

## A "SHERMAN COUNTY PICNIC."

Residents of Harper and Kingman Counties Who Were Early Settlers of Sherman County Hold Annual Reunion.

Harper, Kan., Jan. 2.—It has been the custom of the Sherman county people who live in this part of the country for several years to meet at some one of their homes each year on both Christmas and New Year's and have what we call a "Sherman county picnic," (the people here call us the "short grass" folks). This year we met at F. L. Meeker's Christmas and the dinner was grand and was done justice by all present, especially by those who claimed to be on the sampling committee. The wind blew quite raw, so the day was spent in-doors in social visiting.

New Year's we met at Joe Bennett's. The weather was one of southern Kansas' most perfect winter days and was spent in social conversation, reading the Goodland papers, music and out-door games. Mrs. Bennett has been in failing health for several months but is slowly improving at present.

When we meet we always have copies of the Goodland papers which are read and discussed by all present, for Sherman county and its people lie very near our hearts and this year our sympathy was moved for our former neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dilling, in their sad bereavement in the untimely death of their son.

The following people, formerly of Sherman county, were present at the reunion this year: Grandpa Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Meeker, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crist, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. Deatridge, Mr. and Mrs. Lute Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crist, Misses Edith Bennett, Myrtle Harris, Lois Harris, Grace Meeker, Ethel Meeker, Grace Bennett, Mr. A. J. Crist.—One Who Was There.

## President Palma and Cuba.

The unopposed election of Tomas Estrada Palma to be the first president of the new republic of Cuba presages well for the immediate future of the island nation. If his counsel be followed by his people, the new republic will undoubtedly enter upon an era of prosperity that will make it second to none of the minor American nations. He has a glorious opportunity before him, but he can not alone carve out the future—his people must aid him.

President-elect Palma represents to the highest degree the conservative, intelligent Latin-American. He was for war during all of the struggle with Spain because his patriotic heart bled for the sufferings of his down-trodden fellow Cubans. But he is not a military man. He does not believe in ruling by the sword and bayonet and he does not consider that the only government is the one of the army. On the exact contrary, he is pre-eminently a man of peace and all of his instincts are for progress through commercial lines. He will aim first to make close friends of the people of the United States and he will invite the development of his country in every way possible.

Cuba has a superb future if it will heed President Palma. No state in America, no nation in the civilized world has more undeveloped wealth. It needs peace and progressive energy for its welfare. But the world will doubt whether it will long have either unless its citizens be of different caliber from their brethren of South and Central America. The United States will, however, hope that all the world will be agreeably disappointed and that Cuba will soon become one of the brightest states in the galaxy of republics.—Denver Times.

## A Love Letter in Song.

The following letter was written to a couple of young ladies in Colby by a prominent young man of Goodland, in answer to a letter similar to the following but not quite so "warm":

"My Creole Bells: Down on the Wa bash, when the barret days are over, and the swallows homeward fly, gathering the myrtle with Mary in the street by and bye, in the green fields of Virginia, under the shadows of the pine, I wonder if she is waiting for the honey suckle and the bee. You asked me if I love you, who's little chocolate babe is 'oo,' tell me baby do, I'm tired don't put me off at Buffalo any more. Don't wear your heart on your sleeve, don't think I'm Irish because my suit is green. I don't care what happens to me now, there's only one and that ain't you, there are others, you'll never know, after all. Are you a buffalo, tell me sweetheart do, for old times sake, every body wondered how he knew, my subearms from the south, don't be cross, for I love you in the same old way. I don't like that face you wear, if you only had wind you could blow, take your clothes and go, for a living easy I'm going to live any-how till I die, for I am the fortune teller man, all birds look like chickens to me. I guess that will hold you for awhile.—Your Because, Whistling Rufus."

## Notice to School District Treasurers.

There is quite a large amount of money in the treasury to the credit of the various school districts of the county. Now is the time for the district treasurer to draw.

