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CLAFLIN.

From the Banner
A bright baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodson last Friday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Knorr received as a Christmas present, a fine baby girl who arrived on Sunday evening.
Mrs. John Weltner was awarded the prize last Saturday evening at the show as being the most popular married lady in Claflin.

Ulysses Hardten is spending the Holidays with his relatives in the eastern part of the state. He will probably be gone several weeks.

DIED: The three week old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sexton died Saturday afternoon, and was laid to rest in the Bloomingdale cemetery, on Christmas day.

William Hauffer of Topeka and Miss Emma Studer, living west of Claflin were united in marriage the 29th inst at the Lutheran church, R. V. Brauer of Elmwood officiating.

A report has just leaked out that a thresher near Hollywood was killed in that town last fall. He suddenly disappeared without paying his hands and it was thought he left the country but this report puts a different shade to the story and it may prove true as one fellow claims he saw the act done. It should be investigated thoroughly.

Christmas brings surprises to all of us, but no one were particularly surprised when it was rumored that the popular shoe clerk of the New York Store—C. T. Mayo—and our popular dress maker—Miss Ada Sacrest—were to be married on that day. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents north east of Claflin on Christmas day at 4 p. m. Rev. Talmage officiating.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Leader.
It is a dull week over at Hoisington when they don't have some kind of a boating scrape.

Theo. and Chris Wagner wound up their business here and left for their future home at Alva, O. U., the first of the week. The boys will probably return for harvest.

Mrs. Jas. Drake and sons, Fred and Sidney, came in from La. Crease Wisconsin, last week, to join their father. The Drakes will be permanent residents of this community.

C. C. Christensen and wife are the proud parents of a big bouncing boy born Christmas eve. Charley thinks this is the finest Christmas gift a man could wish, and we guess he's about right.

"Take care, you'll hurt my vaccinated arm," is what the average Ellinwood girl says to her best fellow this gladsome holiday season, when in the enthusiasm of youth, he slyly attempts to squeeze her left wing.

It is said that there are more geese and ducks in the south than there have been for the last five years. Our sportsmen will do well to get their guns repaired and re-bored to be ready when they come this way.

The somber-winged angel of death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Archer of this city, Friday afternoon, December 23, and robbed them of their precious infant girl Neva Nettie, aged nineteen days.

We learn that Prof. E. B. Smith, formerly of the C. N. C. of Great Bend, but now president of the Normal College, is a candidate for member of the state board of education. Prof. Smith is a ripe scholar and eminently qualified for the office. Governor Stanley could not make a better selection, nor one more pleasing to Prof. Smith's host of Barton county friends.

OLMITZ.

From "Searcher."
Holiday's are past.
It is now landlord Goosey.
Alfred Myers is now retired landlord.

John Krause runs the milk factory here.
Our blacksmith will build a dwelling house soon.

The new drug store is now being filled with drugs.
Another Post Office contention on in this town again.

Simon Bush and family at present reside in the Bair building, Bush still runs a meat shop.

The grand Woodmen ball here New Year's eve is said to be an all around success. All who attended having a jolly good time.

Youth and vigor soon will flee. Blossoming beauty loses its charms. And this is what some of these old chaps who are eager to marry sing.

Charlie Zeth, jr. is at present engaged in selling American Spanish war history. If you want one encourage the boy with your patronage.

The upper Blood Creek bachelors seem very anxious for school marm and maid-n-recruits. Did you not see their advertisement in last week's DEMOCRAT.

An elderly gentleman of this city was noticed one morning recently leaving town in a two horse carriage for the north, accompanied by a lady passenger and the boys said he was

starting out on an exploring expedition to hunt up the Blood Creek bachelors and try to get an agency for stocking their ranch with the kind of goods they are wanting.

The Rev. Skiles, Baptist minister, preached at the Boyle school house No. 21 New Year's night, we learn he will preach there every two weeks on Sunday nights.

Last week our livery man Mr. Goosey made a flying trip to the vicinity of Blackwell, Ok., to visit his people who live there; he reports that country in a flourishing condition, and settlers prosperous and happy.

