

FORTY BUSHEL YIELD OF WHEAT

New Methods Brought Crops to a Barren Graham County Farm.

Proved Remarkably Successful on Lands Near Hill City—Crops Had Failed for Six Years—Campbell System of Soil Culture Employed.

Hill City, Kan.—The experiment in grain raising on the lands near here owned by J. P. Pomeroy, the former Atchison capitalist, now of Colorado Springs, have attracted much attention. Mr. Pomeroy was determined to test the possibilities of grain production in western Kansas and employed H. W. Campbell inventor of the "Campbell system" of soil culture, to conduct experiments. The wheat yield this year more than fulfilled the expectations. Mr. Campbell has explained the method pursued and benefits secured, all having considerable bearing on the problem of western Kansas farming. He says:

"One of the important points that was intended to be brought out of the Pomeroy model farm was the value of summer tilling (commonly called summer fallow). This is a part of soil culture that is altogether too little understood not only as to the manner of doing the work, but the value of the work and its direct effect upon growth of the crops that are to follow, as well as the remarkable drought resisting qualities of soil thus treated.

"The plan to accomplish all this, as applied on the Pomeroy model farm, was first tried in early March, 1900. We began by double disking the surface soil that had been tilled in the ordinary way for 14 years, the last six years of which the crops were failures. The disk was set to cut as deeply as possible and lapped one-half its width. This left the ground level and thoroughly firmed to a depth of fully three inches of loose soil mulch. This prevented the further loss of moisture by evaporation of what was then in the soil, which was found to be wet to a depth of about 12 inches.

"After the first disking was done in early March, the ground was left until another rain came, then as soon after the rain as the very surface soil was dry enough to work without sticking to the tools, the ground was harrowed to again loosen the top. Later, in early May, we had a very heavy rain, which resulted in setting this loose surface very firm. We then double disked it again, to open and fine the surface. No weeds were allowed to grow to rob the soil of its moisture and the surface was always kept loose to prevent loss by evaporation.

"In June the ground was plowed seven inches deep. Here we come to some important points that must be closely observed with reference to securing the proper physical condition of the soil. Having kept the surface loose to prevent evaporation, although there had been no rain for some time, and all soil not thus treated was dry and hard, this soil was moist and turned over in very nice condition. At noon the soil plowed during the forenoon was gone over with the sub-surface packer before the teams went to dinner. The soil, being simply moist, broke into small lumps as it was turned over and as the packer rolled over the ground the lower portion of the furrow was made still more fine and compact. The afternoon plowing was also gone over before leaving the field at night; then the entire day's work was harrowed in order that all surface clods might be made finer before they became dry and hard. From this time on to seeding time the surface was gone over after each rain with the Acme harrow, a tool that will cut about two inches into the firm, plowed soil and leave this portion light, loose and fine, all of which is necessary to form the most perfect mulch for protection.

"October 1, 1900, this was seeded to wheat with a shoe drill, using 45 pounds of seed an acre, putting the seed through the mulch and about one inch into the fine, firm, moist soil below. No further rains came last fall, consequently no further work was done. A remarkable fact was noted in the uniformity and quickness of germination. On the fourth day, as regular as the days came after the seed was put into the soil, the green spears could be seen the whole length of the rows. On the seventh day these first blades measured from three to four inches in height.

"The wheat stood very prolifically and when spring opened up the growth was early and rapid. It was gone over twice, about ten days apart, with the long toothed weeder, each time after a rain, to loosen the surface and destroy any small weeds that might have started. By this time the soil was entirely hidden from sight and thus protected by the foliage.

"It very soon became apparent that the wheat was too thick and when the crop reached the prolonged dry period, which lasted nearly through the entire month of May, it seemed as though it must suffer badly. Other fields not supplied with stored water and not half as thick began to lose their color and thin out, but this field kept on, matured its grain plump and of fine quality, and was ready for the harvester June 13 and

yielded over 40 bushels to the acre, more than double the average yield under the 'catch-as-catch-can' plan so common in the west. I believe if I had sown only 30 pounds of seed the crop would have been fully 50 bushels."

