

LOCAL NEWS.

T. F. Sturtevant was on a visit to Colorado last week. A large number of dwelling houses are being built in the city. Tree buds are swelling, and many trees are showing the foliage. The grass is growing, and the plains will soon be covered with a beautiful verdure.

J. A. Thomas, one of the best workmen in the city, has a card in this issue of the Times. Spring Lake, Meade county, has prospects of the D. M. & A. depot. The Hornet is quite sanguine.

The Santa Fe trains drop off every day a number of extra passenger cars. The travel west, however, continues large. Samuel Swan bought of M. Collar, half block on East Side, at \$450 30 days ago, and sold it at \$900, last week.

Sunday morning opened out like a beautiful spring day, but at 9 o'clock the wind rose and the dust followed with it. H. C. Cherington and W. G. Sherlock are still in Ohio working up an excursion for Dodge City, with good prospects for success.

Frank Conner is the new assistant cashier in the Merchants' State Bank, and Frank is quite good looking behind the bank counter. The list of real estate transfers continue about the same number each week. The Times is indebted to R. P. Henderson for the weekly list.

Morris Collar is the indefatigable getter-up of advertising matter for the immigration society. Mr. Collar is an enterprising worker in anything he undertakes. Inexperience with a new press will account for some imperfectly printed Times this week. Another trial with the press will acquaint the operators with all of its intricacies.

Our fellow citizen, James Langton, has established a town site, on the line of the Rock Island road, in the southeast part of the county. The new town is to be named Rock Island.

Kicking Birk is working up Cimarron, and he is rivaling the town with Dodge City and Garden City, and states that the citizens of Cimarron regard that place as a coming second Wichita.

The following is what an Indiana paper said about Wichita: "Wichita, Kansas six miles wide and nine miles long, and contains a population of 24,000, real estate agents, male and female." Large quantities of stone have been shipped to the city during the winter past, preparatory to the building of many new brick houses, as soon as brick can be obtained.

F. C. Zimmermann, Morris Collar and A. J. Zimmerman propose laying off some portions of their lands, lying west of the city limits, into town lots. The West Side offers some fine residence sites. It took just twenty minutes to raise \$6,925 among the delegates of the Kansas United Brethren church, at their late session at Kingman, for the purpose of founding a denominational college somewhere in the state.

The old government warehouse, which stood northeast of the depot, has been removed to make room for a new depot building, to be erected on the site, north of the railroad track. This will be a good location for a depot building.

Now that railroad passes are no longer issued what will the Ford Boomer do when he wants to go and see his girl. Guess he will have to walk. He will have to get married quicker than he expected. This is walking isn't good, no how.

L. K. McIntyre has created a large two story building at his lumber yard. This building will be used for a hardware store and lumber office. Mr. McIntyre has purchased a large stock of builder's hardware and hardware goods, which will be stored in the new building.

R. W. Tarbox returned last week from a visit to M. A. Low, President of the Rock Island road. Mr. Tarbox consulted Mr. Low in regard to the running of a road through Mr. Tarbox's ranch in Sew and county. A town and depot on this land would be a grand thing for Mr. Tarbox.

R. M. E. Cooper, agent for the Prouty Press Company, at Springfield, Mo., was in the city last week, and put in operation the printing press we purchased of him. We found Mr. Cooper a very pleasant gentleman. He is doing an extensive business in the sale of printing presses and printing material.

Dodge City will never boom according to the peculiar manner of the usually accepted boom. The city has not the elements of a boom in it. It will grow gradually and firmly, and its solid character will always guarantee its stability. We are glad it is so. It started out that way. A was built that way—and it can't get out of that way. And so may it be that way, any way.

We thought Ford was going to be a large city, but some of the people there have rural inclinations. The Boomer man no doubt likes to sit in the shade of a tree and cool his highly over worked brain. He says: The Hotel Brunswick is having a new picket fence around the house. The enterprising Ruben will plant many cherry and apple trees in the yard.

The building of the round house and machine shops of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. at Dodge City, will add greatly to the railroad company's interest here, besides enlarging the city's interests. Of course these buildings will enhance the value of property in the east part of the city, besides creating a demand for town lots. The new round house and machine shops will give employment to a large number of men, who will become permanent residents of the city.

STARCH FACTORY.

It is proposed to start a starch factory in Dodge City, in order to have something with which to stiffen the boom.

