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## A KANSAS INDUSTRY.

Farmers Sell Roots and Weeds at a Profit—Manufacturers Pay Well for What Has Been Considered a Nuisance.

The Stockton Record says there is a considerable force of root diggers in Rooks and adjoining counties. Though not allied in any way to the Digger Indians, they are an enterprising, hard working set of fellows and their calling has in the main proven quite lucrative. The pioneer in this work we believe was Elam Bartholomew, who three or four years ago gathered with the assistance of his boys, a considerable quantity of roots commonly known as snake root, though he didn't call it by that name. If our recollection serves us right he said it was "polygonum bistorta," or words to that effect. The roots were shipped to a Cincinnati drug firm to be used in the concoction of certain patent blood medicines. Our encyclopedia says that snake root is one of the strongest vegetable astringents and is much employed in hemorrhages and many other complaints.

Later on R. E. Jackson, who was murdered in Smith county last year, moved to Stockton and went after the snake root on a much larger scale, employing a number of hands, and his operations extended over many counties. His widow, Mrs. Fanny S. Jackson, living at Phillipsburg, is still engaged in the business.

Our townsman, Fred Lawson, became interested in roots a year ago last April. Before he had worked some for Mr. Jackson. Since that time he has bought and shipped large quantities to eastern markets, employing at times eight or ten people, and buying the products of many others. On the whole he has found snake root a pretty good commodity to deal in, the demand being generally larger than the supply though sometimes the market is overstocked. His rule is to contract ahead for delivering a certain quantity at the fixed price, which does away with the fluctuations of a very erratic market. He furnished one company in 80 days over 2,000 pounds. Last fall he had eight men at work steadily for two months. The cold weather interfered somewhat, but at present four men are at work for him. In 18 months he has bought and shipped about 35,000 pounds.

A few years ago the root was very plenty on wild land, but of late they have become quite scarce in many localities. The plant is properly known as "nigger head" and some call it "red top sunflower." It grows six feet eight inches high, with a flower resembling a small sunflower. It thrives best on upland in chalky hills. The men are now working on the Saline in Ellis county. Last winter the richest section was found on the south side of Paradise creek, between Codell and Natoma, and 9,000 pounds were taken out in a short time. The roots vary from the size of a lead pencil to a broom stick. They run down very deep and are got out in short pieces from six to eight inches long. The proper time to dig them is from September to March, when the sap is down; they can be stored in that condition. The plant is found most abundantly on a strip of country extending from some point in western Nebraska, southeasterly across Kansas into Oklahoma, though we are not informed whether it is not fully as abundant in many other parts of the country.

The digger who bends his back and grubs, might be considered by those not posted on root-digging, to be in the forlorn condition of Edward Markham's "Man with the Hoe," but they get from three to seven cents a pound and make excellent wages. Jess Stewart dug last fall a little more than 100 pounds daily for 21 days, averaging a little more than \$3.50 per day. Others have done nearly as well. It is very hard work, but the pay is as good as in any other occupation.

Another root, popularly known as "rosin weed," has secured a market through the efforts of Mr. Lawson, and promises to reach the proportions of the snake root industry; in fact he shipped more of that this winter than of the other. He took a sample of the weed back to Ohio last February and found a firm that used it in the manufacture of certain kinds of medicines. The plant is very plenty and two men dug 1,345 pounds of it in one day on the Saline.

Fred recently received orders from two companies in London for large quantities of snake root and will make his first shipment in April. He is prepared to handle roots in any quantity until the supply runs out. One good feature of the work is that the very weeds which cumber the ground are weeds which yield a profit to those who seek them, besides alleviating wherever patent medicines find a sale.

Entertainment at the Church.  
An entertainment will be given at the Methodist church, Wednesday evening, March 27. The program will consist of music and recitations. The general admission will be 15 cents, children 10 cents. Proceeds to be applied to Rev. Woodward's salary.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL BILL.

Full Text of the Act Authorizing the Establishment and Maintenance of a High School in Sherman County.