I. WARNER, County Treasurer.

## FOUND FOR THE PLAINTIFF.

William Walker, Sr., Replevin Cattle Taken Up By Ben Jayne for Damage to Wheat Crop.

A replevin case was tried before Justice Cuthbertson Monday afternoon. The case was William Walker, Sr., against Ben Jayne, for the recovery of stock taken up on account of damage to growing wheat.

The suit was by jury trial, W. R. Heron, Hugh Elliott, C. W. Jupe, Newton Krow, A. Fiedelius and E. L. Blodgett being chosen in the case. E. F. Murphy was attorney for the plaintiff and G. L. Culvert for the defendant. After the hearing of the testimony Attorney Murphy filed a demurrer to the evidence, alleging that no damage had been shown amounting to or exceeding the tender of \$5 made by Walker to Jayne; that ownership of the land on which trespass was claimed had not been proven; that the establishment of the herd law by action of the board of county commissioners had not been shown; and, therefore, asked the court to instruct the jury to find for the plaintiff. The court took an hour to consider the questions filed in the demurrer. After due consideration of the case the court sustained the demurrer and the jury found for the plaintiff, William Walker, Sr. The costs were assessed to the defendant, Ben Jayne.

## THE PEOPLE OF MARS.

New Convert to Theory That Planet Is Inhabited—Says Communication Is Impossible.

Prof. Samuel A. Harker, occupying the chair of mathematics and astronomy in the University of Indianapolis, lately gave out a statement that he is a convert to the theories advanced by Sir Robert Ball, Garrett Serviss and others, that the planet Mars is inhabited, and that its people are exceedingly intelligent and enterprising, but it is impossible to communicate with them.

Prof. Harker further says, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer, that "the Martians are a people of stupendous power and wonderful engineering skill. Were it possible to signal them, there is little doubt that they would understand and reply, as they are a race of enormous brain development."

Prof. Harker further adds that in all of the thousands of years of the earth's history its people have not succeeded in changing the face of the planet to any such extent as the people of Mars have changed theirs, but he sees no way of signaling to them. He does not take kindly to the theory advanced by Teala, of electric signals conveyed through the ether, as Prof. Harker believes it is impossible to develop the requisite energy to transmit the waves so far.

## THE ORIGINAL JUDGE LYNCH.

No One Condemned Lawlessness More Heartily Than He—Strange Prent of Tradition.

Tradition sometimes plays strange pranks with dead men's reputations, says Thomas Walker Page in Atlantic. It would make an interesting half hour for the eavesdropper beyond the Styx, if he could hear the exchange of amenities between Duns Scotus and "Judge" Lynch—the one a shrewd, clear reasoner, whose name now signifies a fool; the other, a simple Quaker gentleman, whose name has come to stand for organized savagery. Charles Lynch was a man whose services to his country as a brave pioneer and righteous judge, as a soldier and a statesman, are by no means deserving of oblivion, still less of obloquy. It seems, indeed, one of the inequities of fate that his name should now be universally applied to proceedings that no one would condemn more heartily than he. The records of the court of Bedford county, in Virginia, and those of various Quaker meetings, the journals of the Virginia house of burgesses and of the first constitutional convention, taken together with family documents and traditions, show him to have been an upright and useful member of society and a wise and energetic leader at the most important crisis of American history.

## Cheap Railroad Fare.

India is the land of cheap railway traveling. The returns of the East India railway show that in 12 months 15,000,000 passengers used the line and that of these 17,000,000 traveled third or lowest class. The cost of carrying was one-eighteenth of a penny per mile, and the charge to the passengers was a little more than one farthing. Great as is the difference between the cost of transit by this line and parliamentary or even workmen's rates, the comparison between incomes in India and Great Britain is still greater. The average monthly income of the former in shillings corresponds with the number of pounds earned by the latter in a like period.

## Petrified Fruit in Coal.

Petrified tropical fruits have been found in coal from Spitzbergen, the island group in the Arctic ocean, midway between Greenland and Nova Zembla.

