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## RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis Railroad.  
**NORTH BOUND.** Arrive. Depart.  
Mail and passenger... 10.05 a. m. 10.05 a. m.  
Local freight..... 10.05 a. m. 11.45 a. m.  
**SOUTH BOUND.**  
Mail and passenger... 4.48 p. m. 4.48 p. m.  
Local freight..... 11.30 a. m. 11.45 a. m.  
Mail and passenger trains run daily; freight daily except Sunday. Mail closes at post-office 20 minutes before train time.  
Baxter and Chetopa Mail and Hack Line.  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Leaves Baxter 1 p. m.; Keelville 8.30; Melrose 4; and arrives at Chetopa at 6 o'clock p. m.

## CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Seven full pound bars of soap for 25 cents at the Baxter Grocery.

Look at the new nubias and hoods at A. M. PEAKE & Co's.

Full cream cheese at the Baxter Grocery. Try it.  
D. M. WRIGHT, Manager.

A few good horses to trade for Investment Co. stock. Inquire at this office.

Fenton repairs boots and shoes.

**SAM JONES IS GONE.**  
But I still sell goods just the same down at bedrock prices.  
W. E. TYNER.

Two pounds of tea for 25 cents at the Baxter Grocery.  
D. M. WRIGHT, Manager.

**FOR SALE.**—A good team of horses weighing 1030 each. Inquire at Fred Eisert's 1½ miles southwest of Baxter.

When you try our 25c tea once you won't use anything else.  
BAXTER GROCERY,  
D. M. WRIGHT, Manager.

For a nice nubia go to A. M. PEAKE & Co's.

Home made buckwheat flour at the Baxter Grocery.  
D. M. WRIGHT, Manager.

## STRUCKET BIGG!

On and after Jan. 1, 1890, I will sell goods strictly for cash or produce at "Alliance" prices or lower.  
W. E. TYNER.

Buy your groceries of us. We will save you money.  
D. M. WRIGHT.

Buy a good misses', woman's or men's shoe from A. M. Peake & Co.

**FOR SALE.**—A good second-hand wood cook stove. Inquire at this office.

Seven bars No. 1 full size soap for 25 cents at W. E. Tyner's.

**CAPITO'S CITY BAKERY.**  
Fresh bread, cakes, pies, etc., every day. Lunch, cigars, tobacco, nuts and fruits in season.

12 pounds of light brown sugar for \$1 at W. E. TYNER'S.

A large and elegant line of table and pocket cutlery, spoons, etc., just received for the holiday trade. Call and see it.  
McELHINEY & FRIBLEY.

If you eat all in town at one meal you get it for 25 cents at the English Kitchen.

Bamboo easels at Harvey's furniture store.

Try the English Kitchen for board and lodging. Reasonable rates.

Seven bars of Woman's Friend soap for 25 cents at COOPER'S.

If you need a cooking or heating stove now is the time to buy before we are obliged to purchase new stock at advanced prices. We are offering stoves very cheap. Come in, see for yourselves.  
McELHINEY & FRIBLEY.

Go to Cooper's for loaded shells.

Remember Tucker on boots and shoes.

Remember, I buy my goods for SPOT CASH and will sell you harness of every description cheaper than you can buy elsewhere, at the old reliable Pioneer Harness Shop of Cherokee county.  
J. B. OPPERMAN.

Mixed pickles 40c per gallon at J. M. COOPER'S.

Fresh raisins, currants and Turkish prunes at the Baxter Grocery.

A trial is all we ask at the English Kitchen. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Scammonville has organized as a city of the third class under the name of Scammon.

Read the semi-annual statement of the condition of the Baxter Bank published in another column.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Meeds gave a family dinner Wednesday in which 22 of their kinsfolk participated.

The ladies of the M. E. church gave a very successful 6 p. m. supper New Year's eve in the Rehm building.

The assistant state lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance will address the people at Blue Mound school house on Saturday evening, Jan. 11, 1890, at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited.

The new year was ushered in by the ringing of bells and the firing of guns in all sizes from the innocent little toy pistol to the loud sounding anvil. Good-bye '89—welcome '90.

The Advocate says some of the merchants of that town threaten to leave it and advises them to "Don't throw up the sponge yet." Is it the Farmers' Alliance or simply stagnation in business?

Old Boreas blew his breath down this way Sunday night and the mercury ran down to 20 degrees above zero, or 12 degrees below the freezing point. The change was so sudden that many thought it was "awful cold"—but it wasn't.

