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Editorial Gossip

Western Kansas is having its annual influx of "Weary Willies" and the crop seems unusually large this year. Most of these fellows are a worthless lot who are living off the generosity of the American housewife, and who never intend or offer to reciprocate for their meals or money. Now and then however we find a "diamond in the rough," some poor, footsore fellow who has been thrown out of work by modern inventions or by scarcity of labor, and then, and only then, can we justify the housewife in her over-generosity. Nineteenths of the tramps who strike this part of the country travel in side-door pullmans and have a marked aversion for work and water.

There is an ordinance on the statute books of Hays City that does not seem to be receiving very much attention. We refer to the herd law, which empowers citizens to take up stray horses and cattle found running loose in the city limits and hold the same for damages. There are some people in this city who are carelessly overlooking this ordinance and who are turning their horses loose at night to graze where they may.

Now that Hays is becoming more city-like and many residents are taking down their front fences and beautifying the lawns at the cost of much labor and expense it is hardly fair that they should not be protected against the depredations of stray horses and cattle. Most people do not care to complain of their neighbors and friends and cause any unfriendly feeling and for this reason no complaints have been made as yet, but unless the horses and cows are kept in or the city authorities take measures to enforce the ordinance the stock will be taken up and held for damages.

"Kansas Cries for Help."

Every few days the New York and other eastern papers give Kansas nice notices. Here is one by W. E. Lewis in the "New York Telegraph."

"Kansas cries for help." That line which I read in a morning newspaper sounds familiar. I heard it years ago. The first time Kansas figured in the news people were talking about how the state had been misused by the Missouri "border ruffians" and how Quantrell raided the town of Lawrence. In my northern home we felt sorry for the Kansans. Later on there was a plague of grasshoppers, and the rest of the country sent seed corn, wheat and potatoes to bleeding Kansas. Next thing I heard there was a drought in the whole of the Sunflower state west of Wamego. Rain did not fall in some places for all of eleven months. We sent the hapless homesteaders clothing and meal and smoked meats and potatoes and helped them along to another year.

Then the rain belt moved steadily westward at the rate (I was told) of twenty-two miles a year. Kansas planted trees and plowed the iron-like prairies with oxen, nine yoke to a plow. And now Kansas is a paradise—a land of good cities and grand little towns, with everything the twentieth century has to offer, and the noblest, fattest farms in the country. The last call for "help" from Kansas is made by farmers who will pay big sums for men to harvest their wheat. If any man in New York who is out of work is willing to accept about \$3 a day and good farm board and a chance to live under the glorious blue sky of Kansas he can write to Mr. Gerow, state employment agent at Topeka, and get a job. If some of the unemployed and discouraged men of the city who are tramping around the dusty pavements looking for something to do get out to Kansas they will never come back. They'll like Kansas as well as I do."

Marriage licenses have been issued by Judge Gross to Archibald L. King of north east Saline to Myrtle Elan of Co-dell; J. F. Younger of Liebenenthal to Lena Dreher of Schoenchen.



The Clinging Vine.



O, woman, in your new spring hat,
Enchantress of the world of art,
We humbly bow before thy throne
And crown thee queen of home and heart!
Demure and fair, with rose-bud lips;
All tuck and ruffle, bow and frill,
We bid thee exercise thy right
And do with us thine own sweet will!

Through all the days of strife and toil,
Through all the struggles for a name,
For thee we strive to win the lead,
For thee we war on wealth and fame!
O, being of another world,
So filled with humors, nerves and tears,
We fain would be your strength and shield,
Your citadel against your fears!

Ah, well we know, we men who strive,
That what we need is just yourself
To give us hope, inspiring us
To wrest a niche from fame and puff!
You are the clinging, blooming vine—
The sesame is LOVE! Then man
May cry: "The world is thine—and mine!"

The Mystery Solved.

The residents of Hincley were much excited. During the night a wheel-shaped disc had rolled down the Main street hill, cutting great swaths in the cement sidewalks. Then it plouetted through a plate-glass window, knocked over a safe and landed upside-down on the floor of the mayor's office.

Bings, the geologist, rapped on the peculiar disc with his knife-handle and declared it a sub-strata from some distant star. Banks, the fish merchant, had an idea that the wonderful object was of crustaceous origin, a substance that had ossified and hardened into flinty formation.

Hanks, the undertaker, thought it might be a rosette from the metal casket of Ptolemy the First, worked loose by the disintegration of time. Punderton, the liveryman, was firm in the belief that the disc was nothing more nor less than a petrified rubber pad from the shoe of Pegasus. He offered to bet a dollar that he was right, but as no one seemed able to decide the bet, the offer was not covered.

Hanks was just about to express his opinion that it was a curling-stone from the course of the Anthropophagi, when young Mr. Adams came dashing into the bank. Grabbing the disc, he cried, angrily:

"What do you fellows mean by nussing up my wife's first pie that way?"

Hugging the precious bit of culinary art to his bosom, he sped rapidly to the brow of the hill where he released the pie and let it roll happily home to its maker!

Comfort.



She was married just a week and made a pie.
She set it out to cool,
When lo! against the rule,
Her poodle ate the pie and had to die!

She was crying when she telephoned, was wife.
When he sat down to sup,
He thanked the Lord a pup
Had sampled Lovey's pie and had to die!

Eloquence.
I have felt unuttered sermons more eloquent than the lengthy discourse of a Talmage. I have seen triumphs won by silence and retorts made without words that completely put to rout the enemies' forces.

A Flower.

The other day a child brought me a flower. I took it from the pure minion of a woman and smelled its fragrance. The perfume carried me miles and miles away to a scene of flowers, shade and tangle-brush! It was a haunt of youth. I knew right where those flowers grew. I could go there in season and pluck its kind; if the hand of civilization and the march of progress had not sullied its bed.

Byron Williams

Announcements.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for state senator in the 39th senatorial district of Kansas, subject to the will of the republican voters of the district. WM. WELLS, Hill City, Kans.

FOR CONGRESSMAN.
I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman of the Sixth District. In this notice it is not practicable to state the measures I believe in, but hope to be able to state them publicly in all parts of the district between this and August 4th, next. Stockton, Kansas. W. B. HAM.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.
I hereby announce myself as candidate for the republican nomination of Register of Deeds at the Primary election to be held August 4th, and will appreciate and endeavor to merit all support given me by the voters of the County. JOHN TROTH.

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