



SEWARD AND VICINITY.

By "Beulah." Mrs. Cal Keenan, of Great Bend, is visiting her mother, Mrs. McDonald. J. E. McDonald took possession of the postoffice last week. Monte Steele resigning.

The Dunkards have had several days meeting, and held their love-feast Monday.

A prairie fire broke out down about Harry Watermans Friday and traveled north-west. Men, women and children had to fight fire to save their buildings. Several farmers lost their hay and corn.

Frank Tranbarger had the misfortune to have a mare break away from him Wednesday. Frank in company with Will and Joe McBride and Charlie Byers have traveled ever since Wednesday but finally lost sight of her and returned home Sunday without her. She is a bay mare with a white spot in the forehead, "B" branded on one hip. Anyone seeing or hearing of her will be suitably rewarded if they will inform Frank Tranbarger, Seward, Kansas.

GALATIA GRIST.

From "T. Winkle." Sadie Bott and Mrs. Ed. Whiteman were in Hoisington Thursday.

A large attendance at U. B. prayer meeting last Thursday night.

Rose Colgrove and Minnie Williams are attending school at Great Bend.

A bright little one came to brighten the lives of Jim Livesay and wife last week.

Will and Tom Brown were in the county seat last Thursday and Friday.

Jim Livesay and Jake Gustin were in Great Bend a couple days last week.

Have you observed that they have worked the road in Grant township south of Jim Hall's?

Miss Mattie Dee closed her school with an entertainment at the school house last Friday evening.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. George Orbison, a boy. Mrs. Orbison has been very ill, but is improving slowly.

Sam Bott's team ran away Thursday night throwing the boys out and tearing things up in general. No one seriously hurt, but it was a close call.

Randall Livesay closed his school southwest of Great Bend last Wednesday and after assisting in conducting an examination at District 71, is now at home again.

L. L. Roberts was out from the Bend Friday and Saturday conducting an examination for common school diplomas at the school house. Applicants were present from three districts.

ALBERT ITEMS.

From "The Silent One." Just step out and smell the wheat grow.

We are to have a new blacksmith in town.

Social dance at Mr. Atkin's Saturday night.

Sig Jacoby will soon begin to enlarge his store.

The entertainment at 44 was very largely attended.

Will Keller says he has everything to his taste now.

The barefooted boy is again out. Has he come to stay?

Fred Ewing is attending Central Normal this spring.

There are no flies on Fred Gallon's head—or hair either.

Frank Haase is able to ride out now after his long confinement.

Rev. Hopkins is back on the Albert circuit for the coming year.

John Mansoph has a new buggy. Won't any be tickled though!

Miss Jamison, a cousin of W. D. Beattie, is expected here on a visit soon.

J. S. Winget and John Gallon were doing business in LaCrosse last week.

Judging from the large amount of freight unloaded here some days one would think he was in some big city.

Please don't come and tell us all about yourself just to get your name in the paper. We prefer "bagging our game on the wing."

Mr. Borts had his barn and several hundred bushels of wheat burned. Andy Byers' team and harness were also burned, they were tied in the barn.

Those taking the examination for diplomas at Albert are: Clare Winget, Florence Hayse, and Elton Hop-

kins from district 92. Anna Cook and Ella Worden from district 6. Mary and Emma Bement and Clara Barrows from district 11.

PAWNEE ROCK ITEMS.

By "Pawnee Rock Corker." Wheat looks good.

Our skimmer building is now ready. Danila & Son will move into their new building soon.

How the eggs suffered last Sunday. Eggs were 8c, but they went down.

Garden is looking well at this date here. Peaches are all in full bloom.

Mrs. Bert Payton will attend Normal school at Great Bend this summer.

The farmers are buying new harness on the strength of their wheat crop.

Mrs. J. Lindas went to church last Sunday for the first time in about five months.

Pawnee Rock is becoming a good market place for live stock, three cars a week now.

Rev. I. M. Pierce will start a revival meeting at Lincoln this week, nothing preventing.

Mr. Hoisington was in town talking irrigation. Barton county farmers are too smart to be swindled.

Father—"Why did you permit young Mashman to kiss you in the parlor last night?" Daughter—"Because I was afraid he would catch cold in the hall."

There will be quarterly meeting held at the M. E. church Saturday at 3 o'clock, and Sunday at 3 and 7:30 o'clock, by Dr. Hodson. Come and hear a good sermon.

Mrs. Hunsley's school closed last Wednesday. She gave a very nice entertainment. Pawnee Rock and Larned were well represented. Mrs. Hunsley has taught two successful years at No. 2.

Charlie Vancil, the vegetable man, makes regular visits to Hoisington two times a week.

Postmaster Wildgen and wife were over from Hoisington, Monday, and made us an appreciated call.

George Gracy was in from near Sandago, Stafford county, and reported a good rain down there Sunday.

John T. Little, who did the shooting in one of the saloons some weeks ago is out of limbo, and left last week for Hutchinson.

You always get the news FRESH in the DEMOCRAT—it does not wait until other papers are out and then give a rebash of stale news.

Charlie Zutavern visited Larned last Sunday. He may have gone up there to pull off another badger fight—and then again he may not.

Will Merritt, of the Great Bend Creamery, went down to Seward Wednesday to assist in starting the new skimming station down there.

The elegant showers of Tuesday made many a heart glad and revived growing vegetation most wonderfully. Some more like it, only more general, and we are all right.

Tuesday was a windy election day, but not a circumstance to what election day in November will be. A different kind of wind will disturb the elements on that day.

Through an oversight we failed to record the death of John B. Gill, of near Dundee, on Tuesday, March 31st. He was sick only about two weeks, and was a young man of apparently vigorous constitution.

When a paper begins to apologize for the lack of news in its columns it is a sure sign that somebody is kicking because he is not getting his money's worth. And it is also pretty certain that the somebody's kick is proper.

If you lose your hat in the street, don't run after it. The wisest thing to do is to turn and follow the direction it has taken in a calm and dignified manner. The reason is a very simple one. The average man the moment he sees his neighbors headgear go scurrying down the street in jumps and bounds is immediately excited to give chase. He prods at the hat with his umbrella, jumps at it with both feet, spreads out his arms to capture it, and, in fact, works very hard. Why deprive the public of such amusement by running after the thing yourself? Of course, after your neighbor has captured the hat it may be in a dilapidated condition. But you have preserved your dignity, a result worth more than the price of a new hat.

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