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cessfully treated.

### NOTICE.

## D'DOL

On left side or hip.  
Any person discharging of cattle in the above  
brands without written authority from me will  
be prosecuted to the extent of the law.  
J. W. DRISKILL.

Any person finding cat-  
tle with this brand, stray-  
ing, will be suitably re-  
warded by notifying A.  
Kiehue, at camp on Salt  
Prairie, or the undersigned,  
at Junction City Kas.  
W. M. HURST.

### IN DISTRESS.

The Hays City Sentinel gives vent  
to one of the most abject, pitiful walls of  
distress, over the fact that Ellis and the  
K. P. Railroad have lost their grip on the  
Texas cattle trade, it has ever been our  
melancholy lot to witness. Verily the  
accepter of power over the long horn busi-  
ness has departed from the K. P., and  
the people of Ellis will cry in vain for  
their daily bread, if the utterances of the  
Sentinel, in its utter abandon of grief and  
anguish, can be credited.

It lays the blame of this result (which  
it seems to regard a public calamity) on  
the shoulders of the Dodge City Times—  
more especially an editorial headed  
'Ellis Burstled'—says the Times has a cir-  
culation among the cattle men of Texas,  
"to the great injury of Ellis and the  
Kansas Pacific Railroad."

We deeply deplore the fact that doing  
our duty as a journalist to our subscribers  
in Texas has caused the innocent people  
of Ellis to suffer for their daily bread,  
and will gladly contribute what we can  
afford toward alleviating their distress.  
However, we hope matters are not quite  
so bad as the Sentinel asserts, and that  
Brother Montgomery's intimation that  
losing the cattle trade will deprive his  
people of their daily bread emanated from  
an over-heated imagination while under  
acute mental agony caused by suddenly  
realizing that Ellis is 'burstled.' This  
theory is based upon the fact that a little  
farther down the column he consoles his  
people by the truthful remark that "The  
agricultural interests of the section will  
not be endangered." This is the bright  
side of the dismal picture.

We said the K. P. would probably suc-  
ceed in enticing a few deluded drovers  
over to their line. We doubt it now. The  
last scheme is so gauzy, and the intent to  
deceive so apparent, that cattle men will  
look with distrust upon any and all over-  
tures which may be made from that direc-  
tion. Since the TIMES drove them to the  
wall, they admit that cattle men must  
violate a State law to get a single long-  
horn into the Ellis yards, but they claim  
their County Commissioners have over-  
ruled and abridged this State law by issu-  
ing some sort of imperial edict to the  
effect that Texas cattle may pass right  
through a farming community over a  
broad highway running into the forbid-  
den territory. "for the express purpose of  
allowing Texas cattle to approach the  
stock yards," and the Sentinel says "it is  
not in the power of any man to prevent  
their so doing." Such talk is an insult to  
the intelligence of cattle drovers.

There is not a cow boy on the trail who  
does not know that State laws cannot be  
set aside by a Board of County Commis-  
sioners. The farmers around Ellis give  
not the slightest tribute of respect to such  
bombastic buccombe, unless it be by re-  
cruiting their squads of Constable posse  
along the very line of that 'broad high-  
way.' Cattle drovers already know too  
well upon which side of this question the  
farmers will be found to give heed to the  
Sentinel's representations on that point.

They will simply enforce the dead line  
law they themselves petitioned for, re-  
gardless of the silly and futile acts of the  
Commissioners, and thus protect them-  
selves by depriving Ellis of the cattle  
trade.

The Ellis County Star also convales-  
ces over 'Ellis Burstled.' It is not crazy  
enough to prate about that supreme law  
of their imperial highnesses the Commis-  
sioners, but threateningly advises us to  
steer clear of Ellis. Brother Downing  
doubtless contemplates a bread riot among  
these gamblers and pimps who Montgom-  
ery intimates are dependant upon the  
cattle trade 'for their daily bread.'

The Times is working hard to get a  
large Texas cattle trade at Dodge City.  
[Ellsworth Reporter.]

James H. Kelley, Mayor, Assisted by  
Mike Sutton, City Attorney, will preside  
over the destinies of Dodge City the  
coming year. —[Junction City Union.]

### BLACK HILLS.

#### The Times Sends a Special Reporter Into the Gold Region.

Yesterday morning Dr. S. Berry Dorr,  
whose connection with the editorial staff  
of this paper was announced some months  
ago, started on his way to the Black Hills  
for the purpose of furnishing the Dodge  
City Times "the truth, the whole truth  
and nothing but the truth," in regard to  
the Black Hills golden placers, of which  
such fabulous reports are pouring in from  
various sources, and which so many regard  
as mythical and unreal.

It has been but a short time since the  
TIMES, in a lengthy editorial, denounced  
the Black Hills as a gigantic fraud, in the  
interest of the U. P. railroad. Since then  
we have had evidence which tends to  
give the subject a different coloring. We  
have statistical reports from a reliable  
source to the effect that over two million  
dollars' worth of gold dust was taken out  
of the black Hills placer mines during last  
year, besides various reports from disin-  
terested individuals of success in panning  
out golden fortunes in a few months on  
their placer claims.

Some of our citizens probably noticed a  
herd of Mexican jackasses which passed  
through this city last Saturday evening.  
The gentleman in charge of it informed a  
TIMES reporter that he washed out over  
\$30,000 of gold dust last summer; that he  
was then on his way back from a visit to  
friends in the East, and intended to  
engage extensively in the freighting  
business for minor camps.

