The Reflector.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1888.

Official Paper of County and City.

New Type.

The REFLECTOR office has just added to its already extensive job department a large order of the newest and most unique job type manufactured and is now better prepared than ever to do the best, neatest and most artistic job work of any firm in the city. Satisfaction always guaranteed.

RECENT REFLECTIONS.

☞Try those DAILY REFLECTOR cigars at Shaler's.

☞Christmas shopping is the chief business of the people just now.

☞The issue of the REFLECTOR for next Monday will be somewhat of a holiday number. One of Abilene's prominent *litterateurs* will contribute a short story, John Preston Campbell will write for it a poem, and other special featnres will be given.

☞To A, G. Buchanan, postmaster of Abilene: Will you accommodate the business men of the city by opening the postoffice for a short time on Sunday morning, or at least opening the lobby that those having lock boxes may procure their mail? By request of

MANY CITIZENS.

Roy Shadinger, who has long been one of Abilene's favorite typos, left last night for Santa Paula, Cal., where he takes a position on the Chronicle. Roy is a boy out of a thousand and makes friends everywhere. We wish him unbounded success and prosperity.

D. P. Hoffman, of Abilene, reported at these headquarters yesterday. He is a first-class carpenter and contractor, and will take up his residence in Denver for the winter at least. He struck a good job the next day after his arrival in the city—and is happy.—[Press.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knox, of Abilene, Kansas, were welcome callers at the Press office this week. They were on their way to Whatcom, Washington Territory, where they have large real estate interests. Mr. Knox is one of the leading business men of Abilene. —[Denver Press.

Abileneites Abroad.

The following from the Denver (Col.) Press, relates some interesting facts regarding the prosperity of Dickinsonians who are located in the Centennial State:

Our old friend, J. J. Eisenhauer, of New Baden near Abilene, Kansas, has exchanged his large and valuable farm for Denver property—148 lots—the deal amounting to $65,000. He has contracted to build 55 houses—the subcontractors being Bolster and Brillhart, of Abilene; four of the buildings are already under way. Mr. Eisenhauer obtained a brick yard in the deal, and will move all his brick machinery to Denver, and engage extensively in the manufacture of brick—bringing with him about 50 of his Kansas employes. He will erect on his property a $5,000 hotel, for the accommodation of his hands. Eisenhauer is an enterprising "rustler," and will do good work toward the building up of the city embraced in North Capitol Hill. The "Abilene colony" in Denver is increasing rapidly—and the Press office is headquarters.

Christmas Advertising.

If you have holiday goods for sale, now is the time to advertise them. It is but a few days until Christmas, and the new year will soon be here. Then it will be too late. Do not wait for customers to find you. Tell them in a well prepared advertisement, where you are and what you have to sell. Who is there in this part of the world not ready and anxious to buy something within the next two weeks? Everybody wants and expects a Christmas present. It is only necessary to let the people know where they can make their purchases to the best advantage.

The REFLECTOR is pre-eminently the paper for such announcements. It goes into nearly every household in the city and has a circulation in the county greater than that of any two papers combined, in spite of all lying boasts to the contrary. Send in your "ad" copy early, as the already crowded condition of our columns may prevent our receiving material.

The Surprisers Surprised.

A number of ladies and gentlemen, fifteen or twenty, concluded Monday evening to drive out to the home of J. W. Hoover, west of the city, and give him and his estimable wife a surprise, the occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of the couple's marriage. What was the surprisers' surprise upon reachsng the house, to find that as many more of the neighbors had taken the same view of the matter as themselves, and had, an hour earlier, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Hoover in the most approved style.

The Abileneites, however, joined the party and all spent the evening in the most pleasurable of enjoyments, and when at a late hour they departed, voted the visit a delightful one. Many gifts appropriate to the occasion, Crystal wedding, were showered upon the host and hostess and will serve to commemorate the event.

Among those from Abilene who attended were: Mr and Mrs Anderson, Mrs Kelley, Mrs W H H Bonebrake, Mrs J H Todd, Mr and Mrs J C Porter, Mrs J P Quinn, Mrs B F Nelson, Mrs Richard Waring, Mrs Matteson.

Tom Wilson on Topolobampo.