NECK STRETCHED AN INCH.

According to a Topeka Newspaper Engineer C. E. Biddison Must Have a Rubber Neck.

A writer on the Topeka Mail and Breeze was probably having a "breezy" time when the following was written:

"C. E. Biddison, a Rock Island engineer, of Goodland, was in Topeka last week to settle with the company for injuries received while in line of duty. Biddison had about the closest call to death that a man ever had to still live and tell the story. He was pulling a train and it went through a culvert near Clayton. The engine and 15 cars were piled up in a space of not two car lengths. When the wreck occurred something hit Biddison so hard on the back of the head that it split his lower jawbone in two right in the center. Blood poured from the roof of his mouth as if it were a sieve. His neck was stretched over an inch. Yet his spine was not broken nor his skull fractured. This is what makes the case so interesting, especially to surgeons. He was thrown about 15 feet from the wreck and lodged in the mud. After he recovered consciousness he walked five miles to reach a doctor."

IN JAIL FOR HORSE STEALING.

Fred Douglas, James Jones and Elmer Harrington, Young Men of Kanorado, Under Arrest at Burlington.

Fred Douglas, James Jones and Elmer Harrington, Jr., three young men of good families living near Kanorado, in Sherman county, are in jail at Burlington, Col., charged with horse stealing. On November 28 Douglas and Jones went over into Colorado and rounded up about 30 head of range horses and drove them east into Kansas. They took them to Russell Springs, Kas., and sold a good Norman mare quite cheap to a county official at that place. The horses were badly jaded and the man became suspicious and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Douglas and Jones. When placed in jail both confessed and also implicated Young Harrington.

Douglas and Jones consented to return without requisition papers and were taken to Burlington. Harrington was arrested later at home. All the stolen property was recovered, which with the fact that they have previously borne good reputations, will aid in making the punishment for their foolish act much lighter.

FOUR OF THE FAMILY DEAD.

Sad Misfortunes of the Metheny Family Since Leaving Goodland—Two Killed and Two Dead From Fever.

It is reported that the family of Mose Metheny, which left Goodland in October driving overland to join Mr. Matheny near Lawton, Ok., has been decimated since starting on their journey. Before reaching their destination one of their horses died and they secured another that was quite wild and hard to handle, and while attempting to harness the animal the two older boys, Harrison and Ode, aged about 13 and 11 years, were both dragged to death. Two other children, Kate and Arthur, aged about 4 and 6, were taken sick with fever and died, leaving only the mother and a baby, and a girl about 9, out of the seven that left to join the father and husband.

Firman Crist Kumm was summoned to Minneapolis, Minn., Tuesday by a telegram announcing the death of a sister. He left on No. 6 Wednesday morning.

Engineer H. Brosso and Fireman Sixty, of the Denver run, were here Friday for their engine which has been in the shops. They returned to their division Saturday.

Conductor William High, who has a passenger run between Pueblo and Phillipsburg, spent Friday in Goodland. He was lying over at Phillipsburg and came here for a day's visit.

The stand pipe has been connected with the water mains and the supply will now be used entirely from the stand pipe. It is understood that the wooden tanks will be taken down and placed elsewhere.

A pattern box car has been completed of the order of 100 that is soon to be built at the Horton shops. Work will begin in a short time on the new cars. Besides the box cars, there are 100 palace stock and 100 double-deck cars to be built as soon as the work can be done.—Horton Commercial.

Conductor George Copley has returned from a visit in Kansas City. He also made a trip to Dalhart, Tex., while away and found Charley Smith, formerly of this city, but now chief dispatcher for the Rock Island at that place, in high spirits. It is said Charley is in love—with the belle of Dalhart.

