

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Grand millinery openings are all the rage in Kansas this week.

A Falls City man has had time to whittle a violin out of a curly maple board.

At Arkansas City there are 2,480 people registered in all; 1,474 men and 1,006 women.

Some nice new steel cages have been put up for the accommodation of those who go jailward at Cawker.

The real truth about the wheat in southern Kansas is that about fifty per cent of it is a complete failure, it is said.

Wells-Fargo Express company will establish an office at Salina and go after a share of the business which goes to the Pacific.

Topeka is in great trouble again. Charlotte Crane's beauty did not capture the War department sufficiently to save her lover.

Major Hood sends cattle to Kansas City which top the market. There's a heap of the genuine brand of satisfaction in that for a man.

A Dickinson county woman last summer preserved in cans corn on the cob. She served the corn the other day and it was excellent.

There is a \$50 pattern hat on exhibition in the window of a Fort Scott milliner which will be some white man's burden before many days.

The Twentieth Kansas was in the thick of the fight again, as brave a regiment as is on the ground. Then Twentieth is the pride of Kansas.

By the time the assessors who are working in the country finish their labors every one of them will be ready to become an active member of a Good Roads club.

Most merchants do their heaviest advertising about holiday time, when people are bound to purchase extensively anyhow; and milliners do their bulk of advertising just prior to Easter, a time of year when it would not be possible to keep women out of their stores with a club.

The county attorney of Wichita county prints the following notice in the Leoti Standard: "The farmers are warned not to let out any more fires while burning trash off of their plowed ground. The stockmen have been complaining to me regarding their loss of feed and range, and will use the law if any more occur."

This is to be a good corn year, according to the theory of Gus Rose and other distinguished prophets. They base their prediction on the fact that the wind was in a northern quarter on March 21. Had the wind blown from the south on that day, destruction of the corn crop of 1899 by hot winds and drouth would surely follow.

The Lake View school house in Douglas county, was burned the other night by a tramp who had built a fire to keep warm, and let it get away from him. Farmers living in the neighborhood were aroused by the fire, and at once started in pursuit of the tramp. He was caught at Fall Leaf and taken to Lawrence and placed in jail. He pleaded guilty to the charge of arson, and was bound over for trial at the May term of the district court. He gave his name of Jas. Morton.

The grass is getting green in southern Kansas.

Wheat offerings in the markets have been small the past week. The farmers are holding on to what they have in stock until something more definite is known concerning that which is in the ground.

The Embree incident has started a war against the slot machines at Topeka.

Eric gas hunters were luckier than most of the drillers. They struck gas in the first hole sunk.

Kansas farmers have begun plowing in the southern part of the state. Others will follow in a few days. A big corn crop will be planted this spring; larger than usual.

William Freeman, the express messenger, who was killed in the Rock Island wreck at Volland, had worked baggage and express for eighteen years, and during that period he had lost less than a month's time. He was the second messenger to go over the Rock Island lines west of the Mississippi river.

A person can read over Prophet Hicks' predictions for April and pick out any kind of weather ever known. Hicks aims to please them all.

At the last meeting of the board of Leavenworth county commissioners the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that a reward of \$100 is hereby offered for the capture and conviction of any one who steals a horse or mule within the boundaries of Leavenworth county, provided the owner of said animal is a resident of Leavenworth county."

Iola gained 517 inhabitants the past year.

Much building will be done in Kansas this year.

The roads to the Kansas creameries this winter have been dusty.

Already some men are announcing their candidacy for county offices.

The biggest controversy on in Kansas just now is whether or not the wheat crop is ruined.

Mound City is discussing the plan of voting bonds for the purpose of prospecting for natural gas.

All the innocent people in the penitentiary have not been discovered yet. Justice is not just, always.

There is an insurrection on at Pleasanton caused by the proposed change in the location of the postoffice.

Before long it will be possible to take up a tin pan and an old butcher knife and go out after that mess of greens.