Tom Wilson isn't "stuck" on the Sinaloa, Mexico, colonization scheme. He has traveled enough and mingled with fortune-hunters enough to know the folly of such movements. The following from the Logan County (Col.) Advocate is in Tom's richest vein and well worth reading:

We notice with delight from the Abilene DAILY REFLECTOR that a colony scheme is forming in Kansas. It is to be, as near as is consistent with the desires and conveniences of the promoters, a regular Utopian paradise, the Golconda of earthly dreams and pleasure. The chief moguls of the enterprise are Lord C. B. Hoffman, of Enterprise, and Angel N. Thurstin, of Hope. It is proposed to take a slice of earth from Mexico, somewhere in the vicinity of the Gulf of California, and there plant the nucleus of what shall be a "land without a sting, a peace without a thorn." (We will just here remark that what Messrs. Hoffman and Thurstin don't know about getting their share of the earth is not necessary to know.) The land is to be owned jointly; marriage and giving in marriage to be based upon business principles alone; love and affection—to shoel with it; schools are to be free—easy, too, if you want 'em that way; candidates for admission to the heaven will be examined with a microscope and Bob Ingersoll's code of "Let Her Swing a Little Higher;" the crops will be invoiced and dealt out by a council of three; all housework will be done in turn by the members, the big chiefs alone excepted; no flies or ants will be permitted in the colony, even your mother's aunt will be disbarred; the religion will be collar-and-elbow, catch-as-catch can, as-you-like-it, asit were; no watermelons will be grown for fear of colic: politics will be of the U. L. variety—Union Labadist—with bodice ornaments; the utmost freedom of speech and the ballot is courted—the officers to be elected once every hundred years, unless death should fortunately intervene, and then the vacuum is filled by appointment by the other two big medicine men; wash days will be made as comfortable for the women as possible, and when not up at the harem fanning the 'skeeters off the boss colonist, they will be expected to turn the crank of the wringer for the men, who will be the Chinamen for that particular day; no pains or wind will be spared to make the outfit a success, both financially and otherwisely for the promoters and also owners of that little sandy piece of earth lying down there in the greaser overflow bottoms. Some of our Colorado neighbors can relate a minute's mite of interesting history regarding that fertile(!) land. Two years ago many of them followed off that Topolabampo vision, and a bigger lot of Topolobambo fools were never before rounded up in one pasture. The road between here and Mexico is lined with patch-seated, sore-heeled Topolobampoists trying to get back to Colorado. It was "Utopian", something like the Kansas dream, we imagine, is to be.

Mrs. C. J. McDivitt left last night for Santa Paula, Cal., where she will in the future reside. Mr. McDivitt joined her at Strong City and, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding, will probably settle down for good on the Pacific Coast.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

EDITED BY

J. S. FORD, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Eleven thousand teachers were employed in the State last year.

The county teachers' association meets in the central school building Jan. 12th.

Kansas spent over $4,000,000 last year for school purposes. No wonder she leads the world in intelligence.

Geo. W. Winans, the State Superintendent-elect, led the Republican ticket on majority at the recent election.

Prof. Jewett, S. M. Cook, H. F. Graham, J. S. Ford and others will attend the State teachers' association meeting next week.

There are 85 pupils in the primary room at Herington. It is presided over by Miss Hunter. Such overcrowding can scarcely help being fatal to the best work.

Only 292 out of the 8,715 school districts in the State failed to have at least three months school last year. In 1887 there were 447. We are progressing.

The institutes are giving considerable space this winter to matters pertaining to the teachers' self development. This is right and shows the proper feeling of progress.

The school population of the State is 532,010, of which 403,351 were enrolled in the public schools last year. What an army of them; and they will be the men and women of Kansas in a few years.

The North Dickinson institute meets next Saturday, Dec. 22nd, at Pleasant Valley school house in Cheever township. A good program, already published in these columns, has been prepared.

The Superintendent has in preparation a complete list of the teachers of the county together with the district in which they teach and their post office address. It will be printed in pamphlet form.

On Nov. 30th, our city schools had been in session three months. The attendance has steadily increased from a daily average of 152 during the first to 160 the second month and then to 178 in the third. The enrollment during the months was 171, 187 and 262 for the three months in the order named. —[Hope Dispatch.

On the shelf set apart for books of travel in the district library, do not fail to put "Kansan Abroad," "Cuban Sketches" and "We Two Alone in Europe." These are to say the least, fully as entertaining as many books ushered into the world with much newspaper braying and drum-beating accompaniment by eastern publishers. The Gælic proverb, "Distant birds have pretty feathers," is true in this as in much else. The prophet within our own gate is without honor, but before the prophet at a distance we prostrate ourselves in adoration. Nevertheless, his book of prophecies so gorgeously bound, gilt-edged and artistically embelished may be as the chaff which the wind driveth away.—[John MacDonald.

