

LOCAL NEWS.

Fine snow fall Tuesday.

Strangers are visiting our city every day.

F. T. M. Wenig has returned from Topeka.

Judge Crumbaugh and wife returned from Missouri last Sunday.

There was a slight rain storm in these parts Friday night last.

Chas. W. Willett spent several days in Kansas City, returning Tuesday.

The Presbyterian church received an addition of 17 members to the church Sunday last.

S. B. Chappell, of Great Bend, was in the city Tuesday. He says the Bend is improving.

L. K. McIntyre left Monday morning for Atchison, Kansas, on business for a few days.

Western Kansas is enjoying eastern weather—rain and snow on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Rain, snow and sleet Sunday night and Monday. March did not come in very much like a lamb.

Rev. Wm. Bartle goes to Fort Supply to-day, where he will perform a marriage ceremony.

There are some transactions in real estate. Town lots are advancing in price, but few sales are being made.

The young ladies of Mrs. Metcalf's Sunday school class will give a dime sociable in the M. E. Church Friday night.

The fall wheat in Kansas is good. Some fields were injured by severe winter, but most of them are looking well.

Rush Deardoff, assistant P. M., goes to Indiana for three weeks. It is said that he will return with Mrs. Deardoff.

Frank Trampa, of Spearville township, was in town Monday. He says that the prospect is good for a large wheat crop.

Thirty cars with immigrant passengers were at the depot Saturday. The passengers were destined for Dodge, Cimarron and other points.

Mrs. L. W. Cherrington left for Gallopis O., Saturday evening, having received a telegram stating that her father, Dr. Combs, was serious ill.

Robt. J. Gabriel, of Fredricktown, Mo., arrived in the city Sunday, and is looking at the country. He is much pleased with appearances in Dodge.

L. W. Cherrington received a dispatch Saturday night announcing the death of Dr. Combs, his father-in-law. Dr. Combs resided a short time in Dodge City.

L. W. Cherrington sold 480 acres of land east of the reservation and 160 acres in section 16, northwest, to C. E. Thomas, of Springfield, O., on Monday last.

Chas. Dickerson purchased the buildings and hardware of Chas. Shields. The consideration was \$3,000. The buildings are located on the corner of Chestnut street and 3d avenue.

G. G. Gilbert was in the city Tuesday. He says the water will soon run in the irrigating ditch. Men are engaged in constructing the dam at the head of the ditch above Cimarron.

Down in Meade Center, judging from the Press-Democrat, the people are troubled a good deal with Sprigg. He is a Sprigg—a superfluous branch as it were—the people want to get off.

The editor of the Glen Elder Herald suggests that all the dogs in that town be killed so as to prevent them from going mad. A good suggestion, and one worthy of being adopted in other towns.

The five Topeka prisoners who escaped jail, have been captured. Killam was one of the prisoners. He is the man who killed Engineer Hilton, in the attempted train robbery at Coolidge, two and a half years ago.

Smith Ruple and wife returned from Leavenworth Tuesday afternoon. They left their home on Christmas day, after marriage, and have enjoyed a honeymoon with Mr. Ruple's folks in Leavenworth. They will make their home in Englewood.

L. K. Soper made his first speech before a court in Dodge City on Tuesday. Those who listened to him pronounce him an excellent and forcible speaker. Mr. Soper is an able lawyer and a learned gentleman and will no doubt rise to the front.

The Spearville Record is defunct. The material was removed to Dodge City, to be used in the publication of a Democratic newspaper. J. T. Whitlaw is to be editor of the new paper. Charles Major will be business manager, and Noel Edwards, foreman.

V. D. Billings, of Kinsey, is furnishing McGeeary Bros. with 350,000 brick for the new school house building. The Mercury states that R. M. Wright, C. M. Beeson and others have bought brick of Mr. Billings, to be used in the building of a school house.

Ed. Weston has gone to Chicago to look after the interests of the electric light company of Dodge City. He left on Friday night last.

The Baptist church people will give a basket sociable at their church on Wednesday night, March 10th. The proceeds go to defray expenses of the organ.

Agricultural implements are being shipped in large quantities. Our stockmen are men of business and know how to take the bull by the horns—Mobeetic Panhandle.

Mrs. Kate H. Walden has purchased four lots and house on East Chestnut street of Mo. L. Armstrong, paying the sum of \$2,200. Possession will be given April 1st.