The Blue Rapids Creamery association was organized this week with a capital of \$1,600. Good farmers have stock in this.

Mr. Vincent of the state board of charities has secured places in the various institutions for five citizens of Washington county.

The Kansas regiment in the Philippines wants to be sent home by the way of the Suez canal, so that they can say the went 'round the world.

A Pittsburg firm reports that it has sold more real estate in the three months of 1899 than in any eight months of any previous year; and it is a firm which has long been established too.

There is only one time that the Kansas editor really drops down and proceeds to weep pools into the low places of the floor, and that is when people ask him to publish a menu of the refreshments at a party.

The vigor of Kansas came from its veterans. There is something about war which chisels forth the strong lines of manhood. Nothing, consequently, has gratified Kansas so much in late years as the Kansas boys' gallant conduct in the Philippines.

The country editors of northeastern Kansas are standing back to gaze in awe on Pool Grinstead. Any Kansas country editor who can get \$500 for his "support," or who even has the nerve to claim that he did is certainly entitled to a great deal of respect in his profession.

The Union denies the report to the effect that the gas pressure at Humboldt is playing out. It states that the greatest trouble with Humboldt gas is that it is not used enough. The supply is sufficient for extensive manufacturing plants, but there is little used beyond what is consumed in the city for light and fuel.

The discovery of natural gas on a farm three miles west of Manhattan raises the hopes that the "natural gas district" may include the territory of Saline county. The old theory of the state geologists as to the metals and bounds of the coal and gas districts seems to have been exploded recently, says a Kansas exchange.

The State Board of Education has decided that under the Grattan bill, passed by the late legislature, only the State University is benefited. The law authorizes the issuing of three years' certificates to the graduates of certain institutions of learning. According to the interpretation put upon it, only the State University is meant, but other colleges may come in provided they submit a detailed statement of their courses to the board.

There is a young man in a southern Kansas town who is being joshed unmercifully of late. On a recent Sunday he went to an adjoining city to visit his girl and reached her home just as the storks were paying it a visit.

A Kansas exchange says that "an unprejudiced man, after looking up the records of the two candidates for mayor will vote for the opposition candidate." But who ever heard of an unprejudiced man in Kansas at a time when an election was pending?

The farmers in north Dickinson county are having extensive losses of horses, cattle and hogs from an epidemic of hydrophobia, resulting from several mad dogs. Efforts to stop it have been unavailing.

There is quite an extensive brick plant just a short distance out of Aitchison which is shut down on account of lack of fuel. There is a coal mine within two rifle shots of the place, but the condition of the roads is such that it is impossible to haul coal to the yard.

Dr. Frances Stoers, a pretty Topeka girl, who is also an able physician, is to be married in Edinburg to a Scotch nobleman.

Wheat growers feel much better than they did two weeks ago. The wheat blades looked dead but the roots are alive, and now it is coming up green.

This spring every time a Kansas man gets a hoe and goes out to dig the earth in the back yard the wind switches around to the north and drives him back in the house.

Clyde has 1,000 inhabitants and four-teen lodges.

Pittsburg, which has always been handy to it, now has dollar gas.

Fort Scott will not have a sugar factory. The scheme has been called in.

Quenemo it talking creamery. It does not require as much talk to start a creamery now as it did few years ago.

Cheap Rates via Santa Fe.

For the Democratic Conference held at Topeka, Kansas, March 30, the Santa Fe will sell round trip tickets to Topeka for one far. Tickets on sale March 29 and 30, good to return to and including March 31, 1899.

L. R. DELANEY, Agent, Wichita, Kansas.

Cheap Rates to Pacific Coast via Santa Fe.

The Santa Fe are selling tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and other California points at the very cheap rate of \$32.50.

To Portland and points in Idaho and Oregon \$28.85. For particulars call on or address, L. R. DELANEY, Agt., Wichita, Kans.

Cheap Excursion Rates via Santa Fe Route.