## A Lady

Came into our store and said: "I am going to take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for my cold. It kept us free all winter from every kind of cold. It is a great remedy and a perfect laxative." Sold by W. Ennis.

## FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

Grant Snapshots.

As the weather was threatening last Friday night only a small crowd met at Grant Center for the purpose of organizing a literary. Arlie Crookford was chosen temporary chairman and James Phillips, secretary. Officers were elected as follows: Arlie Crookford, president; Raleigh McCall, vice president; James Phillips, secretary; Bill Smith, assistant secretary; Jay Shipman, treasurer. The society meets on Friday nights. Question for discussion Friday night, "That man will go farther for the love of woman than for the love of gold."

Roll McCall has a new girl.

Funny incidents will occur. One occurred last week when the editor mistook the other scribe's items for ours. He made the other fellow's jokes revert upon himself while at the same time it made it appear as though we were trying to "spring" one on ourself. Sign some fictitious name to your items, Jim, then this "conglomerated confusion" will not take place.

The board of directors of the Rhine Dairy association met at Mr. Crookford's Tuesday night of last week. A dividend of \$1 per share was declared leaving a neat sum in the treasury, after necessary expenses were paid. This is not so bad, as only seven months' rental has been received, December rent not being due until 15th of this month. When we take into consideration the one cent per 100 pounds of milk for skimming same by being a stockholder, it is a paying investment. The greater the amount of milk furnished by the patron the greater will be the amount derived from this source.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Rhine Dairy association will take place at the Star school house Monday night, January 13, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and to transact other business.

It is reported Elmer Stevens has been suffering with an attack of tonillitis.

John Hobbs attended the dinner given in the northwest part of the county in honor of John Garhart last Sunday.

We are informed a young couple of Grant township hied away to Colorado and were married during the holidays. Mr. Clark has been assisting Cal Albertson in gathering his corn.

Will Hobbs delivered logs in Goodland first of the week.—Scribbler.

Grant.

Jim Amos spent Sunday with Ed Phillips.

Arly Kaiser is the happiest man in Grant. It is a boy.

Our items were called "snap shots" last week. We don't know why this was.

This is the last week of school at New Liberty. Miss Ezra Van Winkle has taught a very successful term of school. She will teach a short term in the Kimmel district which will commence soon.

Roll McCall visited Belview school last week.

County Superintendent Reed visited New Liberty school last Friday.

Mr. Bush returned to his home in eastern Nebraska last week.

A literary was organized at Grant Center Friday night. Only a small number of persons were present. The young men sang a few songs.

Resolved, That man will go farther for the love of woman than for the love of money. Can't you come out and give us a view points?

The boys of Grant Center school better watch out. Mr. Shipman has a new rifle that will shoot through a tin can.

A little moisture would be good for the winter wheat.

Roll McCall visited at Fred Hard's Sunday.

Northfield.

A. H. McCall has finished threshing in this neighborhood this winter.

C. C. Tovea, of Enid, Ok., is visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity.

A. H. McCall and Dan Eicher, of Thomas county, made a trip to Brewster in western Kansas.

Mrs. M. Johnson and daughter have returned to Colby again.

The school in district No. 23 closed Friday. Miss Stella Fortmeyer, the teacher, returned to her home Saturday.

Sunday school at Prairie Gem has been changed to ten o'clock in the morning, and prayer meeting in the evening.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Grace Butler are on the sick list.

Mr. Highland is going to move into his new house on the Gilbert place this week.

William Fortmeyer, of Grant township, came after his daughter, Miss Stella Fortmeyer, last Friday, who has been teaching school at this place.

Alva Entwiler, of Brewster, was in this vicinity last Thursday.

J. W. Johnson has threshed his cane. The school taught here by Jinks Austin reopened Monday after two weeks' vacation.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

Tone Wilson, the Colby lawyer, was in town this week.