The act of the legislature authorizing the establishment and maintenance of a county high school in Sherman county is published for the information of the public. To make the law effective, and to authorize the board of county commissioners to take action in the matter a petition signed by the majority of the taxpayers of the county must be presented to the board at one of its regular meetings. The petitions for signature are now out and all favoring the measure should not fail to sign the petition. Call on the county clerk, county attorney, or superintendent of public instruction and put down your names if you favor the plan. The title of the bill is, "House Bill No. 214," and its various sections are as follows:

Section 1. When a petition is presented to the board of county commissioners of Sherman county, Kansas, signed by a majority of the electors of said county, as shown by the poll books of the last preceding general election, said board of county commissioners shall make an order establishing a county high school at the place designated in said petition, under the further provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. Before such order is made, the district board where it is sought to establish such high school, shall give a written guarantee to the county that said school district shall provide suitable rooms, desks, chairs, stoves and other necessary apparatus to carry on said school, so long as said high school is maintained in said district. The county shall levy a sufficient tax to pay all the other running expenses of said high school as herein after provided.

Sec. 3. At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners shall, for failure, on the part of the district wherein said high school is located, to comply, in full, with the provisions of section two, of this act, rescind such order, and said high school shall no longer exist; but during the existence of said high school, and at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, on the first Monday in August, in each year, said board shall make a levy of not to exceed two mills on the dollar on all the taxable property in said county, which shall be known as a high-school tax, and the money so raised, shall be used to pay expenses of said high school, according to the provisions of this act, and shall be paid out by the board of county commissioners as other claims against the county are paid.

Sec. 4. The school board of the district where such high school is located, with the assistance of the county superintendent of public instruction, shall have direct supervision and control of said high school, to the same extent as the county commissioners except that the county commissioners shall fix and determine the amount of money to be paid to the teachers employed, the number of months of school to be taught during any one year, and the maximum amount to be expended for incidental purposes.

Sec. 5. There shall be provided three courses of instruction, each requiring three years study for completion; namely, a general course, a normal course and a collegiate course. The general course shall be designed for those who cannot continue school life after leaving said high school. The normal course shall be designed for those who intend to become teachers, and fully prepare any one who wish to enter the first year of professional work at the state normal school. The collegiate course shall fully prepare those who wish to enter the freshman class of the state university, or of the state agricultural college, or any institution of higher learning in the state. Whenever practical, students of these courses shall recite in same classes, and tuition shall be free to pupils residing in the county.

Sec. 6. If at any time the school can accommodate more pupils than apply for admission in said county, the vacancies may be filled by applicants from other counties, upon the payment of such tuition as the board of county commissioners may prescribe; but at no time shall such pupils continue in said school to the exclusion of pupils residing in the county.

Strayed—Bay mare, 7 years old, weight about 1,100; bay filly, three years old, with blaze face; small black mare, weight about 700, one white hind foot, ear split; two spring colts, one black horse colt; iron gray mare colt; two bay two-year-old colts one dark bay horse colt and one light bay mare with halter on. Leave information at the Webber restaurant.

For Sale.  
The house and lot west of my residence. I will sell for less than I paid for it; want to move it in few weeks. This is good locality to build, party can save \$200 to build on addition to old house. Will loan money for building to good party. C. M. Millisack.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Monday was payday. Fireman Jeff Powers and wife are in Kansas City for a visit.

Conductor Tyler is at home in Roswell sick with the mumps.

Engineer Tom Kelly returned Friday from a visit in Denver.

Engineer M. Stanton, of the Roswell-Pueblo run, was here Saturday.

Fireman Peterson was on the sick list the latter part of last week.

Harold Neville, agent at Burlington, has returned from a visit to Kansas City.

Bud Coots, of the store house, is in Denver to receive treatment for his eyes.

Conductor Denney is on passenger, Nos. 9 and 10, in Conductor High's place.

Mrs. John Williams, wife of Engineer Williams, arrived here Saturday from Rock Island, Ill.

The 97's, west of Phillipsburg, were annulled Wednesday on account of the bad storm west of Omaha.

Superintendent Smith, of Colorado Springs, accompanied by his wife, spent Tuesday in Goodland.

The dispatchers' ball has been declared off and the locomotive fireman will hold their annual ball next month.

