

VALLEY CENTER.

To the Editor of the Eagle: In your issue of June 21st, I find the following: "The Methodists of all branches in the Kansas territory number about 4,000,000, while the Presbyterians of all kinds number about 3,000,000, and the Baptists of all kinds number about 2,000,000."

HIGH TREASON.

Topeka, the capital of the State, the place of the Supreme Bench, the station where the states are enacted and affirmed, and in a high state of treason. Following the common law to enforce the prohibitory law by a proceeding of quo warranto, brought the mayor before the supreme court for a declaration of duty, and violation of his solemn oath of office. That radical step being found not well taken, the mayor taking the whole matter into their Honors was next tried. In the interim a mass meeting of leading tax-payers was held which resolved, among other things, that the proslavery law should be repealed. Following all this, and in face of the fever heat into which the situation had been innocently worked by the Capital and Commonwealth, the board of county commissioners, last Saturday, resolved that the expenses of prosecuting violators of the prohibitory law were too great, and that the county attorney had better turn his attention to something cheaper, unless complaining witnesses showed a willingness to pay up. This is a very important spirit of treason rages rampant through the thoroughfares of our fair capital.

FORMERLY OF KANSAS.

Dr. Barrows, the great Chicago divine, who rivals Swigg in vulgar imagery and Thomas in warmth of expression, but who is neither so good nor so bad as a "former of Kansas" boy. With his father, mother and two brothers he lived on the Morris place, five miles from the station that is "A. F. crosses that stream. John H. was a live boy of concentrated New England extraction. His father had a brother named Walter who, if he lives, ought to be a bishop, or something of that order, for he was the most spiritual young man with whom we were acquainted. His face was strikingly of a high order of spirituality, his great broad white forehead, large liquid eyes and light wavy hair being notable features. He was the "big" and "big" of the district for his part helped to get him on the track for representation of public instruction of Otago county. One of the arguments used by the opposition against him was that he was a direct descendant of the witch burners of Salem, to which fact he alluded in his wonderful historical sermon at the first Presbyterian Church, last Sunday week, in Chicago. The father and all three of his boys preached and the mother and sister were teachers. John H. once got up a lecture entitled the "Scottish-South Sea Outlier," in which the trials and triumphs of the great geologist were brought out admirably and which was otherwise replete with beauty and instruction.

NOBODY DOES.

The Commonwealth is very materially enlarged and put into a new dress. It is extremely metropolitan, but its projectors made a great mistake in making a quarto of it. In the shape of a ten column folio it would have laid it over any day in the west, but now the Capital and a dozen other papers are of the same size and make up and strip, nobody ever looks at a quarto daily unless invited to do so by some local or editorial note.

SOLID BASES.

The Leavenworth Times, in speaking of the leading papers of the State, remarks that it means a great deal to a country paper when it gets for once along with it "will take no one into account on solid lands." In other words such an announcement means the possession of a power press. The Eagle, while it has the modern press and fast ones, has never admitted any advertising cuts to its columns, solid bases or otherwise. The Times will accept our acknowledgments for its handsome words of the EAGLE.

W. W. FAGAN.

W. W. Fagan, formerly assistant superintendent of the Santa Fe and who, with the people, was one of the most popular officials the road ever had, has been for some time superintendent of the Central Branch U. P. from Atchison, which is a part of the Missouri Pacific system. Last week the Kansas City and Omaha Division was also put under his management, making six hundred and twenty-three miles of road with headquarters at Atchison, upon the occasion of which deserved commendation the leading citizens of Atchison, headed by Senator Ingals and Governor Glick, tendered him a public reception and banquet. Fagan, like nearly all great and practical railroad men, started out as a boy, commencing as fireman, when a boy of sixteen, for his father, who was an engineer on the C. & C. R. R. He had hoped he would be called back to the Santa Fe, but we send our congratulations all the same.

ALL RIGHT.

We print the following as a "pointer" for the editor of the Wichita Eagle: "Ben Deering is editor of a newspaper and pastor of a church at Carthage, Missouri, manages another newspaper and preaches for another church at Carthage, has still another church at Webb City, and is now leading a camp-meeting by way of recreation. Benjamin is from Kentucky and is a Hardshell Baptist." Our heart's desire is that the editor of the EAGLE should reform before it is overhauled too late. How much he would be for him to quit hounding so much about Wichita and Sedgewick counties to stop stealing editorial from the Ave and other good papers, and go to preaching and holding camp-meetings about the country than to pursue his present wild and headstrong course. Let him consider well the example of Ben Deering and come to a decision to do better at once.—Emporia News.

ARCHBISHOP PURCELL.

This prominent Catholic priest died at St. Martins, near Cincinnati, on the 4th. The following obituary is telegraphed: "John Baptist Purcell was born in Malton, England, February 28th, 1818, and died at the age of 65 years, 4 months and 6 days. He came to America when very young, and received his early theological education at Mount St. Mary's college, Emmetsburg, Md., completing his course at St. Sulpice, Paris. He was ordained priest in Paris in 1838. On his return to America he taught theology at Mount St. Mary's, and became president of that college in 1858. He was appointed bishop in Cincinnati in 1858. He founded many important institutions in the State of Ohio. He was created archbishop in 1860. In 1869 he attended the council of the Vatican and voted against the opportunistic declaration of papal infallibility. He held two notable public discussions with notable exponents of other beliefs, and published a pamphlet on "Ages of Faith" and other similar works. He was a most learned prelate, beloved of all who knew him.

AN AGRICULTURAL STATE.

Kansas is one of the most essentially agricultural States that are on the whole earth, and if any one doubts the ability of a purely agricultural people to rise to the very highest prosperity, redemptive and culture by agriculture alone, he need only come to this beautiful State, to have all these doubts removed. Here are a million of people who have made a fortune out of agriculture in manufacturing. Only think of it. The value of the property in Kansas is \$300,000,000, more than \$500 million for every man, woman and child in the State. They have a cow to every two persons, and of other cattle they have an equal amount. They have six bearing apple trees, six peach trees, and of cherries and plums one million. Of winter wheat for 1882, they have 100 bushels apiece; of corn, 25; of Irish potatoes five bushels, and they had six million of sorghum to each person and produced it all. There are there other good crops? Was there ever on the face of the earth in one community a million of people so well off. And all this has been done with half the time that it takes in other States.

A LETTER FROM OLD MEXICO.

Mr. W. O. Hammond's brother-in-law, Jose Lyman, who is in the employ of the Mexican Central Railway Company, writes from the Perote, Central Mexico, under date of May 30th: "Well, I am here running on the Mexican Central railroad, and have a very nice run. It says \$125 in Mexican money, a 10-cent rate, but don't like the people and the Mexicans are down on the American people. We have had a strike around town much at night."

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