Engineers of all local freight trains and of the heavier switching locomotives over the entire Rock Island system had their wages materially increased December 1. The general adjustment committee, representing 571 engineers of the Rock Island road, has just finished a conference with the executive officers of the company, the result of which will be an adjustment of the wage schedule satisfactory to the employees. For years, it is claimed, the engineers of local freight trains and also those on switching engines on the Rock Island have been paid wages considerably below the standard of other lines.

MUST PAY THEIR HAIL LOSSES.

Webb McNeil Still After Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company.

Collected 75 Per Cent of a Sherman County Loss, But Wants It All—A Thousand Dollars in Losses Still Unpaid in Sherman County.

About a month ago Webb McNeil, of Gaylord, as attorney for J. B. Moore, of Sherman county, asked Superintendent of Insurance Church for an investigation of the affairs of the Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance association, of Topeka. Moore had insured his wheat crop last year with the company and sustained a loss, which was adjusted at \$78. The demands for the money, however, were met with refusal, the company claiming they had no money with which to pay losses. Then Moore put his case in the hands of Mr. McNeil, who asked for an investigation, and soon after the company paid \$57, or 75 per cent of the loss.

Mr. McNeil insists that Superintendent Church proceed with the investigation, and no doubt the remainder of Moore's claim will soon be paid. The Farmers' Mutual still owes at least \$1,000 to policy holders in Sherman county, which can be collected upon proper action being taken.

Mr. McNeil has gathered some interesting facts and comparisons concerning the dealings and duplicity practiced by the company. While writing to Moore that they had no available money with which to settle losses, at the same time their sworn statements to the insurance department showed nearly \$50,000 in available cash. An expense item in the statement showed \$1,783.83 paid out for interest, yet the amount of borrowed money was stated as only \$2,645.61, and Mr. McNeil says he would like to know what rate of interest the company pays.

The "Colored Set" Don't Count. Teddy Griffin, a hattermaker in the Rock Island shops at Goodland, was a dress suit in the Kansas City lottery. This will take the dress suit 100 miles further west in Kansas than one has ever been seen before; not counting the one that was received from the east when Kansas called for aid, something like a century ago.—Topeka Capital.

Outside of Topeka's "colored ten thousand," the dress suit is no more of a curiosity in Goodland than it is in Topeka.

RAILROAD SPIKES.

Engine 510 was turned out of the shops Saturday.

Fireman W. A. Frazer has been laying off owing to an illness.

Engine 545 will go into the shops this week for general overhaul.

Engine 589 will come out of the shop to day after having received general repairs.

Fireman Gus Kaulitz is on the Denver run in Fireman Crist Kumm's place.

Conductor H. K. Wheat has returned from a vacation which he spent in Nebraska.

Fireman Rosch won a \$200 dollar diamond in a raffle held at Colorado Springs recently.

Conductor S. B. Hubbard has returned from Palmyra, Wis., where he and Mrs. Hubbard were called by the death of a relative.

L. C. Smyth, a car inspector, who has been sick for a month, is able to be around again, although he has not recovered sufficiently so as to resume work.

Conductor Ed Denney went to Fairbury, Neb., Tuesday night, being called there by a telegram from his brother, C. H. Denney, an attorney of that place.

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DEATH FROM A HORSE'S KICK.

George Dillinger, Aged 16, Died in a Few Minutes After Being Kicked in the Stomach Wednesday.

George Dillinger, aged 16, was kicked by a horse Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at his home near Brewster and he died within a few minutes as a result of the injury.

The young man is a son of D. W. Dillinger, county commissioner of the Third district. He was attending the horses in the stable when one of the animals kicked him, the blow striking him in the stomach. As soon as he was carried to the house his father hurried to Goodland for medical aid, but the son passed away shortly after the father left home. Mr. Dillinger came to town and got Dr. Gulick and he did not know until he had reached home that his son was dead. Mr. Dillinger is one of the early residents and the son has spent nearly all his life in Sherman county.

The funeral will be held from the home to day.

