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DODGE CITY'S FUTURE.

All things ought to be dealt with in an earnest, practical way. Sam Jones, the renowned Georgia revivalist, speaks of using a pitchfork against the advances of an angry dog. When remonstrated with by the owner for having pierced the snapping cur with the sharp tines of the fork instead of the butt end Mr. Jones retorted: "Why didn't your dog come at me with the other end." If we apply the sharp end of the fork to the vices in Dodge City, the angry teeth of the animal will be manifested. There is a conservative end to the edged instrument, which, if properly used, may be the means of subduing the vicious beast. The evil, is now carried on regardless of law, decency or the devil. The truly desperate situation will work its remedy in the very force of its own nature. The lines are drawing closer, and like the encircled reptile, the evil will sting itself to death.

The butt end of the fork may be used in warding off the vicious, in hopes that the moral force of nature will accomplish the peace and purity so much desired. Conscious of the lurking demon our citizens are giving attention to interests that will promote our welfare, believing that ultimately time and different conditions will remedy the worst features.

It is apparent that Dodge City must come out of the slough in which she has so long wallowed, and fix her mind upon the things that will preserve her business and increase her wealth. Neighboring towns are inviting a rivalry, produced by energy, sobriety and prosperity, to which conditions Dodge City must inevitably stoop. The development of the country brings with it the spirit of emulation. So long as Dodge City stood without, apparently, competition, so long did the city remain blinded to the best interests. But towns are springing up all around us. Some of these places are advancing in the stages of modern progress and improvement. The higher aims, prouder spheres, and the grander motives are inspiring them. Why sit we supinely here!

A board of trade, a telephone line company, a telegraph line company, electric lights, water works, more bridges across angry streams, better society, better business, more facilities for trade. These are demanded, and are receiving that attention due an enlightened and progressive people.

We believe Dodge City is emerging from the thraldom of vice—that demon which has so long throttled her precious life. An awakening sense of the realization of mortal danger is manifestly shown in those exhibitions of apparent needs, made still more plainer by jealousy and rivalry. Other towns and other interests are doing for Dodge City what the law or either physical or moral force has failed to do. Set up an honest rival, and the things we most complain of become so plainly cruel and atrocious that they sink into oblivion from the force of their most innate excessiveness. In other words, give the devil plenty of rope and he will hang himself.

There is underlying all of Dodge's wickedness a future grander and nobler, made doubly so by reason of the comparison which must ensue from the changed condition. There is a receeding of all tides. There will be an ebb to this flow most overwhelming. When the waters recede there will be beautiful emblems lining the banks. It takes the worst forms of nature to produce the sparkling gems. There must be a bright contrast. The hideous form of the devil, in the very nature of things, produces a likeness in oppositon so divine like that the very heavens rejoice. It is to this pass as a city we are coming. In that great flood, so imminent, the drift wood will be carried down the stream, and the bright and better things will remain standing, monuments to God's goodness.

Railroad Racket.

The Boomer had a call from a gentleman well known among the railroad circles of Kansas. He was looking up the survey of the St. Louis & San Francisco road which runs on the north side of this office. This road is under the Santa Fe management. He said that this would be a year of general activity in railroad circles, and the Santa Fe had organized a new department called the "Railroad construction department," with A. A. Robinson (formerly general manager of the Santa Fe) president, and general pusher of this department. We further interviewed him about the bond question, and he said the bonds had been carried in Pratt county and a silence was kept till the organization of Kiowa county. Steps will soon be taken to vote bonds in that county, and then township bonds will be in order from Ford county. If no obstructions are in the way, this road will probably be built this summer. All passengers and freight bound for St. Louis will leave the main line at Dodge City, and pass over this road. A good depot and water tank will be stationed at Ryansville.—Bobmer.

Commissioner Sparks announces officially that "No Man's Land is subject to settlement; that is no Indians have any claim upon it, but that there is no present law under which the government can yet afford the settler a patent.

A Plague of Newspapers.