Mrs. Charles Randall, wife of Conductor Randall, has been quite sick and Mr. Randall is laying off to take care of her.

Robert Zerwick, a machinist of Horton, is a new man in the Goodland shops. He is a nephew of State Senator Busch, of Colby.

Machinist Theodore Kribbs and family left this week for Cheyenne, Wyo., where Mr. Kribbs has a position with the Union Pacific.

The Colorado Flyer was nearly four hours late Wednesday morning. The delay was caused by the storm in the eastern part of the state.

The railroad boys recently quarantined think the professionals put up a job on them to keep them away from their girls and then took advantage of their absence.

Conductor William High, of the Colorado Flyer, was renewing acquaintances in Goodland Friday. He is off on a vacation and left Saturday night for a trip east.

W. D. Gamble moved his family this week onto his farm south of Rose Creek. Mr. Gamble will continue in the employ of the Rock Island as before.—Fairbury Journal.

T. M. Taggart, a machinist in the shops, was seriously injured by a piece of steel striking the corner of his right eye last Friday morning. He went to Denver to receive treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Ryan, of Pueblo, were in Goodland this week the guest of friends. They had been to Fairbury, Neb., where they were called by the illness of Mrs. Ryan's mother.

Eric Erickson, daycaller, is attending the store house in the absence of Bud Coots and Night Caller Brinker is in Erickson's place. George Sherman is calling crews nights in Brinker's place.

Conductor Hazelbaker, while washing in his caboose recently, was thrown from his feet by cars being shunted into the waycar, and falling over a chair fractured a rib. He has been off work owing to the injury.

John Boyle, trainmaster of the Rock Island with headquarters at Goodland, was in the city on Tuesday of this week consulting with Mr. Hardman about the telephone exchange for Goodland.—Phillipsburg Dispatch.

Engine 907 was turned out of the shops Thursday as good as new. She had a broken frame which was renewed and a coat of paint was put on in the meantime. Jim Boyle is the engineer of the 907, which is in passenger service on the east end.

Engine No. 548 met with a serious accident at the yards Tuesday. While backing into the switch past the coal chute one of the aprons fell down and tore the engine cab from the engine. No one was hurt.—Phillipsburg Herald.

The convention of the Order of Railway Conductors will be held in St. Paul, Minn., May 12th. This year's gathering promises to be one of the most largely attended in the history of the organization. The order has a membership of 40,000 in the United States, Canada and Mexico and the three countries will be strongly represented.

Yesterday morning a continuous whistle of a locomotive at the depot alarmed our people and caused them to hurry to the north end of town, prepared to fight fire, injure or Filipinos, but arriving at the depot it was learned that an accident had befallen one of the locomotives and the valve which shuts off the steam from the whistle was broken and there was nothing for it to do but whistle. The locomotive had just brought a train in from the west and as it was backing alongside of the coal house one of the aprons fell and with it several of its necessary attachments. Fortunately nobody was hurt.—Phillipsburg Dispatch.

Death of Folkert Simmering.  
Folkert Simmering, aged 44 years, died at his home, south of town, last Saturday. Death was caused by diabetes, from which he suffered for nearly five years. Mr. Simmering was a native of Germany and had lived in Sherman county since 1880. He leaves a wife and seven children, the oldest a girl of 17 years.

The funeral was held Monday at the school house in the neighborhood, the services being conducted by Rev. Bohm, of the German Lutheran church, of which Mr. Simmering was a member. Interment was made in the cemetery near the school house.

The Best Prescription for Malaria.  
Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price 50c.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Dr. Hugh Thomas was at Hoxie this week.

Rev. Woodward will leave for conference next Tuesday.

Judge Calvert had his office repaired and decorated this week.

Jim Woods returned Sunday from several weeks' visit in Denver.

Mrs. Charles O'Connor returned Monday from a visit in Denver.

Mrs. R. Hartwig, who has been sick for some time, is slowly recovering.

Miss Grace Jacobs, of Brewster, is in town the guest of Mrs. Bert Jacobs.

Miss Cora Miller, representing Crane & Co., of Topeka, was in town Monday.

Enos Baker left Wednesday for Minneapolis, Kan., where his parents reside.