State Encampment, G. A. R., Sons of Veterans, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of G. A. R. and Ladies Aid Societies, held at Hutchinson, Kansas, April 24-30; one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale April 24-27, good to return on and including May 1st.

L. R. DELANEY, Agent.

Only \$1.41! Only \$1.41! Only \$1.41!

Kansas Musical Jubilee, Kansas State Sunday School Association, Hutchinson, Kans. For these events the Santa Fe will sell tickets to Hutchinson and return for one fare—\$1.41—for the round trip. Tickets on sale May 8, 10 and May 15 and 19. Good to return until May 12 and May 20, 1899.

L. R. DELANEY, Agent.

Excursion to San Francisco, Cal. via the Great Santa Fe Route.

On May 15, 16, 17 and 18 the Santa Fe will sell tickets to San Francisco and return on account of the National Baptist Societies meetings at the rate of one fare for the round trip—\$60.00—limited for return to July 15th, 1899. The Santa Fe's California service is unsurpassed, having two trains daily from Wichita, leaving 3:50 a. m. and 7:10 p. m.

L. R. DELANEY, Agt.

Homeseekers' Excursion via Santa Fe Route.

On April 4th and 18, May 2d and 16, and June 6th and 20th, the Santa Fe will sell round trip tickets at the very cheap rate of one fare for the round trip plus \$2.00 to all points in Arkansas, Arizona, Indian territory and New Mexico. These tickets will bear going limit with stopover privileges of fifteen days; final return limit twenty-one days from date of sale. Before purchasing tickets you will do well to call on some representative of the road reaches all points of importance—The Great Santa Fe.

L. R. DELANEY, Agt.

The Missouri and Kansas telephone company has definitely decided upon extensive improvements in its service in Oklahoma. The line from Guthrie to Arkansas was begun last week, and will be completed in ninety days. Poles have been ordered for a line from El Reno to Kingsfisher. It is probable that this line will be extended to Caldwell, Kansas. Poles have been ordered for an extension of a line from Norman to Purcell and Lexington and from Oklahoma City to Shawnee and Tecumseh. The gap between Newton and Emporia, Kansas, will be closed this next summer, giving Oklahoma direct telephone communication with eastern cities.

There was a great roar at Aitchison when the committee saw the John A. Martin monument. It was a broken column and the committee made a great fuss at first, saying that it had paid for a whole monument and wanted it.

A Wichita young man who leaned against a wire before finding out whether or not it was alive is now dying. There is great wonder that he was not killed instantly. The wire carried 2,750 volts. But a Wichita man is not easily shocked.

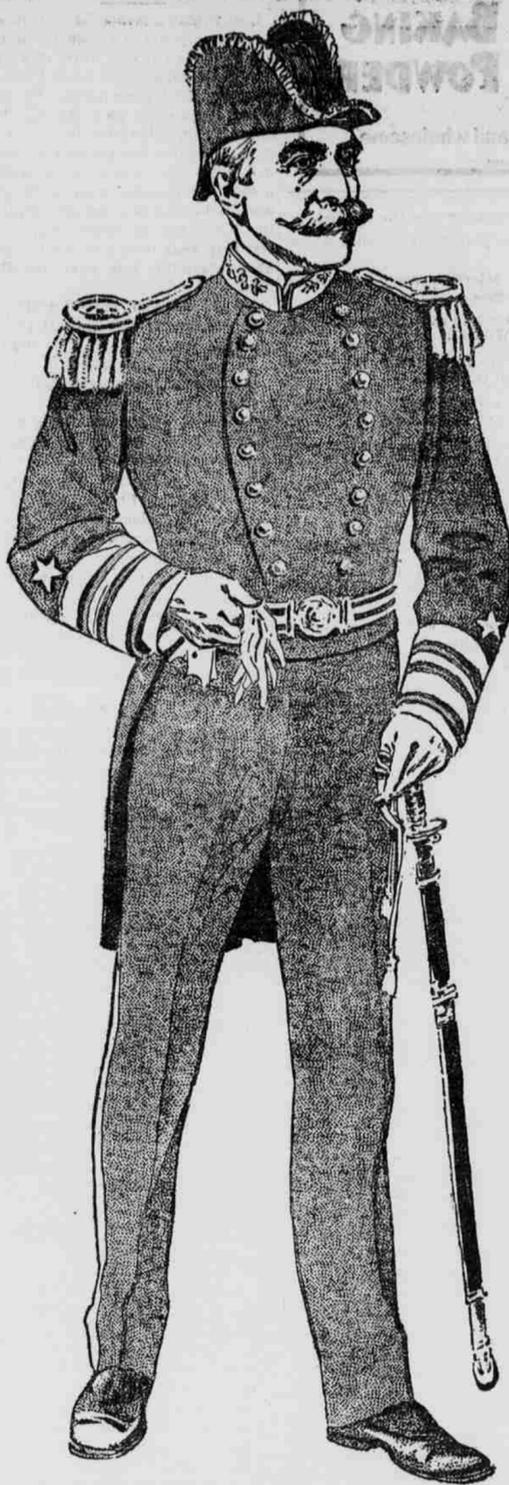
A man is going through Kansas with one of the old machines which turns out greenbacks when fed blank paper. Some day he will meet a man who don't read the papers, and unload the outfit on him.