G. G. Guthrie, of Norton, was in Goodland Saturday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reed Monday.

Dr. V. C. Eddy, of Colby, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Mrs. C. E. McCaslin has returned from a visit in the east.

Robert Lenon has returned from an absence in Colorado Springs.

Bruce Niles, of Denver, formerly of this city, was in town this week.

A. L. Collins left Wednesday night for a business trip to Kansas City.

Miss Maggie Seaman has returned from an extended visit in Burlington, Col.

George Bradley was at Norton Monday to act as auctioneer of a cattle sale.

Frank Dawson left Saturday night for a business trip to Belle Plaine, Kan.

Miss Loy Vogel, of Colby, is in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. J. Collins.

The city school reopened Monday after two weeks' vacation for the holidays.

Sterle Hulen, of Mexico, Mo., is in the city for a visit with the Collins family.

Mrs. J. M. Rice has gone to Dennis, Kan., called there by the illness of a relative.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet with Mrs. O. C. Dawson Friday afternoon at 2:30.

A. D. Rogers, of Burlington, Col., was here this week to buy heavy work horses for market.

Mrs. C. W. Jupe has returned from a visit to her father, John Mercer, who lives at Agra, Kan.

Harry Irvine, of Colby, spent Sunday in the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watters.

H. K. Peckham, of Smyrna, N. Y., was in Goodland this week. He owns land in this county.

Frank Mann, Andy Eichel and George Penfold, of Burlington, Col., were in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. N. P. Matlock returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in Kansas City.

An awning has been erected in front of the Stewart & Phillips building at Ninth and Boulevard.

The next regular meeting of the Round Table club will be held at the home of Mrs. R. L. Ernst.

Mrs. W. M. Blodgett returned from Colorado Springs last week where she has been several months.

W. F. McCre, of Colby, manager of the Eastern Lumber company at that place, was in town Saturday.

William Jupe has relinquished the job of carrying the mail to Charlotte and H. N. Sebel has the contract.

Thomas Seaman, of Burlington, Col., was a visitor in the city this week. He is a brother of the Misses Seaman.

Mrs. Walter Capehart, of Kansas City, is in town for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collins.

G. R. Bumgardner and Ben Jayne returned Saturday from Topeka where they served as jurors in the federal court.

H. H. Auer & Son finished filling their ice house Wednesday. They have put up 100 tons, which was taken from the Smoky.

Mrs. Rachel Montgomery left yesterday for Denver where she will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Montgomery.

Miss Nellie Usher left this morning for her home in Mason City, Ia., after a brief visit with relatives and friends in Goodland.

William Crawford, owner of the Lancaster ranch, left Saturday for Kansas City where he is thinking of locating permanently.

Mrs. J. T. Joyce and mother, Mrs. Tully, arrived here from Pueblo Wednesday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Powers.

The Italian climate doesn't compare in any particular to the warm sunshine days that are now being experienced in western Kansas.

Miss Edna Swartz, who has been spending the holiday vacation with her parents, returned Tuesday to her studies at Bethany college, Topeka.

P. H. and John F. Slane, of Dixon, Ill., are at the Commercial hotel. They are brothers and the former is an invalid and is stopping here for his health.

Charles Johnson, of Oskaloosa, Ia., was in the city this week. He is here to buy stock which he will ship to Iowa. He is a boyhood acquaintance of R. A. Kent.

G. H. Rice, of Kansas City, Kan., who removed to that place from Goodland several months ago, is in town. He is not satisfied there and is looking for a new location.

Herbert Stewart returned to Salina Tuesday where he will resume his studies at the Kansas Wesleyan university after spending the holiday vacation in Goodland.

H. A. Bowman has returned from a business trip to Kansas City and other eastern markets where he bought an up-to-date line of goods for the Goodland Mercantile company.

William Sexson and family, of Grant township, were in town Saturday and Sunday the guest of Albert Reed and family. Mr. Reed formerly lived in the country and was a near neighbor of Mr. Sexson.