School Land too Cheap. Some of the people in this section of the state are objecting to the law passed last winter by the legislature reducing the minimum price of school land from \$3 to \$1.25 an acre. Auditor of State George E. Cole has received a letter from J. J. Yandiss, of Hoxie, protesting against the sale of the land at the minimum price as he claims it is worth much more and that the school fund is practically being defrauded by its sale at that figure. Much of the school land is being rapidly sold in western Kansas at the price asked, for it is in many cases lower than the prevailing price of unimproved land in the same neighborhood.

Adams to Leave December 20. A. C. Adams, general foreman for the Rock Island at Goodland, who has been promoted to the position of master mechanic of the road at Chickasha, I. T., where extensive shop improvements will be made, has been notified to be ready to go and assume his new position about December 20. Mr. Adams' successor at this place has not been announced.

Notice. All school district No. 1 warrants, payable out of the teachers' and incidental funds will be paid upon presentation to the treasurer. Interest ceases after December 13, 1901.

W. S. COLEMAN, Treasurer School District No. 1.

Suspenders. Another fresh invoice of suspenders just in from the maker. This department is doing a good business. You must have new suspenders to secure best results. You get them at Millisack's.

Ankle Dislocated. J. W. Hall, a farmer living at Edson, received a dislocated ankle by having a horse fall with him while driving cattle to Goodland Wednesday. Dr. Smith attended the injured man.

Men's suits at \$5 to \$10 and \$10 to \$15 are as good values as you can buy anywhere. Come and take a look at them. The best dressed people are buying them every day.—C. M. Millisack.

Men's fancy shirts at Millisack's.

PERSONAL NOTES.

"Pete" Coffin returned to his home in Denver Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Handley has returned from a visit in Kansas City.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimes, who live near Muldrow, December 6.

Jacob Brooks, of Lawrence, state agent of the Niagara Insurance company, was in Goodland this week.

Miss Anna Kelly, of Trenton, Mo., is in town for a visit with her brother, J. W. Kelly, a locomotive fireman.

Henry Hartstine and John Hollingshead, of Kanorado, were in Goodland Tuesday evening to attend the L. O. O. F. lodge.

Arthur Connelly, of Thomas county, is here to spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. John Carden, of Voltaire township.

Louis Arenberg, of the Arenberg & Cullen drug store, is compelled to use crutches. He is suffering with a sprained knee.

Hoyt Andrews returned Saturday from a visit to his mother who lives in Tecumseh, Neb. He also made a business trip to Topeka.

Harry Irvin has gone to Colby where he will be employed on the Colby Free Press. He is a printer and is an nephew of Joe Waiters, of this city.

J. W. Kanouse and wife, who live near the Smoky, were in town Wednesday to transact some legal business with Judge Calvert. They transferred their interest in some Iowa property.

G. L. Calvert and M. D. Cuthbertson attended the Snyder public sale near Ruleton Tuesday. In driving home late in the evening they found it difficult to make out their way in the darkness.

Miss Myra Crosson, of Concordia, Kan., is the new bookkeeper in the Millisack store. Miss Mary Whipple, who has occupied the position the last three months, has returned to her home in Norton.

George Lawless, of St. Francis, editor of the St. Francis Eagle, was in the city Sunday. He brought his wife's parents here to take the train to Omaha where they will make an extended visit.

Martin L. Cannon, formerly of this place, has purchased 300 acres of land near Brewster, Kan., and has leased 3,000 acres in addition and will devote his entire time to cattle raising.—Smith Center Pioneer.

MET DEATH UNDER THE WHEELS

Carl Hamilton, a Brakeman, Fell From the Cars at Mattison, Col.

Was Going West on the Third Section of Freight No. 97 Sunday Morning—Body Taken to His Former Home at Rock Island, Ill., for Burial.

Carl Hamilton, a Rock Island brakeman of this city, fell from the top of the third section of freight No. 97 early last Sunday morning as the train was pulling into Mattison, Col., and was instantly killed. The train left here Saturday night about nine o'clock in charge of Conductor Wickersham.

