

Our Poultry Department

Live and Learn.
Live and learn, even in the chicken business. Somebody told us that chickens hatch out in twenty one days. Well, after a hen sat upon 15 eggs 21 days we discovered six chickens under her. We left her until the next day upon the nest and then we removed her and her young to a coop. The nine eggs we placed in a sieve intending to use them, (others would have sold them) for nest eggs, instead of porcelain eggs. Two days after this our incubator hatched 34 chickens from 279 eggs. Giving the machine another day to raise the record but failing to do so, we had Earl bury the 145 unfortunate eggs under a menure pile. The very next day Earl heard a chick "tweet" in the stable. Investigation developed the fact that the chick was alive in the sieve and had pipped through the shell. Wonders, after having been out from under the hen three days, but the weather was fine and warm. We placed all the nine sieve-eggs in the incubator and the little winged angels are coming forth every day since. Sunday night about the usual hour after prayer and the second sleep our mind wandered over the mysteries of the universe and how things wake from death or sleep at all, or how anybody ever came to live. This same mind fell upon the mystery of the partially hatched chickens. It proved to us that the struggle for life is the one paramount impulse of nature. All at once it dawned upon us, long before dawn. May not there be life in the eggs buried under the manure pile? Our conscience would not let us rest after that doubt queered our brain. We got up out of bed and roused Earl out to show us the exact spot in that unbecoming and inglorious cemetery where the 145 eggs lay buried. By the

aid of a lantern and a pitchfork the excavation was made. In view of the great liars there are now employed in church and state we hesitate to proceed with the true story of the resurrection. Remember, it was fine weather and that the manure is naturally, much like the self-confessed but over conscious ass on two legs, "a hot thing!" Not another word about the eighty-two live chicks found in their untimely grave—unless you pledge us your word that you will believe us. Our mad Hamlet, indifferently mad when the southerly wind blows a hawk from a handaw, once remarked: "There are more things in heaven and earth," he was speaking to Horatio, "than are dreamt of in his philosophy." And he did not go far enough; he ought to have gone under the earth, at least, under our heap of manure for more things than our trifling and inadequate philosophies intimate in their wild and phantasmal nightmares.—J. W. Conway in the Norton Champion.

Every poultry raiser should encourage the county fair. It will not interfere with the mid winter poultry show. The board of managers of the Barton County Fair Association will arrange some nest premiums to be given in the poultry department of the coming fair. Do not let your interest in poultry die out with the close of the annual exhibit. Keep up your interest all the year 'round, and it will prove profitable to you in the long run. July hatches are not generally good for show birds, but as the next show will be in January 1901, chicks hatched in the early half of July may be sufficiently developed to go into the show room.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

District court next week.
Pentecost Sunday, June 3d.
Base ball game to-day—If it does not rain.
New alfalfa hay is on the market already.
J. C. Brack has opened a butcher shop at Otis.
The city got in 500 feet of new fire hose last week.
Had you noticed it? McCullough's feed the masses.
Floyd Lafferty is the new clerk at Honnen's grocery.
Did you see the eclipse of the sun, Monday morning?
If you have any cats that need killing, call on W. B. King.
Next Monday the troubles of the commissioners commence.
Democrat and populist county conventions tomorrow, the 2d.
Pete Meyers and wife were in, from Beaver township, Monday.
Regular monthly meeting of the city council next Monday evening.
Dan Humphrey was over from Homestead township, Monday.
Have you tickets for the opera house tonight. Benefit Daughters of the King.
The grass in the court yard park that was sown this spring is coming on nicely.
Already strangers are coming into the county to get work in the harvest fields.
Henry Boyle, and nephew "Hank," were in from Albion township last Friday.
Harvest is only about 15 days away. McCullough will feed the harvest hands.
Jasper Fouch left last Thursday evening for Colorado to spend the summer.
June is "The Month of Roses," and there is a magnificent supply of them this year.
The colored people have built their minister a new parsonage, south of the hose house.
J. G. Schreiber, who has been at Bushong, Kans., for the past year, has returned to Olmitz.
Elwood Fryberger is now taking treatment at Battle Creek Sanitarium, Battle Creek, Mich.
Friday nights rain and wind lodged a good deal of heavy wheat. But it will straighten up again.
The largest, juiciest, fatest, most fillin' piece of pie can be bought for a nickel, at McCullough's.
Editor W. H. Carr and wife, and Miss May McLaughlin, drove over from Holsington Sunday.
Squire E. J. Dodge has some bargains in cheap, made over buggies and spring wagons. See him.
Marshal Cooperider was laid up with rheumatism a few days last week. M. M. Meek was on as substitute.
The Seventh Day Adventists are holding a camp meeting, east of the west school grounds, this week.
FOR SALE—A second hand Header and a second hand Binder, both in good repair. See Will Pfister.
Headers and binders are on the move—moving out to the farms to get into the wheat in about 20 days.
C. R. Brooker's family and household goods were started, overland this week, for the new home near Cleo Ok.
E. Jig, of near Albert, was a county seat visitor Friday last, and called to make the acquaintance of the DEMOCRAT.
Mr. and Mrs. Rube Moses, and Mrs. Bidsall came in from the west Saturday, to visit a few days here with relatives.
Line men are fitting up the Postal Telegraph office, putting in new switch board, and condensing the wires in cables.
The fake correspondents who send out groundless reports of water-spouts, cyclones etc, to the daily press, ought to be suppressed.
A-hoot-en an' a-toot-en, an' who are you? Why, that's one of the new band boys getting the double jointed tongue movement.
Remember the date of the entertainment at Nazareth settlement, near Odin, June 4th. You will enjoy yourself if you attend.
R. W. Sperry, who has been visiting with his cousin, Editor Carr of Holsington, left for Denver over the Santa Fe, Sunday evening.
D. C. Luse returned last week from a trip down into Oklahoma. He says wheat is one to two weeks nearer harvesting there than in Kansas.
C. N. Johnson spent a few days in this city last week, on his way east to spend the summer months. He has been in Colorado most all winter, and reports his health much improved.

