

Don't Smile, But Laugh When You Read This:

A potato went out on a mash,
And sought out an onion bed;
"That's pie for me" observed the squash,
And all the beets turned red.

"Go Away," the onion weeping cried,
"Your love I cannot be;
The pumpkin is your lawful bride,
You cantaloupe (can't slope) with me."

It is said that the early bird catches the worm. It is the early spring customers, who get the best selection and you know that means something.

YOU MAY HAVE TO PAPER one or more rooms this spring. Let us call your attention to the fact that we are better prepared to give you a good selection of wall paper than ever before.

WE ARE SELLING all wool carpets for 45 cents and up. You have never before been offered an all wool carpet for 45 cents. We have better grades for 50 cents. We can give you a nice carpet in imitation of the old rag carpet for 30 cents per yard. We have the Minneapolis matting, which makes an elegant covering for the floor for 40 cents per yard. It will last twice as long as any of your Chinese matting.

WE KEEP A NICE SELECTION OF PICTURES both framed and unframed. We also keep the moulding for the frames and can give them to you at almost any price you want.

DO YOU WANT A NICE LACE CURTAIN at a very low price? We also have an elegant line of chenille and damask curtains at a very low price, and in the very latest patterns.

DO YOU WANT A NICE RUG? Some people don't buy new carpet but get a new rug to put over the old carpet. This makes it look very nice, and you can get nice rugs very cheap. We have them at almost any price you want.

OF COURSE YOU CANNOT PAPER A ROOM WITHOUT PAINTING IT. We can give you paint, which is ready mixed from 15 cents per can and up.

TRUSTS may fix the prices on articles but they cannot beat us in picking up job lots of goods, which we can sell to our customers very cheap. We have done it this year against their combined efforts. We can sell you a walking lister fully warranted for \$21.00, and a riding lister for \$33.00. We were fortunate enough to get a few of these and those who come first will be served first. We also have a few harrows, cultivators, and other implements that we can sell you at a very low price. We cannot expect your trade unless we can get first class goods for you at a very low price. This is what we are going to try to do.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a car load of buggies and we can assure you that we can sell them at nearly the old time price. We have the combined riding lister and sulky plow.

WHY NOT DO IT? Why not quite a number of farmers join themselves together and buy one of our threshing outfits, which we have made over and which we guarantee to do just as good work as a new one. The engines have been rebuilt and will be put with new separators, self-feeders, belts, etc. Don't you think it will pay you? We have sold these outfits to parties who have paid for their machines, besides getting their own threshing done free of charge, and then have quite a sum of money besides. When you want a header or any kind of implements or machinery, we would be glad to have you see ours and get our prices. All orders taken early are taken subject to crop conditions. We are still selling incubators, and feed grinders.

WE REPAIR watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, bicycles, guns, farm implements, and machinery.

SAVE YOUR EYES. We can fit glasses to your eyes as good as anyone and at about one-half what others would charge you. No Fit, No Pay. Please see us when you want to see good, or when you want to stop your eyes from aching. When you want furniture, hardware, dishes, or anything in our line, we would be pleased to show you our goods, and give you prices upon the same. Very Truly Yours,

THE E. R. MOSES MERCANTILE COMPANY.

GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

Capt. C. L. Jones, of Hot Springs, was over to the county seat Saturday. He has done a good deal of driving all over this part of the state, and observes that wheat conditions are A No. 1.

Our Great Bend base ball enthusiasts had better import some talent. The Pawnee Rock team beat 'em again, last Saturday afternoon, the score being Pawnee Rock 13, Great Bend 6.

Ellinwood has formed a band association, and as there is plenty of good musical talent in that town, we look to see them have a first class band this summer.

ELECTRIC LIGHT CO.

Requests all persons using their lights to please notify their Electrician whenever their lamps become dim, when they will be supplied with new lamps, FREE OF ANY EXPENSE

MISS FLORENCE POOLE.

TEACHER OF
Piano and Organ.
Modern methods.
Thorough instruction.
STUDIO AT RESIDENCE, EAST SIDE OF SQUARE.
Great Bend, Kansas.

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THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.

CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS \$25,000.00.

J. V. BRINKMAN, President LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier.
J. GEO. BRINKMAN, Vice-President CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Ass't Cashier

OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.



Kentucky Whiskey
See That U. S. Gov. Stamp
WATCH THE FELLOWS
The advice cheap prices! Look for U. S. Government's Stamp on THEIR bottles. All distillers are permitted to use this stamp. NO STAMP means ADULTERATED or Counterfeit Whiskey. The Government Stamp is a guarantee of JOB PURE and PROOF. The difference between our price and theirs is small—difference in quality, great. Ours is all whiskey, no molasses added, made by DISTILLERS OLD KENTUCKY process. Can you hesitate which to use!

One or more of the physicians and surgeons of the medical staff of the Chicago Curative Institute, who can tell what your disease or affliction is without asking any questions, will visit
Great Bend, Kan., Wednesday, Apr. 4, 1900, for one day only. Inquire at Hotel Greene. Consultation free. All chronic and special diseases successfully treated. Cure guaranteed.

Wild Game Wanted.
We are here to stay. Bring us your ducks, geese and other game. No limit to the amount. Located with C. B. Gillis, Produce Dealer, Great Bend, Kansas.

E. C. HINKSON.
The Rabbit Man.
Clean up your shot guns; ducks, geese, tramps and PEDDLERS are about.
Johnnie Durkin's new residence, east of the Morrison, is going up rapidly.
Have you seen the latest in back combs, from 25c to 75c, at Patterson's?
The carpenters are having their hands full this early spring.
Clean up the rubbish about your premises, and look pleasant.
The roads throughout the county are getting decent again.
How would you like to be the ice factory?
Register before the 23d.