None of the crew saw him fall and it will never be known how the accident occurred. Hamilton was head brakeman but was riding in the caboose when the engineer whistled for Mattison, and he started over the train of 11 cars, saying he would take water for the fireman. When the train stopped B. A. McAlister, the rear brakeman, left the caboose to look the train over. As he proceeded along the train at the third car from the engine he found his fellow trainmen under the last pair of trucks of the third car. He was lying on his back with head and shoulders outside the rails, and was crushed at the waist. The body was not mangled or his clothing torn. His watch had been smashed and stopped at 5:01 o'clock. The body was taken to Colorado Springs and prepared for shipment to Rock Island, Ill., where interment will be made and where his mother and two brothers reside.

The body went through Goodland Tuesday morning on No. 8, accompanied by a brother, B. Hamilton, and when the train reached Goodland he was joined by Ed Carmichael, an intimate friend of the dead man, who went as a representative of Tip Top lodge No. 396 B. of L. F., to attend the funeral.

Carl Hamilton was well and favorably known and he had a host of friends. He was a native of Rock Island, Ill., and was born 38 years ago. He came from a family of railroaders, his father being one of the early engineers of the Rock Island road. Besides his brother, Benton Hamilton, an engineer of this division, another brother, Allen Hamilton, is an engineer on the Illinois division. Carl spent his boyhood days in Rock Island and in 1883 he entered the employ of the Rock Island road as a fireman, doing his first work in this capacity for Engineer J. L. Boyle, of this city, on the Illinois division. In 1887 he came west and worked out of Horton for a time and when the Dodge City branch was built he fired the first engine to reach that town over Rock Island rails. Later he worked out of Herington and in 1893 he "traded off" with Fireman Thrall and came to Goodland. Several years later he was promoted to engineer but resigned before he had made a trip in that position. He then went to Galveston, Tex., where he ran a switch engine for some time and early last spring he returned to Goodland and obtained employment as a brakeman. Carl Hamilton was endowed with a jovial and pleasant disposition, and it created for him a popularity that few possess, and many can recall his familiar greeting of "old friend." To the older employes who have labored with him on this and other divisions of the road his death comes to them as taking one from the original ranks that came west when the great railroad system started to build across the plains. He was a member of Tip Top lodge No. 396 B. L. F. and carried \$1,500 insurance in that order. The lodge held a special meeting Sunday afternoon and elected Ed Carmichael as a delegate to attend the funeral. They also sent a large contribution of money to the local lodge at Rock Island for floral offerings.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Sadie Hulen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cullins, of Goodland, who died at Mexico, Mo., November 10, 1901.

There's a new made grave in the old churchyard.

Where the wintry night winds blow, There a dear heart is still laid in a coffin lid While hearts are bowed in bitter woe.

The sleeper pale has gone to rest, She was all our joy and pride, How hard to think we must still live on While she in her beauty died.

It is thus our lips breathe a weary moan And our eyes shed bitter tears, As we turn away from the new made grave And think of the coming years.

But to all whom she left on this lonely earth Life's journey will soon be o'er, The longest life is but a fleeting wave That breaks on eternity's shore.

—Mrs. L. D. Shaffer.

Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for in the Goodland post-office:

Tobey, W. Smith, Miss Effie Turner, M. V. Mills, Miss Lizzie Nevada, James Kromnick, Miss Millie Hockett, Bern Berry, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Bennett, Harry

When calling for same parties should say "advertised."

E. J. SCOTT, Postmaster.

The Weather.

From a misty cold day Monday, the weather brought a light snow Tuesday which continued up to Thursday noon.

Not more than an inch of snow fell and although the weather was cold the storm was accompanied by little wind.

Doll Sale.

The ladies of the Congregational church will have a sale of dressed dolls on Saturday, December 21.

FIKE NOW A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

Well-Known Railroad Commissioner Conferred by Columbia Commandery No. 38—Other Visiting Masons.

James N. Fike, of Colby, member of the state board of railroad commissioners, was conferred with the degree of Knight Templar at a meeting of Columbia Commandery No. 38 Monday night. Mr. Fike is also a member of the Goodland chapter.