The Garden City people will use hay for the sand road through the hills on the south side of the river. It is said that hay makes a good solid road and will last a long while.

E. M. Wilkinson bought two lots of J. D. Rapp. The lots are located on north 2d avenue. Mr. Wilkinson resides in the south part of the county, but intends to make Dodge City his home.

The roof of one of the school house privies was discovered on fire Thursday evening, and was torn off the brick walls. The roof was evidently set on fire, and the perpetrator of the outrage ought to be severely dealt with.

Conductor R. McElwain is now running a passenger train. He is one of the faithful men on the Santa Fe who deserves this promotion. He has been on the passenger run for about 10 days past.

A local freight with passenger coach will be put on the run the present month. This train will leave Dodge City in the morning hours and return in the evening. It will be a great accommodation to local travelers.

A. Haines and J. Lakin, of the Rockford Land Syndicate, were in the city last week, consulting with L. W. Cherrington, local agent for the sale of their lands. These gentlemen say there will be a big immigration to Kansas this year.

Gus Arnold, superintendent of the Railroad Reading Room, informs us that the reading room is becoming more attractive, and the visits of the railroad employees are more frequent. The reading room is becoming a popular resort for the boys.

The T. C. Nixon lot on Chestnut street, was sold at administrator's sale, on Friday, and brought \$1,150.00. R. M. Wright was the purchaser. The lot is 624 feet deep and is in the burnt district of the second fire. The price paid was very reasonable.

"Mobeetic Kid," one of the prisoners who escaped from the Dodge City jail, was found dead by a cowboy down in the Territory last week. He was the one who stole a horse from O'Neal at Dodge after breaking jail. The cause of his death is unknown.—Ashland Herald.

Superintendent Nickerson has notified the authorities to keep the confidence workers from the depot. The confidence men are becoming quite numerous. Our citizens begin to realize the importance of doing something for the protection of the unsophisticated strangers, who either through design or unwittingly get into the meshes of the slick operators.

The Township Board have called an election to vote bonds in the sum of \$3,000, for the construction of a bridge across Sawlog and for repairs to the bridge across the Arkansas river. It is proposed to make an additional span to the river bridge so as to widen the crossing. The travel across the bridge demands this improvement.

MARRIED.—In this city on Sunday evening, by Rev. Wm. Bartle, Mr. A. C. Utterback and Miss Ida Wallace.

Mr. Utterback is in the employ of Messrs. Langston & Sherlock, and is a worthy young man. Miss Wallace is a sister of C. E. Wallace, who has charge of H. B. Bell's furniture rooms. The bride and groom have a number of friends in the city who wish them joy and prosperity.

Major W. M. Coventry, President of the bank at Longton, Kansas, was a passenger on the west bound train Wednesday afternoon last. Major Coventry was on his way to Greeley county, where he and others are founding the town of Horace. We have known the Major for over twenty years. He was one of the enterprising men who built up Holden, Mo., and with his energy and honesty he will build up a prosperous town in Greeley county.

Work on the dam at the head of the Eureka Irrigating Canal will be commenced in a few days. Some of the workmen have already gone up there to get things in readiness. R. Kolley took the train yesterday, for the purpose of assuming duties as cook at the camp—Spearville Blade.

Mr. Gilbert informed us on Friday that it was the intention to have water running in the ditch in forty days. The piles for the dam and the pile driver are already on the ground.

Weather in February. The signal office at this station furnishes us with a summary of the weather in February. The mean temperature was 35.0 degrees. The highest temperature, 66 degrees on the 24th, and lowest temperature, 24 degrees on the 4th. Mean daily relative humidity, 80.4 degrees. Prevailing direction of wind, northwest. Total movement of wind, 7,350 miles. Highest velocity of wind and direction, 40 miles per hour, southeast and south. Total precipitation, 0.46 inches. Number of days on which rain or snow fell, 7.

