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RELIGIOUS.

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CORONA LODGE No. 107, L. O. O. F. meet at their hall, on Locust Street, every Sunday night. Visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend. D. M. FROST, N. G. H. G. COOK, Secretary.

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DR. S. GALLAND,

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NOTICE.

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

Any person finding cattle with this brand, straying, will be suitably rewarded by notifying A. Kishew, at camp on Salt Fork, or the undersigned, at Junction City Kas.
W. M. HURST

YOUNG MEN

BAYLIES Great Mercantile College, Keokuk, Iowa, on the Mississippi. Nineteenth year. About sixty dollars per all expenses for membership, board and stationery. Bookkeepers, penmen, reporters, operators, architects, surveyors and teachers thoroughly fitted. Railroad fare reduced. Good situations. No vacations. Don't fail to address Prof. Miller, Keokuk, Iowa.

License vs. Taxes.

We understand from Mr. Gryden that an injunction proceeding was on yesterday commenced by a number of our merchants asking that the City Council and Treasurer be restrained from collecting the license tax imposed on them by ordinance No. 32, published in this issue. Plaintiffs claim that the tax is unequal, unjust and unreasonable, and that a direct tax should be levied on all city property.

War.

The Russians and Turks have at last got down to hard fighting. A message from Vienna gives the following account of the first important battle, fought at Kars: The centre of the Russian army, which is 30,000 strong, under Melnikoff, attacked Muktar, five miles from Kars, on April 29th. The Turks fought desperately, but the Russians, supported by Jamesful artillery, succeeded in dislodging them from their positions. Muktar called out all his reserves, and attempted, on the 30th, to recover the lost ground, but was defeated and driven back under the guns of Kars. The Russian loss is considerable, and that of the Turks enormous.

Deadwood.

Eli Perkins writes a letter from Deadwood, Dakota, to the New York Sun from which we clip the following:

Deadwood has 12,000 people. I should judge there were 15,000 people along Deadwood gulch. Here I found miners really getting out gold in paying quantities. Many of the miners are close mouthed, but I saw some of them taking out from \$5.00 to \$100 per day—that is, the times where the gold is washed out by hand. The gold is found in gold quartz, in dust and in nuggets. Many of the placer mines yield fifty cents' worth of dust to the bushel of dirt. Nuggets are found weighing from a quarter of an ounce to five pounds. The Williams Brothers, three of them, took 1,500 pounds of dust out of Deadwood Gulch last summer. This would be worth \$100,000. Four or five hundred new comers are pouring in Deadwood daily. The hotels are crowded. Boarding houses speak every hillside. Thousands of prospectors are now moving up the Big Horn country.

Although Eli stakes his reputation on the veracity of what he says, some of his statements seem fabulous. Mr. Polley, to whom we are indebted for the copy of the Sun containing this letter, thinks it reliable.

Dodge City.

[From the Edwards County Leader.]

Yes, last week we promised to give our readers a description of Dodge City, and so, we are desirous of keeping our word for two reasons. The first is because a good word is due the people of that beautiful little town for the hospitality extended to us during our brief stay there, and, second, because it has become the custom of the press to speak of Dodge City as being a rough place, which we think is untrue and unjust, and time will prove our assertions. The day has passed that Dodge should be reckoned as a resort for everything mean. It being a frontier town naturally brings to it a class of characters that are not the best, but the town being organized and under good supervision everything moves on quietly and smoothly. Dodge City is located on the immediate banks of the Arkansas river—35 miles west of Kinsley. The country around Dodge lies very beautifully. The prairie is rolling and interspersed with small streams, which tends to make it a very beautiful county. The city had a population of 813 in 1875 and now has near 1,000. A large frontier trade is transacted at this place.

The above is only a portion of the article, which is too lengthy for our columns.

THE Hutchinson Interior pays us a handsome compliment by way of remarking that "the Dodge City TIMES, as a graphic, spicy compend of local news has no peer on our exchange list." This expression, coming as it does from the leading newspaper of the Arkansas Valley, is not unappreciated.

MURDER AND ROBBERY.

Cold Blooded Killing of Bottom in the Pan Handle, Texas.

We received a report this week of one of the most atrocious and cold-blooded murders ever recorded in the annals of this country. It appears that a man named Goodfellow, who owns a rancho on the Canadian, has been suspected and accused of complicity in the murder of the Casner Brothers. Subsequent events continue to strengthen the suspicion until it has almost become a certainty, and the recent premeditated murder and robbery which he committed upon the person of Mr. Bottom in front of the victim's dwelling in the presence of his family and several other witnesses, proves him to be amply capable of killing the Casner Brothers for their gold and sheep, which latter were found in his possession.

This man Bottom had been taken by the surviving brothers of the murdered Casners, on the supposition that he knew something of the murder, and after giving them the desired information and satisfying them of his own innocence, he was released.

