

Persons intending to sow Alfalfa should wait until the ground gets warm. So we are informed by Mr. F. M. Power, who has some of this species of clover already growing.

Court has adjourned and the farmers have commenced their spring work, so it will now be necessary for our chronic loafers to concentrate their forces or they will feel lonely.

Rev. Dr. Hill of Kansas City will preach at the Presbyterian Church this evening and to-morrow morning. He will also preach at Carlyle Sunday afternoon.

Married, by Rev. J. N. Woolomes, on the 16th day of March, 1875, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. L. McCarty and Miss Rhoda Rhoades all of Iola, Allen county, Kansas.

Uncle Billy Cozine, sheriff of Woodson county, was in our city last Saturday. He had just returned from Leavenworth where he had taken a young man who will work awhile for the State.

The March number of Oliver Optic's Magazine is interesting and attractive. This popular publication is furnished at \$3.00 per annum by Lee & Shepard, Boston. See advertisement in another column.

Mr. Christy of Terre Haute, Ind., sent a fine lot of garden seeds to the county grange relief committee this week, and Squire Faulkner, chairman of the committee, distributed them to the sub-committees in the county.

After we had gone to press last Friday afternoon W. A. Johnson of Garnett put in his appearance at court. We thought it strange that he was not present, for we don't remember a session of court here that Mr. Johnson did not attend.

If March should—as it has been predicted that it would—make a lamb-like exit the cattle in the county would "turn out to grass" under very favorable circumstances. They are now looking well, considering that they have had little or no grain during the winter.

The wind last Monday and Tuesday came off the late snows they have had in the north-west, and it was cold enough to kill poetical effusions on "spring." At least that is the only way we can account for having received so few of these productions this week.

Last Tuesday evening a train of covered wagons came in town from the south-west and we supposed that a small colony of grasshopper sufferers were making their way back east; but upon inquiry we learned that it was J. E. Ireland, and wife, and Winnie Scott and wife, with their household plunder and the goods belonging to the store of J. W. Scott & Son, moving back to Iola. Mr. Ireland opens out as merchant tailor at his old place with Mr. Davis, and Mr. Scott takes his old stand and in addition to it present stock of goods will keep a full line of groceries.

Alfalfa, or Chilian clover, is being extensively advertised, and it is undoubtedly just the thing for this State but the difficulty is getting genuine seed. We see it stated in Colman's Rural World, of St. Louis, that the common red clover seed is extensively sold for Alfalfa. The surest way to secure genuine seed is to have it sent from California. Small quantities can easily be sent by mail—We are informed by Mr. Beck, who furnishes all kinds of grass seeds to order, that he can procure the genuine article.

Last Saturday afternoon we witnessed the installation of the officers of the Iola Grange at the Masonic Hall. The ceremonies were conducted by Mr. John VanRiper, assisted by Mr. F. M. Power. Mr. VanRiper made an appropriate address to the members of the order and to the officers elect, after which the officers one by one—commencing with Master—were escorted to the front of the officiating officer, repeated after him the "solemn promise," and received the insignia of their respective offices. The process of installation was interesting, systematic and in harmony with the social workings of the order. Those who would join the Grange for political purposes could not consistently take the obligations of office. Of course we can judge but little of the secret workings of the order from what is to be seen and heard at a public installation of officers; but from the declaration of principles as announced on this occasion we cannot see why the Grange may not become a permanent and useful organization and prove a blessing to farmers for generations to come.

The following is a list of cases disposed of this week, up till to-day, at the March term of the District Court for Allen county:

Wm. Williams vs. Sprague & Merritt, judgment for plaintiff against both defendants.

J. A. Hottenstein vs. Simon Bilbee, continued.

J. H. Vannuys vs. Parsons and Go-forth, sheriff's sale confirmed.

L. L. Northrup vs. Parsons and Go-forth, sheriff's sale confirmed.

J. M. Bernard vs. County Commissioners, judgment for plaintiff.

Moses Neal, Adm'r. etc., vs. M. K. & T. R. R. Co., venue changed to Coffey county.

Hiram S. Martin vs. Albert M. Stimson, continued until the 27th inst.

Iola Masonic Building Association vs. L. L. Northrup, venue changed to Coffey county.

M. A. Simpson vs. County Commissioners, continued.

Moline Plow Co. vs. The Humboldt Manufacturing Co., judgment for plf.

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Ex-Senator Ross, of Kansas, and Andrew Johnson exchanged congratulations upon the election of the latter to the U. S. Senate from Tennessee.