Herman Tipton has resigned his position with the Millisack store and has taken a position with the Wood Mercantile company, of Manokato, Kan. He will continue to make Goodland his home for the present.

Miss Bessie Gillian, a niece of Mrs. C. H. Lee, of this city, and who spent several weeks here last summer, passed through here on the evening train Tuesday en route to her home in Missouri. She has been at Colorado Springs.

## RAILROAD SPIKES.

Freight business is a little slack at present.

Engine 408 is in the shop for light overhaul.

Fireman M. V. Ryan has returned from a visit to his former home in Adair, Ia.

Fireman E. S. Derby left last night for a visit in Lincoln and other points in Nebraska.

Machinist Nick Scallion and "Dad" Barnett, of the tool room, are off duty owing to illness.

Division Superintendent F. C. Smith was here Wednesday looking after matters connected with his office.

William H. Wille, of Holton, Kan., is here visiting his son, Luther Willie, who is a brakeman on the Rock Island.

The machinery, lathes, planers, drills, etc., in the machine shop, has been repainted green, with black trimmings.

Conductor Ed Denney is on passenger, Nos. 9 and 10, relieving one of the regular conductors who is taking a vacation.

C. F. Smith will return to Dalhart, Tex., to-morrow where he is chief dispatcher for the Rock Island. He has been here for a week for a visit with friends.

Conductor J. N. Hazelbaker, of Nos. 9 and 10 between Pueblo and Phillipsburg, was here Monday. He was laying over at Phillipsburg and came here on a business mission.

Eight cars of ice were received here Wednesday for the ice house. They were left over after filling the Belleville ice house. Almene ice will be used to fill the house.

The large engines doing work on freight runs which have recently been brought here are 810, 814, 823 and 845. The light engines sent away were 467 and 490. They were sent to Fairbury.

Engineer C. E. Biddison resumed work Monday, making his first trip since he was in the Clayton wreck September 7 last. He is on passenger trains Nos. 9 and 10 between Goodland and Phillipsburg and has the same engine, 911, which was in the derailment and in which Biddison received injuries which laid him up since that time.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Wizard.

See B. F. Brown for insurance.

Millisack's for everything—1902.

Men's fancy shirts at Millisack's.

A piano to rent at Bower & Son's.

Girl wanted. Inquire at Hotel Ingersoll.

Millisack's for everything throughout 1902.

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

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

Men's hats in the latest spring styles are now in at Millisack's.

For Trade—40 head of heifers for steers.—William Walker, Jr.

Cane seed wanted; will buy two carloads.—William Walker, Jr.

School and county warrants wanted for cash or trade.—Millisack.

William H. Male lands for sale or lease.—Thos. P. Leonard, Agent.

The latest spring styles in men's hats just received at Millisack's.

Lennox, Canon City and hard coal at the Scott yard. H. F. Wheatley.

For Rent—Two furnished rooms to rent. Inquire at The Republic office.

Taken Up—Red steer, about three years old.—J. W. Vogan, Edson, Kan.

For sale or lease, Smith Bros. Loan & Trust Co. lands.—Thos. P. Leonard.

Millisack's clothing department is now being replenished with new spring suits.

Don't pass the Wizard's clothing department. There is good meat there for you.

The Wizard is looking after the grocery department. Come and see how he does it.

Men's duck coats and underwear—a good assortment at right prices.—C. M. Millisack.

The biggest stock in the west of all needful kinds of cold weather goods at Millisack's.

Men's odd pants, the biggest line in western Kansas. Good values at \$1 to \$6 per pair at Millisack's.

I have for sale or lease the McKinley & Lanning and the Equitable Land Co. lands.—Thos. P. Leonard.

The largest stock, the best and noblest clothing coming in that we have ever shown before.—Millisack.

If you want to suspend or if you don't want to suspend, buy a pair of new suspenders at Millisack's.