Thus we have become convinced that  
this matter is at least worthy of a thor-  
ough personal investigation, and Dr. Dorr  
being eminently qualified for this work  
the TIMES has entrusted the important  
commission to him.

The reports we shall receive from him  
will not be with sensational hearsay  
rumors from irresponsible parties, but  
the plain, unvarnished facts which the  
Dr. will gather from personal observa-  
tion. The TIMES has no interest in  
"puffing" the Black Hills, but its re-  
porter is sent there to give a practical and  
reliable report of that country just as it  
is—'Simply that and nothing more.'

The Doctor started across the prairie,  
with no road to guide him except a pocket  
compass; his blankets, provisions, cook-  
ing utensils, etc., packed on a wiry and  
brisk-stepping pony; a light, but improved  
make of carbine on his shoulder. We  
shall not expect a report for about thirty  
days.

### Libel.

So far back as our observation of public  
affairs in Kansas extends, it appears that  
a lull in the discussion of nearly every  
subject where a difference of opinion  
exists, is revived by a libel suit. The  
pure characters of the righteous men of  
this bloody little State are so tender that  
the law must be rigidly enforced in order  
to keep the wicked blood-drops of slander  
from soiling them. The newspaper men  
and newspaper correspondents take a  
hellish delight in tearing chunks of char-  
acter from pure human bosoms. It is no  
trick at all for an ordinary arch fiend  
to steal ten or twenty thousand dollars  
worth of character by means of a simple  
communication written by lamplight,  
and the morning newspapers have become  
so expert that they sometimes take all the  
character a man possesses with but a slight  
before-breakfast effort, leaving the victim  
in shattered rags. It seems like feudal  
assassination. No loyal subject is safe.  
As a means of reconstruction some of the  
down-fallen resort to law. From the  
vast number of these prosecutions we  
should judge that the Kansas Penitentiary  
must be ripe with such convicts, and we  
are glad that they are thus punished for  
deeds done in the imagination. The last  
act of violence was committed by the  
gory pen-drauger of M. Cajor Morris,  
the humble red-headed foreman of the  
Leavenworth Times composing room, who  
a week or two ago wrote a letter to the

Kansas City Times. It had a fatal effect.  
It struck the fair fragile character of Mr.  
F. P. Baker, editor of the Topeka Com-  
monwealth. His character is no more.  
Morris is under arrest. The shooting of  
Swayze caused it all.

Away out west here, among the wolves  
and coyotes the art of libeling is not un-  
known. We have received a shock from  
its poison battery, and we grope in search  
of the remnants of our character—Jack  
Downing, of the Ellis County star called  
us a squirt.

But, in Mr. Morris' case, we believe he  
said what he believed to be true in regard  
to Baker's connection with the killing of  
Swayze. We have known Mr. Morris  
intimately for several years, and do not  
believe he would maliciously malign the  
character of any man. The case will  
come up before the next term of the Shaw-  
nee county district court. Mr. Morris  
had no trouble in finding bondsmen  
among the wealthiest men in the commu-  
nity where he is known. If Mr. Baker  
has been libeled he has a right to punish  
his accuser. But it does look ridiculous,  
in our eyes, to see a newspaper man in  
Kansas suing for libel.

The following letter explains itself. If  
any reader can give the desired informa-  
tion, they will please report the same to  
this office:

FARMINGTON, Maine, April 14.

ED. TIMES: I see an article copied from  
the Dodge City Times saying that several  
of your citizens had been killed by In-  
dians while hunting buffalo in Texas.  
What I wish to enquire is this: If there  
is a man by the name of Leroy York in  
your town, or was he killed by the  
Indians? Word has come to us that he  
had been killed. If you can give any in-  
formation about him please do so at once,  
and oblige.  
A. E. Jones.

MR. J. D. GUNN has charge, as division  
superintendent, of the Alchison and Kan-  
sas City division of the A. T. & S. F.  
Mr. J. H. Pettibone takes the Cotton-  
wood, Newton and Dodge City division,  
while Mr. Lake remains in charge of the  
Colorado division. The office of Assistant  
Superintendent, formerly held by Mr.  
Egbert, has been abolished.

HON. J. J. A. T. DIXON, who repre-  
sented the West in general, and Russell  
county in particular, with such true  
statesmanlike honesty and zeal, in the  
lower House last winter, is now contrib-  
uting a series of papers on "The Elective  
Franchise," for the Russell County  
Record. Mr. Dixon is a deep thinker and  
well read on the subject he discusses.

Minnie Beals Reade, the Kansas songster  
who was supposed to have died about a  
year ago, now turns up in Europe, ac-  
cording to late correspondence.

SENATOR FLUMB takes hold of his  
official duties in commendable style. He  
is just the kind of a man to bet on, and  
before his term expires his place will be  
near the head of the roll, among the "old  
Senators."

—Great Bend girls cut off the top of  
their stockings to make wristlets for their  
beaux. —[Larned Press.]

CUSTAR'S name is being conferred on a  
large number of western towns and  
counties. Colorado has just set apart a  
Custar city.

THE Salt Lake Tribune estimates that  
since the settlement of Utah over six  
hundred murders have been committed by  
the orders of the priesthood.

Ex-Congressman Brown has hung out  
his shingle as "attorney at law" in  
Hutchinson.

How Tused has made a clean-breasted  
confession of all his former wickedness.

THE long expected war between Russia  
and Turkey is now about to be begun. It  
will make better times in America. Let  
us fight.