If the signs of the times are not off, they indicate a wedding in this town soon. And the parties to be coupled up are not youths but of mature years and should have sown all their wild oats years ago, now wait and see.

A number of young people from this locality attended a basket supper given at Mt. Olivet church in Albion township Wednesday evening last week, which they report was liberally patronized, highly enjoyed and a financial success.

Up to this date ninety-nine pretty maids and school marms have called in answer to the Blood Creek bachelors advertisement in last week's DEMOCRAT viz. Rob Boyle, Dave M. Cann, Jim Wigton, Frank Schwarz and John Burns, for positions, and it is said many one have been selected. This looks as though these old chaps are a company of monopolizers and are trying to corner the maid and school marm market. But you old bachelors better go slow and remember that Mormonism is not tolerated any longer in Uncle Sam's domain. You old would-be polygamists.

HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.
The new Catholic church at Olmitz will be an immense affair when completed.

Work will be commenced on the addition to the Arlington hotel in a few weeks. The addition will be 44x55 feet two stories high.

P. U. Day and wife came down from Tribune the first of the week. They disposed of their household goods and will locate in Iowa.

John F. Boyle, of Albion township, can justly claim one of the best yields for his entire crop of wheat last summer. He had 127 acres and threshed 3,025 bushels.

Many a young man can support a young lady—on his knee—for four or five hours at a sitting, that could not support her for a fifteen minute sitting at the dinner table.

The stockholders of the Hoisington creamery met Monday. They decided to lease or sell the creamery at a reasonable price. This would be a good opening for an experienced creamery man.

A preacher in a small town in Harvey county resigned because he did not get his salary. An investigation proved that the church was two weeks behind on salary with plenty of assets to make good the deficit. If this preacher was not in the business for the money indications are misleading. The congregation is in luck to get rid of him.

AMONG THE HILLS.

By "Spook Hollower."
G. W. goes east almost daily, since Mattie came home.

Still cold weather holds on like a crawfish to a boys toe.

Ben Speck says he is going to be afflicted with Boyle's soon.

Charlie Springer is working on his claim in Spook Hollow now days.

Joe Hickey was seen in Spook Hollow swinging the lasso last Sunday.

H. H. Boyle, our Olmitz operator, was over to see his best girl Sunday.

P. W. was greatly elated over his new mash at the supper Wednesday night.

Any one wanting straw stackers for next fall call at Spook Hollow, as we have three experts.

Henry Boyle has started in the packing business; think he is going to duck P. D. Armour.

The basket supper was well attended at Mt. Olivet Wednesday December 28th, a net profit of \$17.50.

McCann, our picture man, "is still on the turf" girl, now is your last chance, as he is going away soon.

We live in a prosperous community, not in a God-forsaken place like "chums," where one lives and two starve to death.

John Jutner made a flying trip to Spook Hollow last week. The ladies say his buggy makes as sweet music as the chimes of their accordions.

We writers of Spook Hollow are not so ashamed of our neighborhood that we borrow some other district name to sail under, like "chums."

ADVICE:—"For get-me-not!"—Do not buy a new bike, just take the wheels out of your head and the rubber out of your neck, and you will have a wheel.

"Chums" of our staff think H. Gold ought to get a juck-in the box. We think "Chums" ought to have a hole bored in their heads and some butter-milk poured in.

A Wigton took two hours to Olmitz last week, one of them made his es-

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- Smoked Bacon, per pound 7c
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The city marshal and all Olmitz people turned out to catch the fugitive from justice. It eluded all pursuit, 'til it came to Spook Hollow, and the boys were too much for Mr. Hgg. He has two white spots on the star board side next to the fence and a tail as long as a rope.

WARNING—Anyone found hunting or trespassing on my premises, N. 1/2 of Sec. 34, T. 19, R. 13, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

H. J. KLEIN

Frank Easty, brother of Mrs. H. E. Deare, came in from the east to visit relatives. Frank is now with a California fruit concern, and is on the road a good part of the time.

How many times have you broken the new resolutions you made, Sunday?

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