The Wizard's grocery department is your savings bank, the continuous small savings accruing daily.

Millisack's clothing department will this year interest you more than ever. Call at any time and look through.

One hundred head of cattle to let out for the winter; prefer to let them out \$5 head in a bunch.—S. H. Vassar.

We aim to regulate our business so that it will be useful to the customer because that establishes mutual benefits.—Millisack.

Lost—Bunch of keys, about December 30, in post office; one of the keys was for letter box. Finder please leave with postmaster.

For Sale—A few yearling high grade Shorthorn and Hereford bulls, choice of our herd. Apply at Chandler Bros. ranch, 20 miles southeast Goodland.

Remember in "ye olden days" when the Wizard was around the grocery department it never lacked for life and economical interests for you. He is always in the lead with lowest prices.

All diseases start in the bowels, keep them open or you will be sick. CASCARETS act like nature. Keep liver and bowels active without a sickening griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend CASCARETS. Try a 10c box. All druggists.

## ENGINEERS WILL DANCE.

They Will Give a Big Ball in the Opera House February 10—Music From Colorado Springs.

Invitations will be out in about a week for a big ball at the opera house to be given by Goodland Division No. 422, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, on the evening of Monday, February 10. The engineers decided to give the ball at a meeting held Wednesday afternoon.

This will be the engineers fifth annual ball, and the feat will no doubt eclipse all past efforts, as they invariably make each succeeding ball eclipse the preceding one. Anyway it is certain that those attending will be royally entertained. The Midland orchestra, of Colorado Springs, will furnish the music.

## WILL PASS BY KANSAS CITY.

The Rock Island Planning to Run Its Through Trains by the Way of St. Joseph.

Plans for the new bridge across the Missouri river at St. Joseph, for the construction of which the Rock Island railroad is endeavoring to secure congressional consent, have been sent to Washington. It is the intention of the Rock Island to route most of its Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and other southwestern business through St. Joseph. The plans call for the construction of one of the finest railway bridges that cross the Missouri river, with a double track railway, and built according to the latest improved methods of engineering. Attorneys for the Rock Island will urge before the congressional committee the necessity of the bridge. They will present data to show that the present bridge, owned by the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad, is not of sufficient capacity to accommodate the business of the roads using it.

The construction of the St. Joseph draw-bridge across the Missouri river will give the Rock Island its own tracks across the river and save it some of the heavy tolls exacted for those privileges at Kansas City.

The Rock Island is now figuring to terminate its contract for the use of the Burlington tracks from Cameron to Kansas City. It may build a line of its own from Platte City or use the Kansas City Northern Connecting tracks and the Bates bridge when it is finished. The building of the bridge at St. Joseph will mean that St. Joseph and not Kansas City will be on the main line of the Rock Island.

Notes of Society.

Miss Lulu Auer entertained a few friends at supper last Friday for Miss Nellie Usher. Guests were Misses Ray Thorson, Myrtle Critchfield, Nellie Usher; Messrs. C. F. Smith, George Copley, W. M. Mathis, Ernest Stewart.

A popular conductor on the Rock Island is quietly announcing to intimate friends his engagement to a prominent society lady of Goodland. The wedding will take place at Easter and will be a brilliant affair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beunie gave a dinner to a few friends Tuesday evening at six o'clock.

Mrs. Earl White gave a tea Tuesday for Miss Nellie Usher, of Mason City, Iowa.

Mr. George Copley entertained a number of gentlemen at an elaborate six o'clock dinner at Hartman's Monday evening. The affair was in honor of Mr. C. F. Smith. The guests were Mr. W. A. Young, Mr. Richard Auer, Mr. J. P. Cullen, Mr. J. D. Boyle, Mr. C. F. Smith.

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith entertained a few friends informally Wednesday evening. Duplicate supper was played, and an elegant supper served at 11 o'clock.

Miss Myrtle Critchfield entertained a small dinner party Wednesday evening.