At Aitchison, 4,612 voters registered, the largest number in the history of the city. Leavenworth also broke all previous records with 9,138 names on the books. The latest figures showing the population of the two towns give Aitchison, 16,266; Leavenworth, 20,957.

Captain J. P. Grinstead, a veteran of the civil war whose pension of \$20 a month was looped off because he enlisted in the war against Spain, will endeavor to have it restored.

The St. John Weekly News issued an Easter number on March 24 which is deserving of high comment. The edition contained six pages, including a beautiful illustrated cover of fine book paper, which was printed in red ink. The number is a neat one and bespeaks for its editor workmanship, taste and prosperity.

ADMIRAL DEWEY.



In the uniform of his new naval rank.

DEATH IN POLITICS.

AWFUL MORTALITY RECORD IN PHILADELPHIA.

More Deaths Than in War—Water Appropriations Withheld in the Hope That City May Sell the Works—Bad State of Affairs.

Three hundred and seventy-one persons have died in Philadelphia of typhoid fever since Jan. 1, 1899. The shadow of murder hangs over their deaths, which can be laid to corporate greed and political corruption, says a dispatch from that city. These enemies of civilization and of American institutions have poisoned Philadelphia's water supply. Heretofore it was supposed that only savages poisoned an enemy's wells. Philadelphia's fight against her two enemies is for life; for the lives of the young and of those who would easily succumb to disease. So Philadelphia sympathetically watches New York's struggle for clean streets and for a fine, wide thoroughfare that corporations and politicians would convert into death's crossing. Here are the new, real facts concerning this epidemic of typhoid, which is the greatest crime because the commonest honesty would have prevented its occurrence: It was not wholly because of factional politics or to prevent the present administration from spending money that the ordinance appropriating \$3,700,000 for the improvement of the water supply was held up or that the council refused appropriations to the bureau of water in the hope that the water supply would become so contaminated that the citizens, as the only relief, would demand the sale or lease of the water works, which the city owns, to one or other of the corporations which have been moving heaven and earth to grab them. That hope has been partly realized. Some of the results are: Three hundred and seventy-one persons have died of typhoid fever since Jan. 1, 1899, and the most conservative physicians declare that 25 per cent of the deaths were due to the pollution of the water supply. Such a death rate from typhoid was unknown in this city or in any other that pretends to care for her people's health. Since Jan. 1, 1899, 3,522 cases of typhoid have been reported to the board of health. Forty-two more per-