HOME PRINT.

The Times this week is presented all home print. We shall not enlarge the paper, but shall print extra sheets as the business and the occasion may require.

ONE FEATURE.

We shall aim to make with the Times will be its local character, and Dodge City and Ford County at all times. The praises of our city and county we shall always make.

LOOK OUT FOR RAIN.

After this date, in abundance. The provident farmer has his seasonable crops in at this time, and the coming rains will set them to growing as the genial rays of the sun warm the atmosphere.

CHEMICAL WORKS.

W. H. Shackelford, of Mullenville, Mo., will start a factory in Dodge City, for the manufacturing of baking powders, flavoring extracts, blueing, ink, stove polish, &c. Mr. Wells is negotiating for a site for the factory.

THE TIMES' PRESS.

Is in running order, and we are pleased to state that with our increased facilities we have increased business. This week we print about one thousand additional copies, and our friends will find some extra copies to mail to their friends in the east.

CANDY FACTORY.

J. C. Bloom, one of our enterprising young men, who has been engaged in business in this city, for about a year past, proposes to start a candy factory. Mr. Bloom is dealing extensively in the fruit and confectionery business, and we hope he will find his new venture a profitable adjunct to his business.

YOU BET.

The editor of the Cimarron New West was in the city one day last week, and went home and wrote the following truthful item: Dodge City is now said to be about the hardest place to get a juggle of the gurgling liquid of hell in, that the traveler strikes in his evolutions through Kansas.

WICHITA DAILY EAGLE.

P. B. Dillard, traveling correspondent of the Wichita Daily Eagle, was in the city last week, in the interest of that journal. He secured a large number of subscribers to the Daily Eagle. The Eagle is one of the best dailies in the state, and is in popular favor with the citizens of Dodge City.

MILLINERY STORE.

Miss Alice Phillips has opened a millinery store in the Helz buildings, green front, on First avenue, with a fine and selected stock of the latest styles of millinery goods, and invites the attention of the ladies of Dodge City to her stock. Miss Phillips is an experienced trimmer and guarantees satisfaction.

WHEAT ALL RIGHT.

John Rapp, Jr., who lately lived in the eastern part of the county, has made a tour of the county, and finds the wheat generally in good condition. There are some patches of wheat injured, but some stands are as good as any one could ask. There would be considerable wheat with a fair spring. Not so much was sown as in former seasons.

COMING WEST.

The Mullenville Mallet says of the Kingman, Pratt & Western Railroad: Geo. H. Parker, who returned from Wichita Friday morning, informs us that he learned from prominent officials of the K. P. & W. railroad, (Santa Fe) that work will begin at once on the western extension of that road and that orders to that effect have already been issued.

THE NEW CEMETERY.

The southeast quarter of section eleven, north of town, was lately purchased by R. M. Wright, and the southeast 20 acres of the quarter is to be used for cemetery grounds. A company has been organized and charter procured, the company to be known as the Maple Grove Cemetery association of Dodge City. Directors: R. M. Wright, M. Collar, A. Gluck, W. C. Shinn, Fred Gardner, J. M. Hastings, and H. McGarry, all of Dodge City.

THE PIANO RECITAL.

The entertainment by Miss Iola Krieger's pupils on Friday night, was an excellent one, and the exquisite and artistic tones of the piano was evidence that the teacher's skill had been well wrought. Those pupils who gave the piano's sweet tones to the audience were Clara Sawyer, Katie Krieger, Sedalia Boyer, Edith and Carrie Letts, Lucz Boyer, Lila Lenert, Clara and Jennie Crawford, Eva Gaede, Eddie Boyer, Floy Adams, Lulu Coffey, Eddie Spencer, Lucy Baird. We shall not make any particular mention, we believe each pupil played excellently well. Miss Krieger is to be congratulated upon the success she is making in teaching an art loved by everybody.

BOOMS.

Some newspapers deprecate booms, so common in the country. The boom has a reactionary effect, which is depressing, and leaves the condition worse than before. This is literally true, and it is sound logic and reasoning. We are going to say that the boom will never hurt Dodge City. There is too much latent energy here, lying stagnant for want of enthusiasm. We are rather glad of it. We are our citizens doing foolish things, violently and flagrantly, some evil must result. But things are moving along in the even tenor of the way, and the grand results will be obtained without fiction and without the probability of a boomer-ang.