A. L. Rich, formerly of this city but now of Colorado Springs, was in town this week.

Mrs. Crago and little son, of Colorado Springs, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lee.

Mrs. Beeran, daughter of Rev. Woodward, has returned to her home in Flagstaff, Ariz.

A. V. Jesse, manager of Millisack's store at Burlington, Col., spent Sunday in Goodland.

Rev. Woodward will preach his farewell sermon at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a. m.

B. Altman, of Smoky township, will leave soon for Washington where he will make his home.

Mrs. T. M. Baldwin had an operation performed on her throat for tumor by Dr. Richards, Monday.

H. A. Bowman, of the Bee Hive, returned yesterday from a business trip to Omaha and Kansas City.

Colonel Bradley has lost faith in horoscopes. Old Major, his trusty driving horse, ran away Friday.

J. W. Ellis, a broom manufacturer of Colby, was in town Saturday. He sold some brooms to the merchants.

Dr. Hugh Thomas, who was confined to his home by illness for several days last week, is able to be about again.

Sam Vassar, the Beaver ranchman and wolf trapper, intends stocking up his ranch with a herd of yearling steers.

The Whist club, was entertained by Mrs. Pauline Hartman and Mrs. Alice Bradley at the Hartman home last night.

Mrs. G. V. Swearingen, of Sidney, Ia., is here looking after her farm, which is for rent. It is located southwest of town.

H. C. Atwater will hold services in the Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30 o'clock.

W. C. Vincent, proprietor of the Commercial hotel, returned from a business trip to Arapahoe, Neb., last Sunday.

E. B. Shirley, of Atwood, passed through Goodland Friday on his way to Colorado Springs. He was making the trip on a bicycle.

W. Coleman, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last October, was able to be out Saturday for the first time since stricken with the disease.

Mrs. Thomas, of Good Hope, Ill., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wiley for a few weeks, left Friday for Denver where she will remain some time.

Mrs. S. B. Hubbard and sister, Miss Gertrude Lawless, were called to Milwaukee, Wis., on account of the serious illness of their sister. They left Saturday night.

B. Crosby and Glen Filer, the carpenters, are in Wallace county, building a new school house near Sam Johnson's ranch. They will also do some carpenter work for Mr. Johnson.

Frank Glover, of Atwood, foreman of the Seigel Sander Lumber Co. Commission company, was in Goodland Wednesday. He was accompanied by Earl Hickman, Mr. Glover's bookkeeper.

I am now prepared to do piano tuning and repairing, having taken a thorough course in this work at the Krell piano factory in Cincinnati. Orders may be left at THE REPUBLIC OFFICE.—A. D. Stewart.

The Rathbone Sisters gave Mrs. J. T. Joyce a surprise party at her home Wednesday evening and presented her with a silver cake basket. Mrs. Joyce will leave soon for Pueblo where she will make her home. Mr. Joyce having a position as passenger conductor between Pueblo and Phillipsburg.

With the announcement of the leaving for Iowa of H. M. Reese, the well known farmer, comes the news of his marriage, which took place February 21, at Piuski, Ia., to Miss Lizzie King. Mr. Reese will leave for Iowa about April 1, where he will reside in the future. He is not at all discouraged at the prospect in Sherman county, and is not leaving on that account. He remarked that if he was a young man, starting out with little, he would come to this country to make a start.

What Is a Gentleman?  
Admiral Sampson's view is that it requires certain specific advantages of early education and training to make a gentleman.

The English idea is that gentlemen are born, not made.

Steele makes the observation that "the appellation of gentleman is never to be affixed to a man's circumstances, but to his behavior in them."

Chanor's opinion was "that he is gentile that doth gentile deeds."

"To be a gentleman," says Thackeray, "is to be honest, to be gentle, to be generous, to be brave, to be wise, and, possessed of all of these qualities, to exercise them in the most graceful outward manner."

Huxley, the scientist, makes just distinction when he says: "Thoughtfulness for others, generosity, modesty and self respect are the qualities which make a real gentleman or lady, as distinguished from the veneered article which commonly goes by that name."