**MARRIED.**—At the residence of Rev. G. W. Richardson in this city, in the presence of the bride's father, the groom's brother and other friends, on Dec. 31, 1889, Mr. W. R. Moore and Miss Huldah McCoy, both of the Cherokee nation. Rev. Richardson officiated.

John W. Williams brought suit against the Spring Branch Mining Co. on Dec. 28 claiming a balance due him of \$33.40 for labor performed. The case was continued at his request to the 2d day of February. The company offered him a liberal compromise, but it was refused.

Mr. B. F. McBurney of Trenton, Mo., arrived in the city Tuesday to assist Mr. Burton in working up the interest in the proposed butter and cheese factory. Mr. McBurney is a stockholder in the Trenton, Mo., factory and pretty well posted on the business in Kansas and Missouri.

A temporary injunction was granted by the probate court Dec. 24 stopping the payment of the \$840.32 appropriated by the city council as an indirect payment for the lands condemned for the switch of the Memphis road. This ties the matter up until the district court passes upon it.

The nipping air Monday was a welcome change for the soft, unnatural weather which had preceded it. It put the color in the cheeks, added brightness to the eyes, springiness to the step and elevation to the spirits of everybody who was outdoors. We ought to have more of the same kind of weather for awhile.

Mrs. F. W. Propp and her mother Mrs. A. Willard are just recovering from quite a severe attack of la grippe or Russian influenza, the new disease which has had such a run in Europe and this country during the past month and is creating such widespread comment. It is a sort of "epizootic" trouble and has proven fatal in very few cases compared with the number attacked.

Last Saturday Mr. John Vail concluded to keep an account of the number of passers by the house of his daughter Mrs. Mary V. Miller. He began tallying a little after sunrise and at 12 o'clock his record showed that 73 wagons, 30 buggies and 30 persons on horseback had passed the place in that time. Pretty good for a "dead" town, eh?

The Horace Austin mining shaft is steadily going down, having reached a depth of about 58 feet. A body of chopped or "hog-chawed" flint has been entered with indications of open ground and zinc ore. There is no water to bother. Mr. Austin is confident of striking a body of mineral before he reaches a depth of 100 feet and from the pluck he is displaying he deserves to strike it big.

Two prisoners named Daggott and Avery escaped from the county jail at Columbus Wednesday evening by cutting a passage way through the wall into an empty and open cell which opened into the office and let them out. It seems there was no one guarding the jail at the time and as all the prisoners were in the hall but for the timely arrival of Sheriff Babb all might have escaped. The fugitives were neatly recaptured by Babb at Galena Thursday.

Pure maple syrup at Cooper's.

15 pounds of sugar for \$1 at J. M. COOPER'S.

Fine rye bread at Ohlen's.

Five pounds of mixed tea for \$1 at J. M. COOPER'S.

L. C. Goodner will pay the highest market price for butcher's stock. Inquire at Drovers and Farmers bank.

Raisins, prunes and citron, all new and fresh at COOPER'S.

**NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.**  
At the popular grocery of B. F. Brown.

Best tea in the city for 20c a pound at B. F. BROWN'S.

**FRESH OYSTERS** at H. Ohlen's this evening in any style—can or dish.

No. 1 mackerel at COOPER'S.

Lunch or meals at Ohlen's.

White clover honey at Cooper's.

**BAKING POWDER**—1 lb. 15c; ½ lb. 10c; ¼ lb. 5c at J. J. OSBORN'S.

New whitefish 6 cents a pound at B. F. BROWN'S.

Eleven pounds of granulated sugar for \$1; twelve pounds of light brown sugar for \$1 at COOPER'S.

**SAFE AND RELIABLE Baking Powder** at W. E. Tyner's. Two pieces of fancy queensware with each can sold.

The Columbus Steam Laundry will pay express charges one way on all orders from Baxter. Satisfaction guaranteed. Address, S. P. TARR, Columbus, Kansas.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Spring Branch Mining Co. was held Tuesday evening with a poor attendance. The secretary presented an accurate report of the condition of the company showing assets amounting to \$550 and liabilities of \$370. Work was stopped over a week ago for want of funds, but an effort is being made to resume it for a short time at least. The laboring men of the town have subscribed 21 days work, or enough to work the shaft a week night and day, provided the "capitalists" of the city, who, by the way, have exhibited an astonishing amount of apathy in this matter, can afford to pay the engineers for keeping the water out of their way.

