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THE TIMES JOB OFFICE

It is now prepared to print all kinds of posters, cards, letter heads, bill heads, shipping tags, envelope cards, circulars and blanks, in the latest and most attractive style.

THE PACIFIC ROUTE.

The present action of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, in commencing operations for the extension of their road to the Pacific coast, has given encouragement to this section of Kansas. Being on the line of a great thoroughfare is no small consideration. The extension of the railroad will increase the business of the road. To open communication farther West will materially aid the towns and counties on the present line of the road. Extending the limits of the road will give this section of Kansas some advantages that will soon be plainly visible. To the west we shall find a market for our products. Emigration will drop in on this line, and soon we shall see this country in a great degree of industry and prosperity.

The prosperity of Colorado is assured. Its advantages are our advantages. We can there find a market in the great mining districts, which will be more fully developed as the demands for silver are made greater through the operations of the law establishing a silver currency.

The settlement of the Great West is only a question of time. There are thousands of people in the thickly settled Eastern States that are flocking hither. An opening to the Pacific coast will augment that immigration. The settlement of the States and Territories west will give an impetus to this section. In all the general advantages to be derived by the railroad extension we shall be benefited.

WESTERN KANSAS.

Western Kansas is attracting a large share of the immigration flowing into the State. The immigration promises to be unprecedented. Already the flow is great. Foote and Clark counties, adjoining Ford county, are settling up and soon the civilized border will be extended west of us. Two years will witness a grand change. Everywhere the cry is Kansas.

The western portion of the State is bewitchingly inviting to all of small means, whose only hope for a farm and home of their own is government land. It is equally so to those of larger means who wish to prosecute farm industries on a large scale with the least possible outlay—especially in this time of stock raising. But there is another class throughout the Eastern States who possess from one to fifteen thousand dollars each, which, owing to the shrinkage in values, general business prostration and a want of confidence, is either idle or earning a very low rate of interest.

The particular advantages of Western Kansas for stock raising and agriculture are well known. These advantages are being taken. Soon these broad prairies will be occupied. There are bright promises for the future, and those who first lay hold will reap the benefits.

THE ARKANSAS RIVER.

A few weeks ago we suggested the feasibility of making the Arkansas river a navigable stream. We have endeavored to fully inform ourselves on this matter, and find a sensible suggestion in the Chicago Herald. It says: "The only way we see to export our surplus grain and produce to New Orleans is to establish a line of barges, and when a person sells his goods to dispose of his barges also, and come back and build new ones for his next year's trade."

KANSAS SILVER MINES.

There has been considerable excitement in Southeastern Kansas over the discovery of silver to that section. The Fredonia Citizen says the most of the Fredonians who visited the scene of the reported silver discovery took claims, but are not enthusiastic over the prospect since visiting the locality. Quartz rock and other strong indications of silver ore exist.

Secretary Sherman has informed the President that the Director of the Mint thinks that, in a week's time, the mint will be in a shape to coin \$2,000,000 silver dollars monthly.

GRASSHOPPERS.

The Entomological Commission are preparing their report for publication. The commission was appointed last March for the special object of investigating the western grasshopper scourge, with a view of preventing its injuries and disastrous invasions. A view of their field work, and of a synopsis of their forthcoming report submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, shows that they have been industrious, and successful beyond their fondest anticipations. During the summer they have explored nearly every State and Territory between the Mississippi and the Pacific. They have ascertained how to effectually cope with the young insects as they appear in the more fertile Mississippi Valley country. This part of the problem is solved. It is fully believed that, with a wise dissemination of the report, the farmers of the Western country will in future no more dread these young insects than they will a crop of weeds. As to the flying insects, the commission have ascertained the principal laws governing their flights, and point out in their report how, by co-operation with the Dominion Government, the insect may be kept down in its native breeding-grounds, and its disastrous incursions into the more fertile country be thus avoided.

It will be most gratifying to the people of the West to know that the commission, in the introduction to the report, confidently assert that there will be no damage by the grasshoppers during the coming summer in all the fertile country between the Mississippi and the mountains; and that, probably, no special injury will take place for several years to come. This assurance, from men who have carefully studied the question, who give what seems to be sound reasons for their opinion, will do much to inspire the people of the West with confidence, and to draw hither the immigration that the ravages of the insect had somewhat checked.