Mr. Goodfellow had started to Trinidad after a load of goods for his rancho before Bottom was released, and on his way back was told that some of Casner's friends were waiting at his rancho to kill him. Instead of going there to be killed he skipped out for Elliot. On his arrival there he reported to the commanding officer that he knew where there was some government property concealed, and asked for a detail to go out with him after it. In compliance with his request the scout McFadden and six or seven soldiers were sent. They went directly to Goodfellow's rancho, and the next morning McFadden and three soldiers went away with Goodfellow, ostensibly in search of the stolen property. After a while they came in sight of a house in front of which two men were standing. Goodfellow intimated that this was the place they were looking for. As they approached the place, Goodfellow, who was dressed in soldiers' clothes, rode ahead and up to the two men, asking one if his name was Bottom. Upon being answered that it was, and before anyone had an idea of what he intended doing, Mr. G. deliberately shot the man. McFadden's horse was frightened by the shot and tried to run with him. Before he could stop him and get back to the spot Goodfellow had got off his horse and shot the man a second time. Goodfellow then took the murdered man's horse and pistols, and the detail returned to the fort. No steps were taken toward the arrest of this bad Goodfellow for two or three days, when some of the soldiers notified the commanding officer that they would send a full report to the Colonel of the company. This stirred up the commanding officer to a sense of his duty, and Goodfellow was arrested.

Ye Traveler.

He now passes here nearly every day, on his way to the mining country of Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico. Why he prefers making the journey on horseback to taking the cars we do not know—perhaps his means are limited. He rides a moderately good pony, and leads one that looks like the one in the picture representing the credit system. Fastened to his back is a bag of flour, a chunk of bacon, an old skillet, a tin coffee boiler and a bundle of old clothes. The traveler comes in from the east on a slow trot, and reads the signs along the street until he arrives at the post-office. Here he stops, lets his horses stand unhitched until he goes in and gets a letter. He is sure to get one. He had told his folks to address him at Dodge City. He gets on his horse and rides out to the edge of town and camp. After dark he comes to town and is bewildered with the dazzling gas light scenes. He withstands the many temptations and resumes his journey the next morning with his mind's eye still fixed on the mines.

Country Correspondence.

WALNUT GROVE, Kan. May 1.

EDITOR TIMES. As settlements and improvements are so rapid here, I thought it might be of some interest to a portion of the citizens of your busy western city, in which I saw, on my late visit there, several large stores with shelves well filled, on first and second floors, with heavy stocks, suitable for ladies of the finest taste, or for farmers of the soil, with provisions and general outfits for legions. All of which plainly shows a heavy trade and that your enterprising merchants know what the future demands. Your school and church speak well for a new city. Your brick court house, with its nicely planned and well furnished offices, is well arranged in every way. Having had experience in that line I am free to say that it is built in a workman-like manner, with cells of stone and iron, which I think will hold them "other fellers" secure. Still if your people are always as orderly as they were the day I visited them you will hardly need the cells. Your Judge and city police wore a shade of dignity, yet they were as affable as land agents or store clerks.

Not forgetting our own side of the county, I can say that Mr. Hubbard, Mr. McCrary, Hathaway, Pettit and Johns have built this spring, and are improving their land in town 25, range 21. They brought a good grade of horses, cattle and hogs with them. Some of them Mr. Marks and brother, Mr. Scarges, Mr. Beardsley, Mr. Wright and many others have built dwellings, moved in with their families and commenced work. Settlers are coming in weekly. Mr. Baldwin has just finished a two-story dwelling and is now painting the large, well furnished school house. They were fortunate in securing Miss Jenny Hendly, an experienced teacher. This district contains 40 scholars, and one half of them attended the first day. Mrs. Hubbard and Mrs. Marks' gardens are doing finely. Considerable corn has been planted and some of it is already up. The wheat fields of Messrs. Sidlow, Baldwin and others are looking finely. The builders are pushing the work on Mr. Offerle's warehouse and hotel.
Respectfully,
A PRAIRIE BREAKER.

Returned.

Judge Beverly arrived from San Antonio, Texas, last Monday morning, and judging from the amount of hand-shaking he has done since his arrival, he received a unanimous welcome. Everybody was glad to see him. He says the cattle drive from Texas will be heavier than last year, and he thinks a majority of the cattle man will locate their herds in the vicinity of Dodge City, as it will certainly be the most desirable locality they can find. The Judge will remain with Rath & Co., at the brick store, during the summer. He has had flattering offers from business firms in Elliot and other points, but preferred his old place at Rath & Co's.

Our Junior Senator.

[From the Emporia News.]

This gentleman arrived home on Sunday evening, and has been welcomed by hosts of friends. Since the adjournment of the Senate Col. Plumb has been in Washington, devoting his entire time to the interests of the people of the State, and although a new hand at the business has been able to accomplish a good many important things for them.

[From the Hutchinson Interior.]

We do rejoice over the fact that the hitherto "Corrupt Commonwealth" can now boast a congressional delegation as honorable and able as any State in the west. Our junior Senator, Hon. P. R. Plumb has, during his brief official sojourn at Washington, given us a forecast of his determination to devote his time, energies and grand opportunities to the interests of the people and his State, rather than use his exalted position for self aggrandizement.