

Barton County Democrat.

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KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Oats are being sown in Southern Kansas.

The Junction City creamery makes over a ton of choice butter every week.

A Summer county expression is that "prices are no higher than a cat's back unhumped."

The Standard Oil company is putting up 200 derricks on their "oily" property in Wilson county.

A license to sell cigarettes in Pittsburg costs \$300 and but one dealer there has had the courage to try it.

Out in Kingman county recently a girl fired a shotgun into the air in order to frighten a dog. She killed the dog.

Ewing Herbert is still working on that Florida trip, and at the same time he insists that his circulation is increasing.

Bishop Vincent will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the commencement exercises of the State university this year.

Bertha Hurst, a poor girl who was deserted by her parents when a baby and who has since gone wrong, has been arrested in Ness county and will be sent to the Beloit school.

A Harper county paper on the last day of February withdrew its proposition to take corn on subscription at twenty-five cents. This is a bad sign for the corn market in that section.

A Sumner county farmer drove into town the other day with a load of corn before daylight. He probably wanted to get it sold before the railroads shoved up the corn rate a little higher.

E. E. Houghton, who recently went from Cowley county to Cripple Creek, writes back to friends that he rents his lot which cost him \$600, for \$75 per month. That is a fair interest on the investment.

The recent visit of several hundred editorial missionaries to Leavenworth seems to have borne fruit already in that sinful community. It is officially announced that there is to be no more Sunday theatricals.

Six young ladies contested at the high school in Ottawa Tuesday night. Miss Letto Chamberlain won first place and will represent the Ottawa high school in the state contest to be held in that city April 4th.

Anderson Gray, the man who hypnotized another man into the commission of murder in Sumner county, has an easy job in the penitentiary. He begins to show sign of age, but is still hopeful of a release.

Mrs. Mabel Jenness Venter is teaching the Lawrence ladies how to be beautiful. We understood from the Journal that the ladies of Lawrence could not possibly be more beautiful and now let the Journal explain.

A Coffeyville man, suspecting that someone was peeping through the keyhole of his office door, investigated with a syringe full of pepper sauce and went home to find that his wife had been cutting wood and a chip had hit her in the eye.

The average number of bushels of wheat per acre raised in Cowley county the past five years is thirteen and one-half bushels. This puts Cowley in the lead of wheat growing counties. Sumner county raised more wheat but she had in almost twice as many acres.

Some Galena young men began a prospect and they named it "Mae." But, although they dug deep into the ground and drifted in many directions, their labor was a dead loss. Then they took down "Mae" and put up "Mary" and the next day they cut into a big run of ore.

The League of American Wheelmen in Kansas is preparing a book, descriptive of the roads in each county of the state. Each county is taken up separately and the best road between the principal towns in that county is marked out and described. It will be a great convenience to persons driving or "scorching" over the state.

A number of leading business men of Abilene have organized a company for the purpose of furnishing light, and the city council will be asked to pass an ordinance giving a franchise. The company intends to use the new illuminant, acetylene gas. The right to manufacture and sell this illuminant in Kansas was recently bought by a Topeka man.

William Hargreave, traveling representative of the Arctic Machinery Manufacturing company of Cleveland, Ohio, has secured the contract for Martin B. Donovan's big artificial ice plant to be installed in Leavenworth on Main street between Delaware and Shawnee streets. The plant will cost complete \$17,000. The capacity will be from fifteen to twenty tons daily. Work is to be commenced in three weeks and under the contract the plant must be in operation between May 1 and May 15.

A great many of the western Kansas farmers are putting in big fields of barley.

The soft maples are in bloom at Hewins, and the cornplanters show signs of doing business.

Charles Bateman, an old settler of Jackson county, died last week on the arm which he pre-empted in 1857. He was born in Ireland.

It is rumored that a man in Washington county has bought two sets of boxing gloves and that he and his wife practice every day. This shows the progressive spirit of Kansas.

The Leavenworth schools now enjoy the luxury of telephone connection with the general public. It has been suspected for a long time that they had an electric spanking machine.

A Norton woman affirmed that "marriage is a failure," and a minister denied. After the debate ended the entire sympathy of the community was extended to the woman; she needed it.

