, which went into decay when Galena on the other side of the creek took the boom, is picking up again on account of mineral strikes north of it.

Charles Bluejacket, chief of the Shawnee Indians of the Indian territory, who claims to know all about that tribe, says that the prophet of the tribe, who was a brother of Tecumseh, a famous chief in Ohio, lies buried in Wyandotte county.

A philosopher in Harper county says that poverty is a good thing for young men. This is sensational. Ancient and modern philosophers have held to this always, but this is the first time a Kansas man ever was brave enough to say it.

One of the swell members of Topeka's "400" in his effort to remove his overcoat at the opera last Friday night, also removed his under coat far enough to disclose a large rent in his shirt, much to the amusement of two young ladies who were watching him.

An Atchison man recently caught three different men kissing his wife, whereupon he went to a lawyer. "You have very good grounds for divorce," the lawyer said. "I don't want a divorce," the citizen replied; "I want to get out an injunction to make them quit it."

The boys at the State university went out serenading Saturday night and the awful noises they made brought out the police who arrested the whole crowd and brought them into police court next morning. The judge, who has an ear for music, let the boys off a promise to do better next time.

Wednesday at Chetopa, John Lewis superintendent of the Hall and Robinson Elevator company of Coffeyville, who was in Chetopa on business, was struck by a northbound freight train. He was at once taken to Coffeyville, where he died a few minutes after reaching his home.

After having accepted the position as private secretary to Chancellor F. H. Snow at the Kansas university, Albert Flinton received another offer from the management of the Lawrence National bank and finally decided to stay with the bank. Archie Hogg has been selected as secretary and entered upon his duties. Mr. Hogg is a graduate of the collegiate department of the class of '95; he has been taking a law course at the school.

The sixth case of suicide in Fort Scott within two months occurred on Sunday, when Michael Clark, an ex-fireman for the Missouri Pacific, took his life at the Mercy hospital. The sisters were attracted to his room by the smell of gas, and attempted to enter, but found the door locked. They called the police, but before aid came two shots were heard in the room, and when the door was forced open Clark was found dead, having shot himself twice in the head.

The jury in the Hendry-Hoffman case at Abilene ran things on its own schedule for a time Saturday night. The judge, at the conclusion of the trial, sent the jury out with instructions to remain until a verdict was found. The jurymen did not find the case easy to dispose of and late in the evening came to the conclusion that they could not agree. Fixing up a sealed finding to that effect they proceeded to discharge themselves and go home without waiting for any notification of the court. Judge Moore explained to them the next morning that they had exceeded their authority but as their action had evidently been in good faith and through misunderstanding, it was overlooked this time.

Washington county streams yielded enough ice for home consumption, and some to spare for the B. & M. stations.

Miss Carol E. Reed has been admitted to the bar in the Stafford county district court, after having passed a creditable examination.

A peddler of piano polish is traveling through Kansas. He is reported as being very impertinent to ladies who refuse to buy his worthless stuff.

One of the largest dogs ever raised in Kansas was shipped from Leavenworth to Chicago Monday. The dog was a St. Bernard and weighed 182 pounds.

Prof. Dyeche of Lawrence, says Nansen could not have discovered the Pole because it is now dark up there. Anyhow, Nansen cannot hold a candle to Dyeche as an explorer.

The Globe is educating the people of Atchison in the use of the word "don't." Reform comes slow in Atchison, but give the Globe time and it will correct all bad habits.

Lawrence recently revived her old skating rink. Later on, the Indian band from Haskell institute was secured to make music for the youngsters on wheels. If there are any other fossiliferous specimens laying around anywhere, Lawrence will pay a good price to have them sent in.

Gold has been found on Joy creek, in Washington county, and Kansas City and St. Joseph capitalists will be surprised to learn from the Atchison Champion that they "are rushing to the scene of the discovery by the hundreds." The Champion also says that the whole country is "aroused" and awaiting full developments with much "enthusiasm and excitement."

The 3-year-old son of Mrs. Maggie Scott was burned to death Wednesday evening at Fort Scott. Mrs. Scott noticed that a lamp was leaking, and picked it up, intending to carry it from the room, but as she lifted it the bottom fell out and the oil saturated the child's clothing, which ignited. The frantic mother threw a blanket over the child, but it was horribly burned, and died a few moments later.

The irrigated crops grown in Colorado last year amounted to more than double the output of the gold and silver mines, and the Western Kansas newspapers think that if the farmers of Western and Central Kansas will improve their opportunity, the value of the irrigated crops of Kansas this year will be more than the value of the gold or silver mines of any state in the Union.

The little town of Pierceville, in Finney county, is without doubt one of the most fortunate places in the state. It has never been incorporated, has no street railways, electric light plants nor water works systems, but, better than all these, it has no indebtedness. It is entirely free from debt, and while only a few people live there, all of them have positions of some kind and there is not an idle person in the place.

H. A. Poingdester lost twenty-one head of horses, fourteen cows, twelve hogs and all his corn and other products and also farming implements and vehicles by the destruction of his barn by fire Thursday night. Among the horses were Altitude, 2:27, and Director, both valuable animals. He places his loss at \$20,000, with small insurance. Mr. Poingdester lives on the Whitaker farm, two miles south of Leavenworth. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

An Ottawa music dealer had an organ standing just outside his business house, probably as a sign. A blind singer came along and finding the organ unoccupied, climbed upon the stool and sang and played until he had a big crowd around him. The music dealer was pleased. But imagine his surprise when the blind singer stood up and began auctioneering off a lot of old watches. The music dealer carefully notes that organ in doors every night.