## ANOTHER MUNICIPAL TICKET.

"Independents" Place in Nomination a Strong Ticket—H. H. Floyd Chosen for the Mayoralty.

Mayor—H. H. Floyd.  
City Treasurer—B. F. Brown.  
Police Judge—J. H. Stewart.  
Justice of Peace—M. D. Cutbertson.  
Constable—J. E. Webber.  
Constable—L. F. Cooper.  
Coleman.

FIRST WARD.  
Councilman—C. E. Swarts.  
Member of School Board—Geo. Hess.

SECOND WARD.  
Councilman—W. N. Rowe.  
Member School Board—C. M. Millisack.

THIRD WARD.  
Councilman—W. M. Blodgett.  
Councilman—J. M. Jewel, short term.  
Member School Board—Paul McBride.

The above ticket was nominated by a large caucus held at the court house Wednesday evening. The ticket will be known as the "Independent." A number of the nominees of the "Citizens'" ticket, which was placed in the field a week ago, were endorsed by the Independents.

The ticket is a representative one and composed of competent men and reputable citizens. It will, doubtless receive the substantial support of the voters at the coming city election. The nominee for mayor, H. H. Floyd, has had experience in this line, having served as mayor of Abilene, Kan., where he formerly resided. Several of the other nominees have had experience in city government and are now serving either on the school board or the city council.

The caucus convened at eight o'clock and William Ennis was chosen chairman and J. H. Stewart, secretary. All of the city officers were nominated by acclamation. When it came to choosing the ward officers, the different wards got together and made their nominations, some of which were made by ballot, where there were several candidates.

TOLD IN A LINE.

Ross Spittler has gone to Pueblo. The Gun club held a shoot yesterday afternoon.

Dunham, the photographer, will be here to-day and to-morrow. Seaman Sisters will have their millinery opening Thursday, March 23.

Women's stylish, serviceable dress shoes at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50.—Millisack.

Children's and boys' shoes have our special attention. You get special values at Millisack's.

The best women's \$2.50 shoe in town is the "U.S."—none better in the United States.—C. M. Millisack.

S. E. Bragg and wife returned to their home in Cheyenne, Wyo., Sunday after a visit in Goodland.

Our new lines of fine shoes for men to \$3 and \$3.50—just in—will pay you to see them at the Wizard's.

It takes a lot of patience to walk the floor at midnight without feeling that marriage is a howling success.

A carload of beer left Goodland last Sunday for Burlington where it will be stored. It was hauled to that place in wagons.

The April term of the district court will convene April 1. There are three criminal and 18 civil cases on the docket.

A wedding in which two well known young people are the contracting parties is among the events to happen next week.

When you buy a shoe of us and you want to know what is in it, ask all about it, you will be told the truth.—C. M. Millisack.

The wind this week was keyed up to a 40-mile gait and the dust was simply unbearable. A light snow fell with the storm Monday.

Fidelity, the exclusive shoe dealer, has 200 pairs of shoes he wants to sell to make room for a new stock. He has an advertisement in this paper.

Jeff Carden, of Voltaire township, is not going to remove to Illinois, as was stated in this paper. Mr. Carden was figuring on a trade for an Illinois farm, but the deal failed and he will remain in this county.

The St. Patrick's social, given by the Rathbone Sisters, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker Jr., Tuesday evening, was well attended and a pleasant time was enjoyed. The social was to have been given on Monday night but was postponed, owing to inclement weather. The proceeds netted \$12.

More Shipments.  
Two new cases of smallpox in the Johnson family and one new case in the Fletcher family is the sum total of the increase of the disease in the county the past week. There has been no spread of the disease, as the patients are confined to the families and neighborhood where the disease was first discovered. These new cases make 12 in all in the county.

A True Gentleman.  
When Gunner Morgan, in spite of the unfavorable indorsement of his letter to Admiral Sampson, called on the latter and expressed his regret that the correspondence should have been so published as to annoy the admiral, he went far to show himself a gentleman in the true sense of the term.

Kind Old Uncle Fete.  
The Topeka Mail and Breeze recounts the case of a kindly old farmer near Wellsville, in Franklin county, who has posted the following notice on a tree on his farm:

"When I was young and in my prime, my father's darling boy pleased himself and sport and swim. I always did enjoy to do what's right and never to do wrong. So you can shoot and hunt and swim on Uncle Fete's farm."