Bob Burdette is lecturing to ten dollar audiences in Southern Kansas. To a man of Burdette's worth this is worse than death was to Bill Nye, and yet for years Bill Nye did the same thing.

Beloit's "jolly ladies" exchange visits with Cawker's "charming women." There was a time when Beloit and Cawker did not speak as they passed by. But that was before the county seat question had been settled.

Greenwood county farmers are scouring the western part of the state for cattle to feed their surplus grain to, but the Kaffir corn has furnished the western farmers a good substitute for corn, and they are fattening their own cattle.

The Pullman company has just put eighteen of its finest cars on the fast trains through southern Kansas. They are upholstered with olive green plush. Hitherto the olive green plush agony has been confined to the roads between Chicago and New York.

In the case against Cashier Race, of Burlington, which was tried at Fort Scott last week the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. It is said the judge was very indignant at the jury and dismissed them from further service, saying that they could not again act as jurors in his court.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, Conn.

January 1, 1906.	
Gross Assets January 1, 1906.....	\$10,445,338.12
Liabilities.....	9,876,961
Surplus at 4 per cent.....	578,557.12
Risks written during the year.....	11,337,463
Premiums received thereon.....	397,719
Loss incurred.....	745,009
Dividends to policy-holders.....	124,434.33
Income.....	1,283,732.28
Expenses.....	1,671,618.01

AGENTS WANTED, Jas. S. Coe, Gen. Agt., Topeka, Kas.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus of Chicago the well known preacher and lecturer has accepted the invitation of Kansas university to deliver the annual commencement address in June. This will take the place of any orations by students and is an innovation at the school that the students have been working for for a number of years.

Mr. Fritz Behrer of Ottawa came in on the morning train from the south Monday, and jumped off when the train stopped for the Missouri Pacific crossing. As he did so he observed two men roll out from beneath a coach, where they had probably been stealing a ride on the trucks. As he started for home they fell in behind him when he started to run, being unarmed. The tramps were unincumbered with baggage and overhauled the fleeing man, but he happily reached his gate before they could overtake him. Robbery was undoubtedly premeditated.

Near Galena, in a mine on the McCann land, owned by Arthur L. Huff and W. E. Stice, the largest jack prospect has just been opened up in a drift at seventy-five feet that has ever yet been seen on the creek, and it has finally terminated into a solid drift of pure jack. The ore is entirely free of flint or waste, and has only to be washed off and put in the bins. The chunks are taken out in nuggets from the size of a tin cup to that of a wash-tub. Great excitement is prevailing in that section and experienced miners from the Mastin and other popular tracts in that vicinity claim that it beats anything they ever beheld.

Nathaniel Johnson, aged 11 years, son of J. A. Johnson of Colfax township, met death in a singular way at the Shinn schoolhouse, near Vilas, last Friday morning. He left home for school in boyish glee with two sisters, and when about one-half mile from the schoolhouse he remarked that he would run ahead and beat them. Arriving at the schoolhouse and finding no one there, as it was early, young Johnson raised the lower sash of one of the windows, putting a stick under it to hold it up, than placing his toes on the protruding rock foundation, he gave a spring to get inside. His elbow striking the stick that held the sash up, knocked it out and the sash came down on his neck, breaking it and causing almost instant death. When his sisters arrived a few moments later, as did the teacher, they saw him hanging in the window, his body outside and arms and head on the inside.

Eunice Gourich is working the Western Kansas towns.

A Riley county man trapped two American eagles recently.

Farmer A. W. Smith will deliver the memorial address at Osborne.

In Reno county this year corn will be assessed at 4 cents a bushel.

Robberies of Kansas postoffices are becoming altogether too numerous.

The Fort Scott water works will be sold on a mortgage for fifty thousand dollars.

Strong City citizens are preparing to open up the earth to see if there is anything in it.

The music of frogs is heard this season in Finney county for the first time in three years.

That snow storm demonstrated that there is such a thing as joking the ground hog too much.

Among the things taken by a burglar at Clay Center was "a blue feather fan." That was cool.

C. B. Hart of Beatrice, Nebraska, has become general manager of the Hutchinson and Southern.

It cost a Kansas postmaster \$5 to "cuss" the administration at Washington through the postoffice department.