TWO RAILROAD ORGANIZATIONS.



EFFECTED IN DODGE CITY, AND WORK SOON TO BEGIN.

For some weeks past our citizens have been in consultation with the citizens of adjacent towns regarding the organization of two railroad companies. A favorable action has been had, and on Wednesday last two organizations were made, and charters filed with the secretary of state. The Rock Island, Dodge City & Denver Railroad, a standard gauge, was organized with the following named directors: G. M. Hoover, C. M. Beeson, J. H. Crawford, James Langton, R. M. Wright, J. A. Arment, R. W. Evans, D. M. Erost, W. C. Shinn, Geo. B. Cox, C. A. Milton, Dodge City; R. Small, A. Russell, Ford. The capital stock is \$250,000.

The other road is to be a narrow gauge, and is styled the Dodge City, Montezuma & Trinidad Railroad, capital stock \$250,000. The directors are named as follows: Geo. B. Cox, R. W. Evans, R. M. Wright, F. C. Zimmermann, W. C. Shinn, Dodge City; R. R. Hudson, Anthony; H. C. First, Garden City; J. H. Williams, Montezuma. The gentlemen connected with these enterprises are men of energy and wealth, and they intend to prosecute the work. The Times is not far wrong when it states that Dodge City is to be the possessor of five railroads.

THE ROUND HOUSE AND MACHINE SHOPS ATTACHED.

To be commenced at once.

Superintendent Nickerson and Supt. Osborne, who has charge of the construction department of the Santa Fe railroad, informs Master Mechanic Mahin that the work of building a 22-stall Round house with machine shops attached, will be commenced at once. This is no clap-net to facilitate a boom, but it is the genuine article.

THE CITY ELECTION.

The election on Tuesday for city officers passed off quietly, though considerable interest was manifested. The following is the vote: FIRST WARD. For Mayor, A. B. Webster, 69; Geo. S. Emerson, 12. For Police Judge, J. H. Conrad, 71; James McCurdy, 9. For Treasurer School Board, C. W. Averill, 21; James Langton, 15. For City Treasurer, H. M. Beverley, 67; H. L. Siler, 13. For Justices of Peace, R. G. Cook, 88; J. B. Moffat, 29; Geo. P. Jones, 65. For Constables, J. W. Stranglin, 34; Levi Wells, 15; Andrew Falkner, 61.

SECOND WARD.

For Mayor, A. B. Webster, 137; G. S. Emerson, 91. For Police Judge, J. H. Conrad, 174; Jas. McCurdy, 51. For Treasurer School Board, C. W. Averill, 47; James Langton, 178. For City Treasurer, H. M. Beverley, 169; H. L. Siler, 62. For Justices of Peace, R. G. Cook, 86; J. B. Moffat, 69; Geo. P. Jones, 159. For Constables, J. W. Stranglin, 136; Levi Wells, 20; Andrew Falkner, 153. For Councilman, J. W. Mahan, 154; Ira Jackson, 82. For Councilman (Vacancy), M. V. Markley, 79; L. W. Cherington, 51; Fred Gardner, 87.

THIRD WARD.

For Mayor, A. B. Webster, 190; G. S. Emerson, 94. For Police Judge, J. H. Conrad, 214; James McCurdy, 37. For Treasurer School Board, C. W. Averill, 42; James Langton, 235. For City Treasurer, H. M. Beverley, 196; H. L. Siler, 83. For Justices of Peace, R. G. Cook, 98; J. B. Moffat, 126; Geo. P. Jones, 184. For Constables, J. W. Stranglin, 119; Levi Wells, 41; Andrew Falkner, 184. For Councilman, J. A. Arment, 180; W. C. Shinn, 104. For Member School Board, Mrs. S. E. Stranglin, 109; R. P. Adams, 108.

J. Hastings and family, of Kansas City, have arrived, and will make Dodge City their home. MARRIED.—On the 5th inst., by Rev. G. Lowther, Mr. O. J. Andrews to Maggie A. Manning of Bloom, Ford county. The wedding took place at the residence of Judge Vanderslice, and was a pleasant affair. We wish success and happiness.

MARCH WEATHER.

The signal office furnishes us with the weather record of March. The rainfall is low, but not unusual for March, the total precipitation being 17-100 of an inch. The highest velocity of the wind was 38 miles, and the total movement of wind being 748 miles, rather less than the ordinary movement of March wind.