The report comes to us pretty straight that a company of capitalists have secured a lease for mining purposes upon all the lands in the Peoria reservation lying east of Spring river, aggregating some 8,000 to 10,000 acres. This lease must be approved by the secretary of the interior before any work can be done on the land, but if the secretary does approve it we may look for some heavy developments down there in the near future. It is also reported that C. L. McClung, the civil engineer, was employed recently to lay out a town at some point on the Peoria reserve, but just where we have not learned.

The Advocate said corn was selling at 12 cents per bushel in Columbus last week. Verily the poor farmer "gets it in the neck" from all sides. If he raises a poor crop the price may be pretty good, but he has little to sell, and if he does raise a big crop then the price goes down until it will hardly pay him to haul it to market. When the farmers of this section get to raising something besides corn and oats and potatoes—say creamery stuff, for instance—they will be much better off.

**MARRIED.**—At the Missionary Baptist church in this city Thursday evening, Jan. 2, 1890, at 7:30 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Smith, Mr. John Woodley to Miss L. C. Anderson, both of this city. The church was filled to overflowing by both colored and white people and after the ceremony the happy couple were sent away on their life's voyage in a most becoming manner and with many well wishes. The bride received a number of valuable presents.

One of our restaurateurs rather strenuously objects to the M. E. church setting up dining halls, refreshment stands, etc., whenever its managers are suspicious that a few extra nickels and dimes are floating about and carefully gathering them in without paying license as he and others have to do. He thinks it is detrimental to his business. The News will take it upon itself to make a desperate effort to remedy this important matter in the near future.

## DROPPED DEAD.

Mrs. Wm. Hyland came up town yesterday morning at 11 o'clock on business and on the way stepped into Dr. Duncan's office to have a very loose tooth extracted. The doctor picked it out, she sat down by the stove and talked cheerfully about having all her teeth taken out and new ones put in. After fifteen minutes talking she arose, stepped to the front door and had taken hold of the latch when she reeled and fell heavily backward to the floor and never breathed again. Death was instantaneous and caused by paralysis of the heart. Obituary next week.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—C. D. Meserve visited Kansas City this week.  
—Mrs. Emma Armstrong of Webb City is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

## THE BUTTER FACTORY PROJECT.

As per announcement a meeting was held at the city hall last Saturday afternoon in the interest of the butter and cheese factory and to hear the report of the committee sent away to investigate. There was only a fair attendance. After S. H. Jessup had been chosen chairman and B. S. Warner secretary Mr. Talbot read the report of the committee and commented freely upon it, showing pretty conclusively that there is a good deal of money in the milk and butter business to all concerned if it is properly handled. The report was published in this paper a week ago, and we presume our readers are familiar with it. Mr. Talbot's speech was followed by earnest and interesting talks by J. J. Fribley, C. W. Daniels and Mr. Burton. The question of securing cows enough to run the institution was brought up, and it was soon found that from 1000 to 1500 cows could be made accessible to the plant in the territory south, if the factory worked and paid as well as represented. The factory upon which the report of the committee was based was operating and clearing \$7 per day on the milk from 600 cows. If the factory here could secure the milk from 1000 to 1500 cows—and we believe it could within six months after starting—it could clear from \$10 to \$15 per day on the milk and butter alone, besides a large profit which would certainly accrue from a big pen of several hundred hogs fed almost wholly upon the skim milk of the factory.

This is almost exclusively a farmers' enterprise and for the farmer's benefit, as it would give him a chance to have a steady and reliable income aside from the grain and other products of the farm, and all persons who have ever lived in dairy districts say the patrons of it would be made almost independent by it after a year or two. Several farmers and others signed the contract and shares to the amount of \$1100 were subscribed for at the meeting.

## THE DIFFERENCE.

The failure of the lamented evaporator enterprise here is proving quite a detriment to the cause of the proposed butter and cheese factory, and many are refusing to take stock in the latter because of said failure. They should stop and think a moment. The two factories are vastly different in character. If a committee had been sent out to investigate before the evaporator was built they would probably have found numerous plants of the kind over the country idle three-fourths if not all the year and consequently a poor investment. The evaporator was also poorly managed and there was scarcely any market for its product.