Governor Morrill has issued a quarantine proclamation, fixing the line in accordance with the last order of Secretary Morton.

Sixty people from Kentucky, passed through St. Louis, Tuesday night on their way to Kansas. They were to locate in Franklin county.

Prof. Williston, of the state university, has been invited to accompany an expedition of scientific men through Asiatic, African and Pacific waters.

A Kansas City man, Wednesday, run up the American flag and by the side of it hung out the new Cuban banner to take a full breath of fresh, free air.

Close observation reveals that as a terror-creator the loss of the county printing is getting farther and farther away from the Kansas editor every year.

Judge Hazen doesn't like the new courthouse at Topeka. He says it is a magnificent building for show and has some fine halls, but that is not what is required.

Colony Weldy and his Short Creek Republican may well be proud of Cherokee county, which, last week, put out 1,559 cars of mineral, valued at \$75,000.

The university faculty has expelled Charles I. Lucas, colored law student, convicted of stealing university law books. Lucas will fight both court and faculty action.

A Topeka man recently advertised in a paper for a wife, and among the answers he received were letters from over nineteen hundred husbands, saying he could have theirs.

A Clay Center man was fined \$35 for beating a mule and another was fined \$3 for whipping his wife. There has something gone wrong with the new woman up in Clay Center or these conditions would not exist.

A Holton woman ordered fish from the market. When then came she discovered they were still alive. She was kind-hearted and someone told her the easiest way to kill them was to drown them. She tried it but they still swim.

J. B. Parks of Washington county drove across the line into Nebraska after a load of corn. He also loaded up with corn juice, and on the way home, being unable to manage his team, was thrown from his wagon and killed.

A Kansas court has ruled that "a man who calls upon a woman regularly and takes her to entertainments occasionally, is legally engaged to marry her." Such decisions have been rendered by courts in other states, also.

The city and township assessors of Wyandotte county, at their meeting agreed to assess both real and personal property at its real value. That is a business like plan. It will make a more favorable showing of both property and taxes to a stranger.

John S. Long is a prosperous young farmer living near Oskaloosa and has a pretty, young wife. A few days ago she went to town and wrote a check against John's bank account for \$600. She insists that the money belongs to her but John is mad and has had her arrested.

Coffeyville has taken the preliminary steps towards securing a commercial club. A large number of citizens met in the council rooms Saturday night and were called to order by Mayor Wilcox. A special committee of three were appointed to assist the present committee in securing the McGraw mill.

On Tuesday several people started from in the vicinity of Lebanon for Jerusalem. They have formed a community, placing their possessions together for the use of all. They have peculiar religious ideas and believe that the last day is near at hand and they wish to be near the Holy City when it arrives.

If a praying machine were invented many would use it if it did not take too much time from business to wind it up.

"Is Bookman a fashionable tailor?" "Yes; he gives six months credit."

Puck.
The reviving powers of Parker's Ginger Tonic render it indispensable every hour. Stomach troubles, colds and every form of distress yield to it.

Among the 1,000 persons making up the population of Alfred, Me., are 24 between the ages of 80 and 90 years.

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If you will cut this out and send it with 10 cents postage to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., you will receive their mammoth catalogue and 10 samples of grain and grass seeds, worth \$10 to anybody to get a start from. Catalogue alone, 5 cents postage. W.D.

And now the question arises will the summer girl learn to dodge her laundry bill?

Spring Medicine

Your blood in Spring is almost certain to be full of impurities—the accumulation of the winter months. Bad ventilation of sleeping rooms, impure air in dwellings, factories and shops, over-eating, heavy, improper foods, failure of the kidneys and liver properly to do extra work thus thrust upon them, are the prime causes of this condition. It is of the utmost importance that you

Purify Your Blood

Now, as when warmer weather comes and the tonic effect of cold bracing air is gone, your weak, thin, impure blood will not furnish necessary strength. That tired feeling, loss of appetite, will open the way for serious disease, ruined health, or breaking out of humors and impurities. To make pure, rich, red blood Hood's Sarsaparilla stands unequalled. Thousands testify to its merits. Millions take it as their Spring Medicine. Get Hood's, because

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