SNOW IN THE MOUNTAINS.

H. J. Strange received a letter from his former home in Colorado, that there was a fall of six inches of snow in the mountain valleys. In April the greatest snows fall in the mountain valleys. This is a good indication for summer rains.

CONFLAGRATIONS.

A DESTRUCTIVE PRAIRIE FIRE.

It Destroys Houses and Stock.

A prairie fire on Sunday, in the southeast part of the county, destroyed considerable property and range: John W. Keith, who passed over the ground, made a list of the damage. The fire started from Jake Quick's, two miles south of Spearville. Quick's loss was one stack of hay, two bulls, one horse and wagon. J. Imel's loss was entire range, four tons of feed. Peter M. Imel, entire range, four tons of hay, stabling and corrals. Henry W. Phillips loss entire range, J. T. Vandermark, entire range and stabling, four tons milled hay, one cow worth \$55, just bought, four hogs and lot of chickens, two bushels chop feed. Mr. Lawrence loss entire range and a fine barn with contents, 40 bushels corn, 40 bushels oats, 20 bushels sorghum seed, one hog 175 lbs, and corrals. Mr. Decker entire range. P. M. Mohler range and two houses, hay and part of household goods. Kellis Parker, range, house and barn and two horses.

The fire on Crooked creek did considerable damage to settlers in that part of the county. A. J. McCarty lost his barn, considerable feed and a large quantity of hay; B. P. Hayward lost barn and hay; C. E. Hayward's loss is also heavy. Geo. Rexford sustained considerable loss; E. R. Coffey's place made a narrow escape from the fire's fierce ravages, but he lost a lot of hay. Other parties lost hay and feed, but we were unable to learn the names of the unfortunate people.

Fowler, in Meade county, made a narrow escape from the ravages of the fire elements, the town being saved by timely efforts. The damages by fire on Crooked creek, and in Meade county, are greater than we have stated, we being unable to learn the full particulars.

L. Sims informs us of some of the losses, near Fowler, as follows: A. M. Norman, horse, stable, hay and some stock. His household goods were all destroyed. A. F. Carpenter lost barn, hay, hogs and chickens. Wm. Miles' loss was barn and hay. L. Sims saved his barn, but lost 20 tons of hay. Wm. Hutchinson's barn was consumed. L. Sims returned Monday, after the fire, and he says stock must suffer on account of loss of hay and burning of range.

SUNDAY'S MISHAPS.

The Prairie Fire Victims.

Elsewhere we give an account of the damage by prairie fire in the southeast part of the county, and we learn of damages by fire north of the Sawlog. Sunday the wind was blowing at a terrible gale nearly all day, and the prairie grass being dry was easily combustible. A fire started from the Buckner, and burned down to the Sawlog creek. Robert Irvine, who lives on Sawlog, was badly burned. He lost a barn and two horses. Mr. Irvine was riding a horse, and his clothes caught fire from the burning grass. By accident his horse threw him, or else he would have been burned to death. With difficulty he managed to tear his clothing off. He is severely burned.

An old gentleman was riding on a wagon, on the bed of which was filled with hay. A match after doing service to a pipe of tobacco was thrown down, and ignited the hay. The occupant of the wagon did not realize his danger until his pants were burned up to his knees. He was badly scorched on the legs.

On Sawlog the damage was great by prairie fire. Mr. Gregg lost a stable, and threshing machine; Mr. Tinklepaugh lost stable and hay; Mr. Brewer lost stable and hay. Every settler lost something within the range of the fire. Our informant states that Mr. Irvine is badly burned, and is not expected to recover.

A SMALL FIRE.

Tuesday was one of the worst windy days of the season, and the dust was intolerable. A fire on this day naturally gave serious alarm. At 9:30 a. m. a fire was discovered in the warehouse and corral occupied by J. A. Constock, in the east part of the city. A small dwelling on the east side was burned, some of the sheds of the corral, and a lot of hay were consumed. Two horses, one a valuable colt belonging to J. A. Constock, and a fine horse belonging to Mrs. Rath, were burned to death before they could be taken out. Robt. J. Constock, who was in the corral at the time of the fire, tried to relieve the horses, but he could not reach them before the flames enveloped them. A spark from a passing engine is supposed to have ignited the hay in the corral yard. The hose companies were promptly on the ground, and soon extinguished the flames. It required several hundred feet of hose in order to reach the flames. There was no hydrant nearer than the Dodge House.