Newspapers in western Kansas are more numerous than frogs in Egypt. They are making their advent at about the rate of three to each county per week. There is supposed to be a great big bonanza in land office legals, and everybody wants to get rich and carry a gold headed cane right away. There is no patent on the business and everybody can engage in it that wants to, but it occurs to our mind that as soon as the legal publications are completed there will be an awful slim picking for some thumb-papers in this land district. A newspaper at one dollar and a half or two dollars a year that contains from a half to two columns of original matter, and that poorly written, is not liable to clog the mails with its circulation. Two newspapers in a township with forty settlers who have little money to spend except for food, clothes and improvement of their claims, is rather crowding things. This is perhaps none of our business, but such thoughts will flash into our minds occasionally when we have nothing else to think about, and we are just reckless enough to express them. These offices are not very expensive as a rule, it is true, as they usually consist of a shot bag of type and a pocket hand press, but we hate to see stalwart men waste their time in blotting up blank paper that might be put to better use in tying up garden seeds or the manufacture of bustles. We are willing to concede that there are lots of money in the publication of legal notices for the land office, and most newspapers are getting rich so fast that it almost takes their breath. This paper has been running three months, and we have about three thousand dollars sunk in the business; we have had two land notices, which if nothing happens, will bring us the munificent sum of $9.50, less the cost of notary fees for making the affidavits of publication. Anybody can see at a glance that there is gobs of money in the business, and the man who would not long to engage in the publication of a newspaper has no eye to business. Hamilton county has been organized now nearly two weeks and only has six newspapers, but we confess that there has been a lack of enterprise in this particular, and there will be a fresh impetus given the business as spring opens. We need at least one dozen more in order to herald our mighty resources and unparalled advantages abroad. If those wishing to engage in the business cannot buy, beg, borrow or steal a small outfit, they might get a rubber stamp outfit for a few dollars. Necessity is the mother of invention. Let us have more newspapers or let us have fewer people. There is said to be a saloon in Chicago for every one hundred and forty-five voters, and there are at least one hundred voters in Hamilton county to every newspaper, and we are inclined to the belief that the people of Kansas ought to support two newspapers to every saloon. We may be wrong, but we have got into a habit of thinking that way.—Border Ruffian.

Indecent or Obscene Literature.

The Kansas Legislature passed a law to suppress and prevent the printing and circulation of indecent and obscene literature, as follows:

Section 1. Every person or persons who shall bring or cause to be brought into the state, or shall buy, sell or cause to be sold, or shall advertise, lend, give away, offer, show, exhibit, or shall have in his possession with the intent to sell, lend, give away, offer, show, exhibit, distribute or cause to be distributed, or shall design, copy, draw, photograph, print, etch, or engrave, cut, carve, make, publish, or otherwise prepare or assist in preparing, or shall receive subscriptions for any indecent or obscene book, pamphlet, paper, picture, print, drawing, figure, image, or other engraved, printed or written matter, or any article or instrument of immoral use, or any book, pamphlet, magazine, or paper devoted principally or wholly to the publication of criminal news or pictures, or stories of deeds of bloodshed or crime, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five nor more than three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, or both.

Section 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

Work on the bridge is progressing very satisfactorily. There are now completed five spans or 100 feet. The bridge promises to be the best along the river, being solid and substantially constructed, and the approaches, both sides, are easy, being firm ground to the water's edge. Geo. Hall & Co. are furnishing the lumber, etc., on the ground as fast as needed, and are doing their best to supply a good article.—Spareville Blade.

We notice that Dodge City has an electric light company, a street railway company and a water works company. This is getting to the front in elegant shape and the frequent avowal of the Dodge City newspapers that Dodge is really not as bad as report says it is, must be true, at least these enterprises are very strong evidence of a progressive and industrious people.—Kinsley Mercury.

Over a thousand men are at work grading the Hutchinson & Kinsley railroad.

Wilburn Notes.

—The farmers are at work.
—Considerable oats is being sowed.
..The school will begin again in a few days.
—Wheat is looking well, and the prospect is good for a heavy yield.
—The farmers have taken advantage of the fine weather that we have been having of late and are turning the sod on all sides.
—D. A. Lambert sowed five acres of oats last week, and will sow more.
—Settlers are coming in very fast now, and quite a number will settle in the valley.
—Several of the homesteaders who went east last fall are now returning, bringing their families with them.
—G. E. Cloke, one of our bachelors, who returned east last fall, has arrived, and is refitting his house. He has taken to himself a wife, who will be out in a few days. Good George, but more ought to follow, and then the sod shanties would not look so desolate.
—J. H. Clawson has bought another farm for $1,600, paying for it in goods. This makes the third farm he has bought paying for them in dry goods.
—D. B. Beeson, of Centerville, Ind., who has been visiting C. P. Brown for a few days, has returned home, but not before leaving four or five thousand dollars with us. He bought of Dennis Collins 400 acres of land for which he paid $10 per acre. Men of money are now visiting our valley and buying land.
—We have now three residences being built that will add considerable to our town and the fourth will be built soon. There is no reason why Wilburn should not become quite a little city. All that is needed is a little push on the part of those who hold the lines.
—George Doolittle, the proprietor of the Wilburn House, leaves to-day for his claim. We hate to lose him and his estimable wife. Mrs. V. Kirk and N. D. Cochran take charge of the hotel. And we say to all who come this way to stop at the Wilburn House, where you will be well treated. Mrs. Kirk and Cochran will do all that they can to make your stay pleasant.
—Mr. Root, father-in-law of West Bunyan, arrived here last week with his family, also John Bunyan and family. They all hail from Illinois, and are well pleased with the country. How could it be otherwise!
—Several claims have changed hands of late and every time for the better. Families are taking the places of the single men and they are improving their lands.
—Rothwell & Cline are now kept busy and the prospects are good they say for a number of eastern men to visit the valley in the spring. They are receiving quite a number of letters of inquiry. And those who have lands, deeded or otherwise to sell would do well to leave it with them, as they are so situated that they can strike those who want to buy that visit the valley.
—The spring is now upon us and the people of Ford county have not taken steps to have a herd law passed, and it will be this summer like it was last, stock running at large. Why cant the commissioners of this county give us a stock law? The commissioners of Meade county have passed a herd law and have saved the trouble of an election. We need this law, and the settlers ought to see that this matter is presented to the county commissioners.