The butter and cheese factory is a steady thing the year round and the market for its product is never overstocked. Who ever heard of the markets being glutted with creamery butter? Nobody. On the contrary good creamery butter brings 30 to 35 cents a pound all the time in the large cities and the demand for it cannot nearly be supplied. A man in Vermont has a herd of 75 Jersey cows, furnishing the milk for his private creamery, the product of which he sells on contract in Boston at 40 cents per pound the year round. Other facts concerning the profits of some of the eastern butter factories would astonish you as much as the above probably does, but they show conclusively that good butter, like good gold, is sure to bring a good price wherever it is.

All the western factories we have heard of recently have been unable to meet the demands made upon them for butter and could sell their product a month ahead if they wished to.

The establishment of a butter and cheese factory here would certainly be one of the very best things, if not the best, that could be thought of for the farmer—unless it be a mint where silver dollars were sold at a discount of 25 to 50 per cent.

## MR. SMITH AND THE COUNCIL.

Sam'l H. Smith's little article in last week's paper and the further fact that the council on Friday evening last passed resolutions asking for his immediate resignation as city attorney have caused no little comment and more or less ill feeling among our people the past week. Members of the council accuse Mr. Smith of working in the interest of Mr. Willard and not at all times in the interest of the city, but he says and we believe he can prove he has not been engaged as an attorney by Mr. Willard since the middle of last May, long before he was made city attorney. We believe that since his appointment as attorney for the city Mr. Smith has been diligently studying into the affairs, past and present, of the city and endeavoring to work for the best interests of the city as he believed was his duty to do. In looking over the records of affairs here for a few years past he found where many mistakes had been made and where the council had in many instances exceeded its authority in the appropriation of public money. Anyone who will take the trouble to look the matter up may ascertain these facts also.

When he began to point out these discrepancies and suggest that the action of the council had better be made thus and so in strict accordance with the intent and purpose of the law a feeling against him was aroused in some members of the council who almost hooted at some of his suggestions because the council had for years done differently and nobody had seriously objected. We do not mean to accuse the council of intentionally exceeding the limits of their powers, but unless we are very much mistaken Mr. Smith has the best of the argument.

The council accuse Smith of disregarding their instructions. Suppose he did. Is he bound to obey the instructions of the council if the things instructed to be done are not for the best interests of the city and contrary to law and his opinion as an attorney in the matter? If so why have a city counsellor? Why not give the members of the council the law book and allow them to put their own construction upon it—expand it or contract it as they may desire—regardless of the holdings or opinions handed down from the higher courts upon the questions at issue?

The manner in which the council treated Mr. Smith last Friday evening was simply brutal. We thought this to be a free country, but from the action of the council in not allowing Smith to say a word in his own behalf we see it is not.

Public sentiment seems to be somewhat divided on the matter and an indignation meeting has been talked of by those opposed to Smith and many things have been said about it that would have been as well unsaid. A public meeting and a full and free expression of opinion in the matter would undoubtedly be a good thing and we are certain Mr. Smith would not object to it. Probably if we should all get together in mass meeting once more, as we used to two or three years ago, and fight this thing to a finish we would all learn something that would do us good. In our opinion this is just the thing to do. Many of our people either do not understand the situation or are afraid to give expression to their thoughts, and this thing of backbiting and maligning each other on the street corners is simply wearing off the soles of our shoes and our elbows out for no good whatever. As long as we fight amongst ourselves in this way no public enterprise can be carried through and the sooner we settle it the better, let it be which way or t'other.

## Semi-Annual Statement of the Condition of the Baxter Bank, Jan. 1, 1890.

RESOURCES.	
Loans.....	\$72,290.95
Banking house and real estate.....	2,088.43
Bank furniture, safe and fixtures.....	1,048.22
Warrants, city and school.....	3,229.94
Overdrafts.....	117.69
Cash and sight exchange.....	30,226.26
Total.....	\$80,010.76

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$50,000.00
Certified checks.....	28.77
Due depositors, time.....	9,441.32
Due depositors, demand.....	20,542.27
Total.....	\$80,010.76

State of Kansas, County of Cherokee, ss.  
I solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

IRA C. PERKINS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1890.  
S. A. HAYNES, Notary Public.  
Commission expires February 28, 1891.

## Purify the Sick Room.

Don't breathe the fever tainted air of the sick room when you can render it almost instantly sweet and pure by using Dr. Keller's Disinfectant. Its use will destroy the poisonous exhalations in smallpox, scarlet fever and other contagious diseases, and prevent the spread of the disease. It is not poisonous and will not stain the clothing. Try it and you will be delighted with it. Price 50 cents per bottle. For sale at Craig's Drug Store.