A correspondent. "Bar," sends in the following bit of criticism:

It has been suggested that the committees on resolutions appointed at the various teachers' institutes held in the county would please dispense with the term "Excellently rendered music," in speaking of the music furnished on the occasion; it savors too much of butcher shop language. Music, to be appreciated in general, must consist of a harmonious flow of sounds, rather than the written or printed characters which represent sounds. Then compliment the music by saying that it is excellent, exquisite—use as many adjectives as necessary, but never remind us of the squeezing, grinding, trying out and serving of it by saying that it is rendered.

As one of the chief definitions given by Webster is "to furnish, to contribute, as, to render a service," the use of the word is etymologically correct. However, in the interest of the originality and unhackneyed phrases a departure from the old style is devoutly to be desired.

A. F. & A. M.

Monday eve. was the occasion of the annual election of officers in Benevolent Lodge, No. 98, A. F. & A. M. The following were chosen: John Johntz, W. M.; O. L. Moore, S. W.; Hiland Southworth, J. W.; I. S. Hallam, treasurer; J. L. Worley, secretary. These officers will be installed Thursday evening, Dec. 27th, St. John's day. The installation will be a most enjoyable time and will be open to all Master Masons in good standing, who, with their ladies, are invited to be present. After the ceremonies all in attendance will sit down to a banquet, which will be prepared by the ladies.

A Prominent Citizen of Pratt, Kan., Arrested For Bank Robbery.

PRATT, Kan., Dec, 18.—May 11 the Pratt County National Bank was robbed at high noon, while the assistant cashier and other officers were at dinner and during a five minutes' absence of Cashier I. E. Page at the post-office, the amount stolen being $4,000. A pane of glass was broken and a back window raised, through which the thief was supposed to have entered. The vault doors were shut and locked, but were readily opened. The robbery remained a mystery to all but the detectives until yesterday, when F. W. Scott, local manager of the Kimball Lumber Company and vice-president of the bank, was arrested charged with the crime. The complaint was sworn to by T. E. Simpson, president of the bank, and Scott was taken before a justice for preliminary hearing, but the State asked for a continuance until Thursday, which was granted, the prisoner giving a bond for his appearance.

The arrest created the most intense excitement, as Scott had been here ever since the town was started and had been the manager of the largest business firms and interested financially in every public enterprise and had owned considerable real estate and enjoyed unbounded confidence. The people generally believe that he is innocent and openly declare it, but William Whitelaw, of Hutchinson, attorney for the bank, said, "We have a strong case."

Last night George W. Reed and William Mooto were arrested on warrants charging them with having set fire to the building in which the flames originated that caused the destruction of six business houses last Thursday morning. Reed is out on bail and Mooto is in jail in default.

HIGH TIMES IN A JAIL.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 18.—Sunday a morning paper here published a statement drawn up by the county jail inmates that the new sheriff had curtailed their rations and was taking away their liberties in breaking up the kangaroo court—a criminal association. This court suspected James Funk of peaching and Sunday night before being locked up for the night concluded to punish him. Two prisoners were appointed to administer the castigation and so thoroughly did they do the work that when Funk's cries of murder had drawn the turnkey to the jail door he was found hanging to the grating almost lifeless, his head and face beaten into a jelly. In the investigation which followed it was discovered that a hole had been made in the wall which separated the male and female departments and that the two sexes were in the habit of intermingling. When the cells were searched the officers found beneath the heads of several beds two razors, three knives and eight or ten iron bars weighing two or three pounds each. Funk's wife was in the jail at the time.

CROOK IDENTIFIED.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—J. Metz, one of the men who made an unsuccessful attempt to rob the People's Savings and Deposit Bank here last Thursday and was arrested, has been identified by Robert Pinkerton as Horace Haven, alias "Little Horace," one of the most notorious bank thieves of America. Haven's accomplice, who escaped, is known to be Walter Sheridan, alias Ralston, alias Keene, and known in Colorado as Walter A. Stewart, another notorious bank robber. Stewart came to Denver about fifteen years ago with nearly $400,000 and became director of one of the Denver National banks. He lost his money by fast living and speculation and left the State in 1875, after having swindled several houses out of considerable money.