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An Open Letter to Farmers.

Dubuque, Kans., March 16, 1900.

An appeal to the farmers of the U. S. Will reform papers please publish

Farmers of all political parties: You are not represented in the U. S. Congress by men of your vocation in proportion to your numbers, while some other classes are excessively represented, as the following statistics will show.

The ratio of representation in the House of Representatives is one representative to 173,901 of population. No. of males engaged in each vocation, according to the census of 1890—multiplied by 5 to find population:

No.	Popu-lation	Rep. in 55th Con.	in 56th Con.
Manufacturers	10,121,500	50,000	3
Bankers	3,925,000	14,750	1
Lawyers	3,925,000	14,750	3
Farmers	35,513,000	232,750	143

This shows there is in the present House 1 farmer to 14 lawyers, when there should be 1 lawyer to 48 farmers if they were equally represented according to their numbers in their respective vocations.

Lawyers are represented in the ratio of 1 to 1,919 while the farmers are only represented by 1 to 1,486, 803.

In the Senate there is equally appalling inequality of representation of these classes, there being 60 lawyers to only 4 farmers in the present Senate. Now who is to blame for this state of affairs? Farmers you have the votes to put in office whom you wish. If you repudiate your own judgement and ability who should defend you?

If you discriminate against yourselves can you blame other classes for discriminating against you? If the farmers do not know what they want in the way of legislation who does? If they will not defend themselves against the aggressions of smaller classes who will?

Farmers of all political parties arise. Attend your conventions. Nominate none but farmers for Congress and the Legislature, then vote for them. Then, and not until then, will you have justice done you and those whose success in business depends on your prosperity. W. H. KERR.

School Report—No. 64.
The following is a school report for Dist. 64 for term commencing Oct. 15, 1899 and ending March 9, 1900: Total number of days taught, 100.

No. males enrolled, 9. No. of females enrolled, 6. Total number enrolled, 15.

Total attendance in days of males, 584.75.

Total attendance in days of females, 350.25.

Total attendance in days, 935.

Total No. of visitors during term, 15.

STELLA MORRISON, Teacher.

High Primary Class.
Teacher: "Mrs. Wise bought a Stanky Steel ware sauce pan for 50 cents. It lasted 5 years. Mrs. Silley bought a 'cheap' enameled one for 30 cents and had it 3 months. How much should the better one have cost to make both equal in value?"

Bright Scholar: "\$6.00."

Teacher: "Why was this thus?"

Bright Scholar: "Because the 'cheap' one had one coating of enamel; the good one had four coatings and was imported and made to order specially for THE GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

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Advance Showing Of The New Spring Styles.

'Tis not a mere sprinkling here and there, not a FEW cases of new goods, but every department in our house is showing the advance styles in new spring goods. This season we are better prepared than ever—most of our orders being placed before the advance, places us in a position to sell you your goods at 15 to 20 per cent. less than the prevailing prices of today.

Monster, Irresistible Price Temptations That You Can't Afford to Overlook. The very summit of value-giving is undoubtedly reached here this month. The very Lowest Prices ever known in Barton County. An investigation and comparison of prices will convince you they are unsurpassed.

We aim to break all previous records in offering such remarkable values this month.



SHOES! Why not buy good shoes while you are buying. They may cost you a trifle more than inferior grades, but when you stop and consider the difference in the wear you can't help but see that The Best Is Always The Cheapest. This week we open our new spring styles in Gents and Boys Douglas shoes in Tan, Vici, and Kangaroo in handsome silk vesting tops at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, and \$4.50. Every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction or replaced with a new pair.



IN LADIES SHOES we are showing some nobby styles in Tan, Vici and Douglas with silk vesting or Dongola top, new toe and heel at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3, and \$3.50. Every Pair Guaranteed, if they rip we repair them free. In Misses and Childrens Shoes we carry none but reliable makes such as we can guarantee satisfaction. Prices Always the Lowest.

SPECIAL SALE OF LACES. An immense purchase 500 pieces lace, Torchons, Valenciennes, Spanish Laces in black and cream silk Point Venice, Cream de Spirit with insertions to match. These laces were bought from 20 to 30 per cent. under manufacturers prices and we place the entire line on sale on this same basis. If you are interested in laces and insertions you can't afford to miss this opportunity. Valenciennes Laces at 2 and 3c a yd worth 5c. Torchons worth 15 and 20c a yd at 8 and 10c a yd. Cream Silk Laces worth 50 and 65c a yd at 30 and 40c. Some very nobby all-overs for yokings in cream and white at 75c, 90c, \$1, and \$1.25 a yd. Swiss Puffing with lace insertion and tucks, very swell for yokes at 75c, 80c \$1, and \$1.35 a yard.

ON SALE THIS MONTH. 10 doz. Calico Wrappers new patterns and excellent values. You can't afford to make them at the price. With or without yokes, waist lined, well made, special price 69c worth \$1.00.

FOR STREET WEAR. Have you seen the new dress ginghams and cotton coverts we are showing in wash fabrics, some very nobby patterns opened this week. Just the thing for street wear and bike dresses, serviceable and inexpensive, all fast colors at 10 and 12½c. New Pulley Belts. New Spangled Belts at 50c, 75c \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 each.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT. 18 lbs. Standard No. 1 Granulated Sugar for \$1. 3½ lbs. best Japan Rice for 25c. 2 lbs extra fine Coffee for 35c, regular 20c quality. 16 oz can "Our Own" brand Baking Powder 10c, best on earth for the money. 2 cans "Home Comfort" fine grade Corn for 25c. Try our 25c Mocha & Java Coffee per lb 25c. Genuine "Old New Hampshire" Maple Syrup 35c a qt. STORE CLOSING AT 6:30

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