Fred Robertson, of Atwood, county attorney of Rawlins county, F. E. Munger, a merchant of that place, and Fred Glover, a stock man of Rawlins county, and E. A. Winsell, of Sacramento, Cal., were visiting Masons who attended the ceremonies. After the conclusion of the initiation the Sir Knights partook of a splendid supper at the Herron restaurant. Those who ate supper were: W. Filer, E. F. Murphy, C. E. Swartz, F. E. Munger, A. F. Tapper, Fred Robertson, C. H. Albrecht, Fred Glover, P. J. McBride, J. N. Fike, J. W. Handley, B. F. Brown, T. P. Leonard, E. A. Winsell, J. P. Cullen.

Joe Morse Recovering from His Injuries.

Mrs. Morse received a letter Monday from her son, Joe Morse, formerly of this city, who is in the Santa Fe hospital at Los Angeles. The letter was written in his own handwriting, which shows that he is recovering somewhat from injuries he received in the head-end collision of passenger trains on the Santa Fe near The Needles. Mrs. Morse also received a letter from his wife, giving some of the details of the wreck and Conductor Morse's recollection of the terrible affair. Joe was on the engine when the collision occurred, having boarded the engine at the station where the orders were given. He was terribly bruised and scalded on the back. The physicians of the hospital think that they will have to graft skin upon his hip.

Church Announcement.

Rev. J. C. Anderson will hold services in the Episcopal mission house, Sunday morning and evening, December 15. Everyone cordially invited.

Ladies' Garments.

Women's and children's cloaks and capes are now on display and you are cordially invited to call and see them at Millisack's.

Meeting of the Round Table Club.

The next regular meeting of the Round Table club will be held on December 18 at the home of Mrs. Frank Dawson.

For latest styles and correct values in women's garments see Millisack's.

Go to Millisack's for any kind or style of work and dress gowns.

Holiday opening and display is now on at Millisack's.

See E. F. Brown for insurance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Wizard.

A piano to rent at Bower & Son's. The Wizard for anything and everything.

Eastbound freight traffic is quite brisk.

Holiday and Christmas goods at Millisack's.

Buy your coal of Wheatley at Scott's old stand.

Goodland is experiencing the first touch of winter.

The First National bank pays cash for school orders.

Another big invoice of men's suits just in at Millisack's.

Get your photographs at Kent's.—M. R. King, Photographer.

Lots and lots of nice useful articles for holidays at Millisack's.

H. F. Wheatley keeps all kinds of coal at Scott's old stand.

The First National bank pays face for county and township warrants.

The marriage of a well-known young couple will take place in a few days.

Miss Rose as an eclectician has few superiors; at opera house, December 20.

A party of young people gave a dance at the Commercial hotel Wednesday night.

If you can't push your fellowman up the hill, keep your hands off. He needs no help going the other way.

The Congregational church is being repaired within. The vestibule will be sheathed with beaded hard pine and the gables will be replastered.

J. G. Hamilton got a letter from his father, C. C. Hamilton who is at Mounds, Ind. Ter., which said that he was in the best of health, but some of the folks had had a touch of the ague, and that J. B. Penn had been sick ever since he has been there.

There was a birthday party at the home of J. G. Hamilton and wife in honor of their little daughter, Laurene, Monday. About 22 little folks assembled to celebrate the natal day of the little hostess who was five years old. The young people had a jolly good time.

John H. Funk, of Atlantic, Ia., is here for a visit with his brother-in-law, E. T. Winsell. Mr. Funk is a newspaper man and has been on the staff of the Daily Telegraph of Atlantic for several years. He has been at Fort Collins, Col., for the past three months but will return to Iowa in a few days.

Go away from home to learn the "news" item in Oberlin Times: "Several Sherman county farmers report the loss of a large number of turkeys the past week. One party lost 100 taken by some sneak thief. The thieves are operating on horseback and use a sack to carry away their plunder. A close watch is being kept by others who have turkeys."