sons have died in Philadelphia since Jan. 1 than were killed in action during the entire war with Spain. Two hundred and forty-six more died in this one city than died of wounds received during the war with Spain. Only 1,775 more people died of diseases during the Spanish war than have been attacked with typhoid fever in this one city during the past two weeks. The hospitals are overcrowded with typhoid fever cases. Nine out of the 37 hospitals have 337 cases. A big ward in the almshouse is given over to sufferers from typhoid. The history of the struggle between the grabbers and the people is one of almost hopeless courage on the other. In courts and councils alike have the interests of the people been betrayed. Said Mayor Warwick, who has always fought for pure water: "Those members of the council who unreasonably opposed the loan bill, the schemers who are interested in what was called a water scheme, as well as those men who have persistently hung it up in the courts by a bill in equity, are the men responsible for the present condition of affairs, and there is where the responsibility should rest, and there is where the condemnation of the people should be placed."

Twelve Thousand Letters a Minute. Uncle Sam has the greatest postoffice in the world. Every minute, day and night, during the entire year, 12,000 letters and packages are dropped into the mails. The average American sends more pieces of mail and receives more than the average inhabitant of any other country on earth. In 1897 the number of pieces of matter of all kinds mailed in this country was about 17,000,000 for every day in the year.

Pneumatic Tires on Cabs. The tires on the New York electric cabs are quite formidable affairs. They are nearly three-quarters of an inch thick and are five inches in diameter. They are tested up to a pressure exceeding that used in an ordinary locomotive boiler. In practice sixty pounds to the square inch "floats," as it is termed, the cab. The tire of each wheel costs thirty dollars.

A Country of Poets. Chile is said to have more poets, in proportion to population, than any country in the world.

Natural Recountment. Flossy—I don't care, I think Jack Townley is real mean! Annette—Why, Flossy? Flossy—He wrote 'to me from Florida, saying he had shot an alligator seven feet long, and said when he shot another he would have a pair of slippers made for me.—Harlem Life.

Pronounced in 145 Ways. The letter "I" in the Chinese language has 145 ways of being pronounced, and each pronunciation has a different meaning.

It isn't till the honeymoon begins that most girls think marriage means more than a collection of wedding presents and a lot of fussy white things.

An emulsion of one quart of kerosene in five gallons of strong soapsuds is one of the best remedies for caterpillars on apple trees.

A dog may be taxed during life, but after death it is the taxidermist.

If it were not for this thing called love, half the physicians in the world would have to go out of practice.

Kipling's Good Luck. The first story that Kipling writes after his illness will bring a fabulous price. It will be sought as eagerly by progressive publishers as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is by all who suffer from stomach ills of any nature. No matter whether it be indigestion, constipation, biliousness or nervousness, the Bitters will cure it. It is an unequalled spring medicine.

What the phropheet of old said in his haste may be true, that all men are liars, but, with all due respect for the gentler sex, all liars are not men.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Common sense is really very uncommon.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn? Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

We have noticed that lectures and sermons said to be "witty and spicy," are as much alike as slices from the same cake.

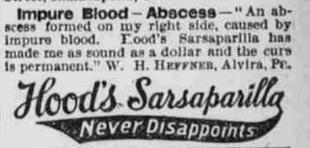
Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

The human skeleton, exclusive of teeth, consists of 208 bones.

"He Who Pursues Two Hares Catches Neither." Said a well known young man about town, "I tried for years to burn the candle at both ends, in the pursuit of pleasure while trying to attend to business. My blood, stomach and kidneys got into a wretched state and it seemed that I could not carry the burden any longer. But now my rheumatism has gone, my courage has returned, and all on account of that marvel, Hood's Sarsaparilla, which has made me a picture of health. Now I'm in for business pure and simple."

Rosy Cheeks - "I have good health and rosy cheeks, thanks to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It builds me up and saves doctor's bills." MARY A. BURKE, 604 East Clair Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

Impure Blood - Abscess - "An abscess formed on my right side, caused by impure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla has made me as sound as a dollar and the cure is permanent." W. H. HERRICK, Alvirra, W. Va.



Hood's Little cure liver bile; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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