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4 room house, finely painted and papered, 80 by 200 feet. Fruit trees and shrubbery set out, all fenced. Very cheap if sold soon. Beeson, Arment & Harris, opposite post office. m 31-2t

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If you want to buy Silver Ware go to A. Schermann, Front street. His goods are quadruple plate. They will wear three times as long as plate you buy in china or hardware stores, and cost you but little more.

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While you can buy cheap, the most desirable property in Dodge City. Call and see our list. Beeson, Arment & Harris, opposite post office. m 31-2t

W. E. Weber, the popular boot and shoe manufacturer, southwest corner of Wright's building, making the best and finest custom work in the city. His work is all first-class.

For loans at lowest rates on city or farm property go to H. M. Beverley & Co. They will give you the privilege of paying in one year or in installments. Office First National Bank building, Dodge City, Kansas. mar 17-1 m

A FINE HOTEL PROPERTY.

Certainly located, \$8,000, on easy terms. You will have to see it to appreciate the bargain it is. It is renting for \$150 per month. BEESON, ARMENT & HARRIS, m 31-2t Opposite postoffice.

WALL PAPER.

Call at City Drug Store, Front street, largest stock, lowest price. mar 3

Abstract of Titles

Of Lands in Ford and adjoining counties furnished by L. E. McGARRY & CO., VANERD—Carpet to be given. Call on M. C. Davis, north 3th avenue, first north house of Chase Van Trump. feb 17

Canary birds for sale. Inquire at this office.

Liver sausage seems to be a favorite dish down in Ford.

Ice formed Sunday and Monday nights, as thick as a pane of glass.

Newton and Atchison capitalists are investing in Dodge City property.

March did not have its usual quantity of wind. Look out for it in April.

J. McCollister will be in Dodge City April 12th, with nursery stock, all in good order.

M. V. Markley & Co. have purchased the plumbing establishment of D. Mitchell & Co.

H. W. Stewart, of Wichita, purchased five lots of A. Crumbaugh, on which three houses stand, paying \$5,000.

W. B. Hess is getting ready to make a trip to St. Louis, where he will purchase a large stock of glass and queensware.

Henry Campbell, editor of the Democrat, has a fine offspring at his house, and of course he feels happy. May the shadow of the boy always be a blessing.

The party who shows number 4013 draws the prize of the sewing machine, in the drawing by Crawford & Briggs' Indiana grocery store. The sewing machine is worth \$45.

Syracuse elected three ladies to the city council: Lizzie M. Swartwood, Sarah M. Cox, Maria M. Briggs. Mrs. Cox is the wife of Chas. Cox, who formerly lived in Dodge City.

The commissioners appointed to locate a station somewhere in the state for the culture of silk were in session April 4, and located the station at Larned, so a private dispatch says.

A gymnasium has been started in Hose Co. No. 2 building, where all the necessary swings, bars and weights can be found. Gymnastics is a good healthful exercise, and ought to be indulged more.

The toll and railroad bridge across the Arkansas at Greenvale was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. A force was sent out at once to repair the damage. The wires were down west all day Sunday in consequence.

W. R. Miller informs us that his steam brick machine was shipped last week, and will soon arrive. He has purchased a number of acres of ground in the west part of the city, on which he will make an extensive brick yard.

W. C. Shinn commenced Tuesday on the excavation for brick buildings on the corner of Walnut street and Second avenue. R. W. Evans and others commenced the same morning on an excavation for brick buildings east of the Bank of Dodge.

Robt. Irvine, who was burned in the prairie fire, Sunday, is reported to be in a bad condition, his hands and legs being severely burned. His recovery is doubtful. Henry Schmidt took care of him Monday night, and says he is suffering great pain.

Rev. W. J. Elliott was thrown from his buggy last week, and severely injured in the spine. He was unconscious for a short time. He was riding from Spearville to his home when the accident occurred. He lay on the road two hours before being picked up.

Mrs. A. Falkner met with a serious accident on Monday, while crossing the irrigating ditch, in a buggy. She was thrown out and severely injured on the head. Mrs. Kelsey and two little children, who were also riding in the buggy, were thrown out, but received slight injuries.

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