On Monday another of C. J. French's valuable work horses, which was hurt in the cyclone, died from its injuries.
Jim Hayes the barber, who has been at Hutchinson for the past few years, has moved back to Great Bend, and is now employed at Farger's shop.
Next weeks DEMOCRAT will contain an interesting letter from Wilber Aber now on the island of Negros, Philippines, in the U. S. army.
We have a few second hand Hodge headers, in good repair, for sale. Please call on us and get prices.
GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.
W. A. Phillips, M. D. will be at Hotel Greene, Great Bend, three days June 2d to 4th inclusive, to treat all diseases of the eye and ear. Call early.
J. H. Hammett came down from Larned Saturday evening, to spend Sunday with—well, with several. Hosea is now on the Tiller and Toiler force.
The city marshal should now proceed to put a stop to several hundred "howling successses" that nightly bay the moon and squeak the sneakables. Shoot the unlicensed dogs.
They begin to quit speculating on whether or not they will get wheat this year, and are now figuring whether it will be 10, 15, 25 or 40 bushels to the acre. And what the price?
It's a simple case of "must sell 'em." A fine lot of Brussels, Axminster and Moquette rugs. They won't last long at the prices we make.
E. R. MOSES, MERCHANT CO.
Holsington's temperance enthusiasts have been finding trouble again. One drug store has been "pulled," and two men arrested in the local courts for giving away beer. And there is more trouble ahead.
Last Friday being the 45th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller a number of their friends and relatives gathered at their residence on Forest avenue and spent a pleasant evening with them.
One dollar will get you the Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer one year, the Kansas City Weekly Times one year, and the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT to January 1, 1901. What more do you want for a dollar?
The Beacon of last week gathered a big, long stuffed club, and started after the P. M. Its editor says he has "more of the same kind," and everybody who gets mail at this postoffice says "We're from Missouri."
If you want an outfit we can supply you, but be sure and do not wait too long, before all the machines are gone. Two carloads have been sent to Kansas and the third is to follow.
GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.
The tramp nuisance is beginning to arouse the indignation of our people. With the immense harvest coming on, there is no need for tramps in this part of Kansas. Shake 'em up and send them into the wheat fields.
Lightning struck the house of Geo. Betts, near Holsington, Friday night. The bolt tore a big hole through the roof, ceiling and floor and into the cellar. Mr. Betts was in-bed and asleep, but when rudely awakened found him self out of bed and onto the floor, but with no bodily injuries.
C. B. Harrison, a Holsington livery man, came near getting killed Friday evening, while hitching up a team at the stable of his brother, M. L. Harrison, in this city. The team knocked him down and ran over him, one of the horses kicking him as it passed. It was some time before Mr. Harrison regained consciousness; but he was able to drive over home Saturday morning.

An Immense Purchase of Valenciennes Lace!

300 dozen yards,
100 different patterns, with insertion to match. Our Mr. Samuels bought them at one-third (1/3) less their value. We place the entire line on sale tomorrow, on same basis, in THREE LOTS:

Lot 1 At 3 cents. Worth 5.
Lot 2 At 5 cents. Worth 8.
Lot 3 At 8 cents. Worth 10.

A few more of Ingrain Carpet. Bring in the dimensions of your room. You'll be surprised at what little expense we can carpet it for you.
A 20 per cent. Reduction in all short lengths.
White Silk Gloves, with black silk stitching, just received. At 50c a pair.
New Dimities. The prettiest we have opened this season, in Pink, light Blue, Tuskin Yellow, Red, and other popular shades. Price 15c and 18c a yard.
Mens Soft Shirts. A choice line of soft Percale shirts, fast colors, wear stripes and figures. Collars, detached. Regular price 65c. Special Price 50c each.
Mens Canvas Hats. Helmet shape. Just what you want to shade your face. Price 25c each.
Use McCalls Patterns. 10 and 15c each. Fashion sheets free.