BELLFONT.

—Miss Brooks, of Great Bend, is visiting at D. S. Locke's.
—Mrs. McGaughey, of Newton, is visiting the family of J. A. Cline.
—The carpenters have completed Mr. Davis' store room, and it is being painted.
—Miss Knight of Kinsley was visiting the family of T. S. Fisher last week, and returned home on Saturday.
—Miss Boyd, of Dodge City, who was visiting Joseph Melleker's family, returned home on Sunday's train.
—Wm. Scully, late ordinance sergeant, U. S. A., has bought a lot and will build a residence thereon immediately.
—The thermometer varied from 40° to 75° during the last ten days, and farmers have been busy plowing and sowing oats and barley.
—The meeting of the literary association on the 16th was an enjoyable affair, and we all attended, about 80 being present including spectators. The young men who negatived the question of Woman's Suffrage were badly worsted in the debate.
—J. E. Mellicker leaves to-day for Spareville where he has a position in the store of Cox & Borleson. We are sorry to lose so able a debater from our society, although he does sometimes get on the negative side of the question.
—On Friday last a tramp stopped at section house door, and asked for something to eat. He was told there was nothing ready for him, but seeing some victuals left from breakfast on the table he walked in without ceremony and gathered in what was convenient, and after considerable impudent talk to the lady of the house, she being alone, he left. He was followed soon afterwards by foreman, Mr. Locke, and it is well for the tramp that he escaped.

QUI VIVE.

JOASH SQUIBS.

—The wedding I spoke of some time ago has come off. The high contracting parties are H. M. McBride and a Miss Wilson. No turkey.
—The difference between a camel and some men we might mention is this: A camel will work 7 or 8 days without drinking, while some men will drink 7 or 8 days without working.
—The "cowmen" are making "troubles" among the hide buyers. When will people learn to let other folks' property alone.
—Farmers are talking of sowing a large acreage of oats, and expect to plant a large amount of corn. Robert Powell will sow oats this week.
—Occasionally we meet a man looking after some of Uncle Sam's real estate.
—School is again in progress in the Mayhew district. The school was closed for a few weeks during the cold weather in January.
—Mr. and Mrs. Harmon are enjoying a pleasant visit from their daughter and husband, of Harper county.
—Plant trees and in a few years you will be protected from the cold north winds. A large majority of farmers purchased, last fall, each a large number of fruit trees of different varieties, and this spring will be set out. Right. Every farmer should start now.
—We are a great reader of newspapers and take several, but are compelled to give the TIMES first place for its strictly moral and religious tone. Keep right on Bro. Klaine. You will surely reap your reward hereafter if not now. No family need be ashamed to read the TIMES. Once read, always read.
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The city council of New Kiowa, Kansas, has passed an ordinance making

Prof. C. C. Blake, the Richland weather prophet, has just gotten out his paper, The Future, containing his weather predictions for the month of March. Mr. Blake says that March will be a warm and wet month, but the greater portion of Kansas will not have an excess of rain, and farmers here will have a fair opportunity to get their seeding and plowing done early, and it should be done as early as possible to avoid danger later in the season. He also says there will be heavy frosts in the latter part of the month and in April, and while these frosts will not be as severe as they are some springs, yet they will do considerable damage on account of the warm rains and hot sun during the latter part of February and early in March starting vegetation prematurely. According to Mr. Blake, the equinoctial storm this year will commence early.

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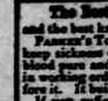
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