Rev. Wm. Bartle preached his farewell sermon in the M. E. Church last Sunday morning. Mr. Bartle conducted the revival meetings for several weeks, and met with grand success. We regret that he is not to be retained here. He will probably be assigned at Garfield. Mr. Bartle is a thorough, practical speaker. He does not fail to interest his hearers with practical and pertinent illustrations. He chose his text Sunday morning from 6th verse of 2d Peter: "And to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness." He said the great important duty of the church was to counteract the influence of the foreign immigration. The influx of the foreigner was establishing European habits and institutions which would revolutionize our American manner. He said we must Americanize the people or else they will Europeanize us. The speaker directed some well pointed remarks to his congregation, which may have been applicable to some of them at least. We admire the minister's frankness and courage. There is too much of an exhibition of "human nature" in the church, and it requires the forcible utterances of a fearless preacher to aim correctly at the imperfections. Mr. Bartle spoke of those who traveled on Sunday; of those who criticize the manner, matter and gesture of the preacher, forgetting the all-important subject, the sermon. He said in former times clocks were placed outside of the church building so that the church members could be promptly at church service. But how things were changed. Instead of outside clocks, the time-pieces are placed on the inside so impatient were the congregation for the finishing of the service. (But few heads turned to the accustomed habit of looking at the clock hanging on the north wall of the church. We think the rebuke is a timely one.)

The Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Company was organized in this city, Feb. 25th, 1886, with a capital stock of \$30,000, divided into 3,000 shares, at ten dollars per share.

The object of the company is to operate a telephone line running south from Dodge to Fowler, Wilburn and Meade Center and north to Hodgeman Center and Jetmore.

This project meets with the hearty approval of the citizens of this and surrounding towns, as by this means, the trade that would otherwise be diverted into other channels, would be influenced toward this point by having direct communication.

The following is the list of directors for the first year:

D. M. Frost, Geo. B. Cox, Geo. S. Emerson, C. W. Averill, R. W. Evans, G. M. Hoover, J. H. Finlay, B. F. Lanouette, all of Dodge City, and B. F. Cox, of Meade Center.

The construction of the line will begin as soon as the material arrives, and it is expected that the line will be in operation before the first of May.

The next meeting will be held March 6th, at 4 p. m., at Finlay & Milton's office, and it is requested that every member be present, as business relating to the construction of the line will then be brought before it.

W. R. Linn, of Springfield, O., was in the city Monday. Mr. Linn is General Agent for the Santa Fe Railroad Land Department. He was at Spearville on Sunday, and informed us that C. E. Thomas, also of Springfield, O., purchased of Gilbert Bros. five sections of land for the snug sum of \$25,000.

Mr. Linn says that the immigration to Kansas will be larger this year than in any previous year. He speaks highly of the prospects of Kansas, and believes that this State will prosper beyond the most sanguine expectations. His observations go to show that the centre of population is retained on the line of the 38th degree of latitude, and the bulk of immigration has followed this line for the past one hundred years. The tendency of immigration is towards the west, though like some diverted currents in a stream of water the tide may flow either north or south, but the greater flow assumes a well directed channel. Ford county and Dodge City are on the line of the immense immigration wave.

The editor of the Spearville Blade was in Dodge City some days ago. He says:

We next run onto Bro. Klaine, of the TIMES, who at once collared us and handed us off up stairs, squatted us down in an office chair, and then leisurely began to inquire about that classic lake of water that covered his real estate in Spearville. After explaining as well as we could that the waters were subsiding and dry land in diminutive patches was again visible to the naked eye, etc., he thought those lots, four in number, were worth a hundred dollars apiece, that he would sell a couple at that price, but was not in no great hurry to do so. Mr. Klaine is building a small, but quite pretentious frame hotel, 32 x 50, (if we remember the exact figures) and three stories high, with a mansard roof. This will occupy an elevated position about 500 feet north of the depot, and give a splendid view of the city and surrounding country.

The election in Dodge township, to vote bonds, in the sum of \$3,000, occurs on Tuesday, March 23d, 1886. The appropriation is for the purpose of widening the Arkansas river bridge and for constructing a bridge across Saw Log creek. The notice of election appears in this issue. There can be no reasonable objection to this proposition and we believe it will carry without a dissenting voice. Dodge City must use a little more energy in securing trade. We must have good bridges and good roads. Let the roads be improved.

Walker Boots and Shoes for men's wear, the best ever made, at

C. S. EMERSON'S.

A local in the Sentinel yesterday morning contained an error. It should have read as follows:

On yesterday a new law partnership was formed in the city. The firm will be composed of M. W. Sutton, of Dodge City and C. W. Morse, of this city, and will be known under the firm name of Sutton & Morse.

These gentlemen need no introductions to our readers, as their ability as learned jurists, is recognized by the bar of western Kansas. Their large acquaintance, and reputation as successful pleaders at the bar, places them at once among the leading law firms of the west.—Garden City Sentinel, Feb. 28.