Dance To-night.  
A dance will be given at the opera house to-night (Friday). The piano music will be furnished by Mrs. A. D. Stewart.

## HURT IN A RUNAWAY.

Dr. Smith Thrown from a Buggy and Painfully Injured—Accident Happened Wednesday Afternoon.

Quite a serious accident happened to Dr. F. H. Smith Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock while driving to call on Mrs. Burke, four miles south of town. The team was from the H. N. Schell livery barn and was driven by Alfred Russell, a stable boy about 17 years of age.

When about three miles from town, and near the Pearson place, the neck-yoke gave way letting the pole drop to the ground. The wind was blowing stiff from the north and the buggy top was up. The pole threshed about frightening the horses and finally stuck into the ground and broke off.

The young man and the doctor tried to stop the team, but when checked up with the reins the wind would drive the wagon upon them. The buggy was finally overturned throwing Dr. Smith into the top and young Russell upon him, and the team broke away and out upon the open prairie. Dr. Smith had his leg severely hurt and his head bruised and the muscles of his shoulders and neck strained. William High was driving south, and coming up took the doctor in his conveyance to Mr. Burke's place about a mile distant and that gentleman brought the doctor and the buggy to town. Young Russell escaped with a bruised knee.

Dr. Smith at first thought that his leg was broken, but upon examination it was found to be only severely strained and bruised. He was stunned by the fall and dazed for a short time by the sudden and violent overthrow. He is getting along finely and congratulates himself that his injuries are not worse than they are. Mr. Schell succeeded in finding his team and some of the scattered fragments of the broken harness.

Injured by a Fall.  
Jay Casebere, who lives six miles south of Kanorado, fell about 14 feet from a ladder, with a box of corn upon his shoulder, Saturday afternoon. He was coming down from his corn crib when the accident occurred. He was found unconscious and Dr. Brown was called to attend the injured man. No bones were broken but severe bruises and cuts were received by Mr. Casebere in his fall.

Kicked by a Horse.  
Oscar Strand, the 17-year-old son of Gus Strand, was kicked by a horse on the right temple Saturday morning and rendered unconscious for several hours. Drs. Smith and Gulick were called and it was found that there was no fracture of the skull, but that the young man had only suffered from concussion.

Enter New Field.  
The Foster Lumber company last week bought the yard of the Burlington Lumber company, at Burlington, Col. The deal was made by W. F. McCue, of Colby, auditor of the Foster company. W. W. Walker will manage the new acquired yard.

A Great Record.  
The well known Rock Island Colorado Flyer has made a record for punctual "on time" service which has not been equaled by any other road.

Without any attempt to make a record but with only the usual time card rules governing this train running daily between Kansas City, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver, made the phenomenal record of being late but twice during the month of January, 1901. Considering the length of the run, 608 miles, and average speed of 38 miles per hour including all stops, this is a remarkable performance for a railroad train especially during the wintry month of January.

To be more explicit the Colorado Flyer runs between the Missouri river and the Rockies and the distance is 638 miles to Pueblo. The two flyers, trains No. 9 and 10, cover this distance during each 24 hours making a total mileage of 1,336 miles per day. Calculating further we find that for the entire month of January, these trains covered the distance of 40,080 miles and required 1,040 hours to reel off this distance at the rapid continuous rate of over 38 miles per hour. In order to make this average rate, per hour, it must be remembered that the actual running time of the flyers between stations approaches 93 miles per hour. There are 27 stops to be made on each trip.

Spasmodic Reforms Failures.  
Spasmodic reforms, as a rule, are failures. We don't shed a tear over all the brandy bottles smashed, wines and liquors poured out, but rejoice in it, and would not vent a sigh to see every brewery and distillery in ashes tonight; but this hatchet business is not permanent as a reform. Even the great prayer movement failed. So this spasmodic of virtuous indignation and righteous wrath seen in Mrs. Nation's gleaming ax will also fail.—Christian Herald.

Wanted to buy a three-room house.—Thomas P. Leonard.