L. W. Hostetter, of Ottawa died Tuesday from the effects of injuries inflicted by a maddened boar about a week ago. Blood poison set in from which he was unable to recover. Mr. Hostetter had served two terms in the legislature and was one of the largest farmers and stock raisers in Franklin county. He owned 1,200 acres of land, 800 acres of which is in cultivation. On this he had over a mile of stone fence, a magnificent residence, besides a number of tenant houses. He also had a fine orchard.

There are confined in the Kansas penitentiary 873 convicts; White males, 637; white females, 6; colored males, 210; colored females, 10; Mexican males, 2; Indian males, 7. The oldest convict is 73 years old and the youngest 15. The whole number of convicts having served sentence in the penitentiary, together with the number now confined there, is 7,683. Wyandotte county has the largest number of convicts, 83. Several counties are not represented at all. The number of convicts who have died while serving sentence is 110. There are now 26 old soldiers doing time in the prison.

It is "Joy Creek" now, but it is so simple a matter to drop the "o" and put in an "a."

The Standard Oil company has said they intend to bore three hundred wells in Kansas this year.

Chauncey Depew says he did not refuse to lecture before the Kansas law students; he was not invited.

John Carey of Noble county has been convicted of the atrocious crime of attacking a blind man with a corn cutter.

A Lawrence man swallowed a copper cent and it ate a hole through his stomach. There can be no idle money in Lawrence.

The grand lodge old sports who were at Leavenworth last week ought to supply themselves with a new lot of newspaper cuts.

By this time next week the Noble county gold boom will have thrown the Washington county. Kansas, gold boom into the deep shade.

Summer county farmers are having good success treating hog cholera with coal oil. Kansas porkers and petroleum holes ought to work pretty well together now.

"I am waiting here," explained Archie Williams, as he sat in Copeland county, "to buy a copy of this new book on Jim Lane. I've got his brother, the 'Pre-Historic Man.'"

She-Se-Wa-Ge, one of our red brethren from the Pottawatomie reservation, was arrested at Horton Saturday, for stealing a cake of toilet soap from a druggist. He was fined \$1 and costs, amounting in all to \$9.50.

J. H. Love, Elmer Hoffman and George Elliott of Galena have gone to far-off Alaska in search of gold. There is no gold in Galena, but there is what may be sold for gold—lead and zinc in abundance—and that's the place to go and dig.

The Lanier boys of East Atchison have returned to the old habit of crossing over to the Kansas side and whipping newspaper reporters. They have been making these invasions about every ten years since the time of Tom Stivers, the first "local" of the old Atchison Champion.

John Wentworth of Butler county refused to sign a lightning rod contract. The agents said that was all right, and then pulled out a battery and told him to have a shock. The next day they turned up with a contract signed by him and made him put up and pay for a lightning rod for his house.

Abilene has an inspired weather prophet. He declares that he has received assurances from on High that there will be abundant crops this year, that June will be a wet month and the fruit crop a bountiful one. He avers that the wheat crop will be a good one though Hicks says not, but he agrees with Foster on the storm during the first week in March.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the state editorial convention at Leavenworth last week: F. H. Roberts Oskaloosa, president; W. Y. Morgan, Hutchison, secretary; W. L. Brown, Kingman, treasurer, together with a half dozen vice-presidents. The national convention meets in Galveston, Texas, in November and Kansas will be ably represented.

There is danger of blood shed in Meade and Comanche counties between stockmen and citizens. Some stockmen fenced in grazing lands belonging to nonresident owners and drove in several hundred head of cattle recently from Texas. Several nights later the wire was cut in several places, the herd stampeded and scattered over the country and more than 100 lost.

Clay Whiteman tells the following story and credits it to Sol Miller: A Troy girl once made a visit to neighboring town to visit the sister of her "steady." On the trip she took painting materials with her in order to give lessons in the art to her hostess. When she returned, she forgot her colors, and in the next letter to her beau, asked him to bring with him the next time he called, her paints. She left the "it" out of paints, and caused much embarrassment to the young man, who was much too modest to attempt to execute the commission.

The south end of Dickinson county continues much exercised over the alleged robbers' treasure said to be hidden in a cave near Hope. The story runs that many years ago when the county was inhabited by Indians, and a few settlers who lived along the creeks flowing into the Smoky Hill river, that an immense amount of gold was deposited by leaders of a band of outlaws, and about the same time a party who knew it was there, stopped with a man near Galva, in McPherson county, and had sickened and died, and that after his death there was found among his papers a diagram of the cave in which the treasure was deposited and the copy of a mark that was placed upon the stone under which it was buried. The cave recently opened for the development of marble causes the story of the lost treasure to be revived.

Experience leads many mothers to say "Use Parker's Ginger Tonic," because it is especially good for colds, pain and almost every weakness.

In olden times a common-law husband and wife were one person and that one person was the husband.

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Under the old laws upon marriage the husband became entitled to all of his wife's goods and chattels, also to the rents and profits of her lands.

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A Sore

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Foot

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