Weather prophets are thicker than leaves in Ambrosia. A. J. DeVoe, meteorologist, comes to the front. He says that about the 3d of March a severe storm will form back in Kansas, and will move across the country straight to Washington, D. C., and will strike the Atlantic coast about the 5th. Floods and gales in southern states; snow north of latitude 38°.

A snow blizzard will cover a large portion of the United States. Immediately following the storm there will be a cold wave that will make everything snap and crack. He predicts a cyclone forming on the south Atlantic ocean and moving up the Gulf stream, causing heavy gales along the middle Atlantic states. This will be followed by a sharp cold wave. After the 24th, he says, it will be warm and continue warm to end of month.

"I can see a marked improvement in the habits of railroad men; they don't drink nearly as much as they used to, and their morals are better. I think the railroad reading rooms have been a blessing to all." This is the information given by a railroad fireman to the commissioner of labor statistics, the first annual report of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics having just been published. A blacksmith says: "If labor expects to prosper, it has got to throw the saloons overboard."

A shoemaker in the same report says: "Education and temperance are what the workingman needs. Too much of his wages goes into the till of the saloon keeper." A carpenter says: "Let us agitate on temperance if we would uphold the dignity of labor." The report is an interesting publication.

Friends to the number of about thirty rather unexpectedly gathered at the residence of the Rev. and Mrs. Donegan Tuesday evening, agreeably surprising, as well as enjoying a farewell visit with the worthy couple before their departure for Kansas. All present were brimful of sociability, and enjoyed themselves in a manner long to be remembered. Mr. Donegan has labored among us for about a year past striving for the upbuilding of his Master's kingdom, and during his sojourn has drawn around him a large circle of friends who deeply regret his departure. Baskets filled with provisions were taken and an ample repast partaken of. The company departed about 12 o'clock, after cordially bidding good speed to the family, feeling that an enjoyable evening had been spent, and that Port Byron (Illinois) Globe, February 22d. Rev. Mr. Donegan and family will make their home in Dodge City.

Timothy, Red Clover and Blue Grass seed in bulk, at EMERSON'S.

Programme.

The Arkansas Valley C. L. S. C. will assemble at the home of Mrs. Ida Beadle on Friday evening, March 12th.

Roll call exercises by the President. 3 Roll call. Subject for responses: Duty. 3 Music: "John, O' Friends, in a Memory Song." 4 Chautauque questions.—College Latin course to English.

2 Roman history from the death of Caesar to 14 A. D., by W. C. Shinn.

7 Recitation by Miss Ella Stehman

8 Biography of Cicero, by J. M. Lloyd.

9 Speech, indicated at the platform. Announcements, by Mrs. L. L. Mitchell.

10 Critic's report, by the Misses Kreigh.

5 cent Calico at Emerson's to make room for new stock.

Programme for Dime Social, Friday evening, March 5th:

SONG.—By Superintendent of Sunday School. RECITATION.—By Carrie Crawford.

RECITATION.—By Lucy Baird.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.—By Katie Kreigh.

SONG.—By Clara.

RECITATION.—By Emma Cherrington.

SELECT READING.—By Lottie Brooks.

Assessors' Meeting.

A Meeting of Board of Township Assessors of Ford county, Kansas, at Dodge City, March 1st, 1886.

Present, Wm. Linn, chairman; C. F. Randall, assessor; E. W. Cooley, Henry Tansel, Dan Sumner; Geo. F. Jones, clerk; the following proceeded:

A petition being presented to the said board, signed by more than two-fifths of the legal voters of said township, as ascertained by the returns of the last general township election, to divide the township of Dodge county, in the sum of \$3,000, for the purpose of widening the bridge across the Arkansas river, in said Dodge township, and for the erection of a new bridge across Saw Log creek, in said Dodge township, at a point, or near where the public road leading north from Fifth Avenue, Dodge City, crosses said creek.

Therefore, be it known that an election will be held at the various voting places in said township, on Tuesday, March 23d, 1886, for the purpose of voting bonds of Dodge township, in the sum of \$3,000, Three Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of widening the bridge across the Arkansas river, in said Dodge township, and for the erection of a new bridge across Saw Log creek, in said Dodge township, at a point, or near where the public road leading north from Fifth Avenue, Dodge City, crosses said creek.

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