Groceries. It may seem a little early, but get ready to buy your Harvest Bill. Let us figure with you. If we can't save you at the least 10 per cent. on your bill we will not ask you to buy.
All Grocery Orders Promptly Filled. Phone No. 40.

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This Store Closes at 6:30 p. m. Except Saturdays.
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Price of Stock and Eggs on Application.
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Did you see our New Process Gasoline Stove for either coal or gasoline? We have also a Wickless Coal Oil Stove, which gives entire satisfaction. There is no danger of any explosion.
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Some of the Santa Fe's Excursions—
Hutchinson and return on sale June 4, and 5, final limit June 9. Rate \$1.54
Milwaukee and return on sale June 2nd, and 3rd, final limit leave Milwaukee June 11th, or deposit ticket with fee of 50c, leave June 30th, rate one fare plus \$2.00.
St Paul and return on sale July 14th 15th, and 16th, final limit July 21st.
W. TORREY, Agt., A. T. & S. F. Ry

A LaCrosse man, on going home the other night was asked by his wife to mail up some []. He refused. She looked f + at him and then beat him with her [] so badly that he now lies in a [] condition. The occurrence is without a [] in this []. A man must be an [] his life by living with such a woman.—LaCrosse Chieftain.
If the fellow has —ed into a mess of that kind of matrimonial [] there is no [] but that he should at once proceed [] the woman and make up.
The landscape painter in the "Cyclone," the first three days of this week, had a most interested audience from the time he picked up the brush until he laid it down. Prof. Wilson is indeed an expert with the brush, turning out beautiful pictures at the rate of about eight an hour.
Saturday will see a large crowd in town, if the weather is fine. The two conventions being held that day will bring many, and the near approach of harvest time will cause others to be in after supplies.
Many worthy young men are coming into the county every day now and getting work with farmers to pay their expenses until harvest begins.

Santa Fe Route
RAILROAD TIME CARD.
EASTBOUND:
No. 114 Stops at all stations. 6:19 a. m.
No. 6 * Stops only Ellinwood, Sterling and Hutchinson. 7:52 p. m.
No. 8 * 7:52 p. m.
WESTBOUND:
No. 267 For Jetmore. 1:22 a. m.
No. 3 * 7:52 p. m.
No. 267 For Scott City. 10:30 a. m.
* Daily. † Daily Except Sunday.
All freight must be at warehouse not later than 5 p. m.
Refrigerator freight for the east every Monday and Wednesday by 9 a. m. W. TORREY, Agent.

Hail Insurance!
Farmers, do you know that the Kansas State Mutual Hail Association returned 41 per cent of the premium to its members last year? They did and are again in the field for business and it will be to your interest to investigate their plans before insuring your grain against hail. For full particulars, see O. A. SMITH, County Agent or any local agent for the above Co. Home Office, Great Bend, Kansas.

Established 1874.—County Depository.
THE J. V. BRINKMAN COMPANY BANK.
CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS \$25,000.00.
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J. GEO. BRINKMAN, Vice-President.
LOUIS ZUTAVERN, Cashier.
CHAS. V. BRINKMAN, Ass't Cashier.
OLDEST BANK IN CENTRAL KANSAS.

SHERIFF'S SALE.
The State of Kansas, vs. Charles F. Wilkins et al, Defendants.
By virtue of an order of sale to me directed and delivered, issued out of the District Court of the State of Kansas, sitting in and for Barton County, I will, on Monday July 2nd, 1900 between 9 and 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the Court House west door, in Great Bend in the County and State aforesaid, offer at public sale, and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property, to wit:
The south west quarter of section No. thirty six (36), Township No. eighteen (18), Range No. Fourteen (14), west of the 6th P. M. in Barton County, Kansas.
J. R. JOHNSON, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office Great Bend, Kansas, May 29, 1900.
WILLIAM OSBORN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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It will heal your lungs and give you rich blood in summer as in winter. It's cod liver oil made easy.
See and \$1. All druggists.

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NEW WERNER
Encyclopaedia Britannica
It tells how after graduating from Harvard, he studied law, was a member of the N.Y. Assembly, President of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, President of the New York Police Commission, and Secy. of the Navy; Lieutenant-Colonel and later Colonel of the "Rough Riders," and now Governor of New York.
It characterizes him as a thorough scholar, an indefatigable sportsman, a typical frontiersman and a brave leader.
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was elected Governor of New York, first by reason of his military achievements, and secondly on account of popular belief in his personal integrity and political soundness.
Every American boy should read the biography of this great American administrator, historian and soldier. Nowhere in the life of this representative American citizen more clearly and authoritatively set forth than in the

Monday, June 4
Is the date for the Entertainment to be given at the Nazareth Settlement, Near Odin.
Amusements, Refreshments and Music!
The Public Most Cordially Invited.
A Pleasing Entertainment.
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Made to Order, in any quantities, and supplied at prices to meet all competition.
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