There are nineteen chapters in the report. The first treats of the characters of the species of grasshopper. The second gives a chronological history of grasshopper-injury for all past years in this country—showing conclusively that there has not been an increase in the numbers of the insects, as many people suppose, but that the greater injury is due to the settling up of the country. There are two chapters on the natural enemies of the grasshopper—illustrating quite a number of new species hitherto unknown to attack it. A chapter on remedies and devices for construction, which will be the most extensive in the volume, shows clearly how the young insects may be mastered, and points the way of preventing the destructive invasions from the Northwest. The other chapters treat of every other phase of the subject, making an exhaustive work so far as time and means would permit, both from a scientific and practical stand-point.

COLORADO ROUND-UPS.

The Colorado cattle men met in Denver some weeks ago and elected officers for the coming year. It was decided that two round-ups be started at the same time, one commencing at the west end of the district and one at the east end, working in together.

It is seriously believed in Administration circles that Governor Nicholls will pardon Anderson, and it is hoped that the Senate will confirm the pardon, the belief being based on the report that the President's confidential agent is now in New Orleans. The Louisiana Republicans say if Governor Nicholls does it he will be outlawed.

In just two weeks the hard times will have disappeared entirely, and every one will be jingling all the white dollars he can carry. Walk right up to the mint and ask for what you want.

Walnut trees will grow in Colorado, and the Lee Animas Leader suggests: "Why not plant some?"

From the Pueblo Chieftain.

ON TO THE PACIFIC.

THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE BREAKS GROUND—WORK COMMENCED IN THE RATON PASS—WHERE THE ROAD IS GOING—HOW THE GREAT WORK IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED—COL. TOM SCOTT'S SCHEMES CHECKMATED.

For some time past speculation has been rife among our people regarding the future movements of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe R. R. Company. The shadows which always precede important coming events in railroad matters have been forecast for several days past. A superintendent of construction was appointed, the chief engineer and his assistants were quietly on the move, and everybody was on the tip-toe of expectation to catch the first real indication of the intentions of the company. Secrecy was well observed until the events of Wednesday furnished the clue to the mystery.

Mr. Wm. Moore, who has just returned from Trinidad, informs us that at midnight on Tuesday fifty men with a number of teams arrived on the line of the road in Raton Pass, about sixteen miles south of Trinidad, and commenced active operations. Eighty men and fifty additional teams are on the way across the country from Rock Ford to assist in the work. Work is going on at three of the most difficult points in the pass a mile or two beyond Wooten's residence.

The line of the A. T. & S. F. and Denver and Rio Grande railroads run side by side through the pass, and on Tuesday Mr. J. R. DeBemer, of the D. & R. G. engineer corps, commenced to employ men at Trinidad to work on that company's line. Mr. A. A. Robinson, chief engineer of the A. T. & S. F., was in Trinidad at that time, and on being notified of what was going on and being backed up by the citizens, immediately hired all the men and wagons that could be found (having no time to wait for his own out fit then on the road from Rocky Ford), and daylight on Wednesday morning found his men at work on the disputed ground.

As might be expected this move on the part of the A. T. & S. F. has occasioned a great flurry among the D. & R. G. officials, and threats of utter annihilation have been breathed against the new comers since they commenced operations.

As nearly as can be learned it is the intention of the A. T. & S. F. company to push their road through immediately to a junction with the Southern Pacific railroad, now past Fort Yuma, on its way through Southern Arizona to Tucson, this connection being made the eastern end of the road will be extended from Wichita, Kansas to Memphis, Tenn., forming a southern route to California, full three hundred miles shorter than Col. Tom Scott's proposed line.

A number of Boston capitalists have formed a pool of \$5,000,000 to give this great enterprise a start, and that portion of the work lying between the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road and Tucson, Arizona, will be pushed forward with all the vigor that skilled engineering and plenty of money can give.

Where the new extension will leave the present line of the road has not yet been decided, but more than likely at some point between La Junta and Pueblo.

The building of this new line will give to our city two routes to the south as well as two to the east, and open up a market to our wholesale merchants, which has heretofore been to all intents and purposes closed by unfair discrimination in freights. It is expected that the new line will pass through many of the principal towns of New Mexico, including Santa Fe, Las Vegas and others.

The proposed line up the Arkansas towards California Gulch and the San Juan country has been abandoned, the railroad company intending to devote all of their resources and energies to the construction of their great trans-continental line. Many of our citizens hoped that the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road would be extended into these important districts, but at present there seems to be no prospect of such a desirable consummation.

The Chicago Journal says that the population of Kansas and Nebraska will be doubled within a year if the new comers continue to crowd in as they have been for the past six months.

Green, at Kansas City, and Dumble, at Warrensburg, Mo., were hung yesterday. Gov. Phelps refused to grant commutations of sentences.

Roads, the Illinois bandit and warbler in a hotbed. This is rough on temperance.