Elder Buckner of the Southwestern Methodist District, has traveled during the past year 3,500 miles in his buggy, and preached 200 sermons.

A young fellow in Leavenworth tried a half pint of laudanum, the other day, as an antidote for unrequited attachment. A stomach pump proved more effective.

Mr. Lyle, county treasurer of Cherokee county, has tendered his resignation to the board, owing to the reduction of the fees of county treasurers, by the legislature the past winter.

The Hiawatha Advocate says a couple of men had a foot race in that town on the 6th inst. They ran 75 yards for \$50. Notwithstanding the hard times, one of them won the money.

We have a small keg of nyto-glycerine to drop on the first persons head that appears at the bottom of The Times office stairs with an "Ogle to Spring" in his hand.—Leavenworth Times.

A Kansas editor having waited in vain for the coming of the Russian Mennonites, inquired, "Where are the Mennonites?" and an echo in the shape of his wife repeated the question thus: "Where are you men o' nites?"

The Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf river has bought three hundred bushels of cotton seed for the farmers along its line of road in southern Kansas. It is to be sold to them at its actual cost at place of purchase.

A Russell county Garman undertook the other day to split a log of wood by means of powder; he sat down on the log to smoke after lighting the fuse. He has recovered from his injuries, but says that in future "he splits him mit der ax."

At a wedding the other night in Dickinson county the bridegroom forgot he was married and went home leaving the unconscious bride "tripping the light fantastic toe" with whom she pleased. It was not until the next day that he realized the situation.

Chas. Hayeen, our efficient county attorney, sent in his resignation on the 9th, to take effect yesterday. We understand that James H. Lowell has been recommended as his successor. The salary of attorney has been reduced from \$50 to \$40.—Holton Express.

Many of our citizens have gotten over their antipathy to cottonwood trees, and are now making arrangements to set them out for shade. In England they are considered the finest of trees for shade and ornament. In Kansas heretofore they have been despised.—Topeka Blade.

A few days since Mr. W. S. Townsline, a mile east of town thrashed out 61 bushels of millet seed as the product of 1 1/2 acres of ground. Millet seed is now commanding a high price, and those who raised it last year are preparing to take the benefit of the fact.—Concordia Empire.

Johnny Gilmore says that the actual subscription receipts of the Wilson County Citizen during the year 1874, including county orders, country produce, chips, whistles and other mediums of exchange, aggregated just \$956.80. The current necessary expenses of the paper in the meantime footed up even \$1,828.01. It is a wonder under such gratifying circumstances, that somebody has not had the financial wisdom to start an "opposition paper" at Fredonia.

Gov. Osborn writes as follows to a gentleman in Canandaigua, New York, concerning the destitution in this State: "I regret to be obliged to inform you that the necessities of our people, especially in the recently settled localities, are such as to excite the solicitude of all charitably disposed persons. Those who report otherwise do so without knowledge of the facts. While I have not felt it my duty to encourage wholesale solicitation, it would be nothing less than cruelty in me to repel proffered contributions."

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McPherson is a new county, yet it has a literary organization called the "Pren-Kosmanian society."

Mr. H. W. Gillett has been appointed Director of the Penitentiary in place of Mr. Angell, resigned.

The Troy Chief tells of a wild cat captured in that neighborhood which weighed forty pounds.

The editor of the Paola Spirit is playing chess by telegraph with the editor of the Harrisonville Courier.

The Courier says a hundred new wagons arrived at Coffeyville last week for the Sac and Fox Indians.

The number of Texas cattle which will be driven through Kansas this season is estimated at 95,500.

Franklin and Johnson counties have each voted \$20,000 relief bonds under the late statute of the Legislature.

The Viridigra after having been very quiet for a year, rose up like William Riley, last week and "went on a tear."

The South Kansas M. E. Conference has a membership of 9,878, 100 ministers, 42 churches, 41 parsonages and 90 charges.

The Topeka Blade says that the waiter girls at the Teft House refused to wait on the tables occupied by the Georgia Minstrels.

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S. J. COWAN, P. M.

STATE NEWS.

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A lot of breezy sea yarns. GETTING ON SEA LEGS. The first of an old seaman's narratives will be given in the January number, to be continued monthly.

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In addition to the leading articles, the editor has filed for future use, and is constantly receiving numerous articles, sketches of life and character, Stories of Adventure, Papers, How to shoot and Home Sports, new and fresh pieces for the Grange, Sporting Dialogues, and an ever-increasing stock of Old Work, from which the best will be culled for 1875.

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