The Eagle

M. M. MURDOCK, Editor.

WICHITA, KAN., MAY 1, 1885.

A carload of horses and mules were received at the Emporia Avenue livery stables yesterday.

Mr. Bergman, of Cheney, was in the city yesterday, and, being a reader of the DAILY EAGLE, called up to get acquainted.

Dr. Krohn, of Topeka, will address the people of Wichita and Sedgwick county, on the subject of prohibition, Thursday, May 7, at 2 p. m. and at night at the opera house.

The order of the knights of the Red Cross, of which Miss De Mott is head centre, is said to be becoming very popular. The real estate men are said to be mashed on it, and many others are said to be friendly to it.

Both the Roberts brothers, the proprietors of the new Manhattan hotel, are here now and busily engaged fitting up their house. The one just arrived from New York is much pleased with the town.

The committee from the Garfield post Grand Army of the Republic purchased the ground on which stands Bonner's stables for the purpose of erecting their hall building. The deed was placed in escrow yesterday and the consideration was $2,700.

The Democratic central committee did a very commendable act yesterday. They had a surplus of $50 campaign fund on hand, and Chairman Derby sent it to the widow of the late engineer, McDaniel, drowned in the Ninnescah.

J. D. Kenworthy travelling auditor of the Santa Fe and Wichita and Western systems and J. D. McMurray travelling auditor of the Frisco were in the city yesterday looking over the accounts of their respective roads which they found all O. K.

M. W. Dewing lost on Tuesday in this city a morocco pocket-book containing two ten dollar bills, two five dollar bills and a one dollar bill, together with an Odd Fellow's receipt for dues and a horse note on W. W. Haine. A liberal reward will be given for its return to Mr. D., or to this office.

The department commander, Col. M. Stewart, and Col. Hank Heiserman, post commandant of the Grand Army organization of this city will leave to-day for Mount Hope. These officers will organize an encampment of the order at Mount Hope, where a large number of ex-union soldiers reside.

Joseph Cook will appear before one of the most intelligent audiences ever assembled in this city. His lectures on biology, and his written works are among the finest productions of the age. He is simply a man of great intellectual force, and cannot fail to entertain the most cultured and thoughtful audiences.

Cheney Lodge No. 254 I. O. O. F. instituted in this town but two weeks ago, is adding to its membership rapidly—work in the degrees nightly. The roster of membership includes the names of the best citizens, and bids fair in the near future to rival the sister lodges at Wichita and Kingman. Noble Grand P. D. Tull makes a very efficient presiding officer. More anon.

E. Dumont, the architect, has been holding up his head rather high these two days past. The reason is, he had a birthday party at his house on Sunday evening, and among the arrivals was a little light weight draughtsman, who, like the late Ben Hill, has come to stay in his father's house.

Captain N. S. Arnold, the county treasurer of Kingman county, and recognized as one of the solid business men of the southwest, whose integrity and honesty of purpose are never questioned, brightened up the busy environments of the bird with his smile and presence yesterday morning.

Dr. Andrews has returned from a week's trip to his old home in Creston, Iowa. He is glad to get back to the city of his adoption, which, in his opinion, is incomparably superior to Creston. The Dr. can be found at his office, in Ferrell's block opposite the postoffice, where he will be happy to see his old patients, and as many new ones as may favor him with a call.

Winfield News: Rev. Kelly read to his congregation yesterday a clause from the Methodist Episcopal Discipline, which provides for the "treatment" of those members who buy, sell or manufacture any intoxicating liquors, or who sign a petition, or go on a bond, or rent buildings for anyone else who engages in that business. It is pretty strong, and Bro. Kelly admonished his brethren to keep aloof from all such things.

As an evidence of the continued prosperity of West Wichita, investments in lots are steadily progressing. Mr. Seaman sold for Robert Lawrence one of his Seneca street lots for $500 yesterday. There are in course of construction and recently finished altogether about seventy houses on that side. Amongst the former is Mr. Peckham's residence on Seneca street, which, when finished, will be a model of convenience, and will cost in the neighborhood of $2,000.

Yesterday both ends of the footway on the Arkansas bridge were found securely debarred from pedestrians by a strong timber nailed across each end. Upon further investigation it was found that one of the projecting supports of the floor joists near the east bank had given way and the floor much sunken from its true level. This ought to be repaired at the earliest opportunity, as it is economy of money, and possibly of life and limb.

The Exton elevator was built about eight years ago, at a cost of seven thousand dollars. Since then the additions of corn elevator and mill for manufacturing meal cost three thousand. The elevator has never been shut down, except for repairs, since first built, and its total loss can only be attributed to the want of sufficient water present at the early stage of the fire.

JOHN EXTON.

Having retired from the grocery business in Wichita, we wish to tender our thanks to our friends for the liberal patronage we have received during our eight years experience in business and we take pleasure in commending our successors, Messrs. Niederlander & Co., as worthy of a continuance of favors, knowing them to be competant to conduct a first-class business.

POLLOCK & FEARCE.

Mr. Thomas Donahoe, of Belle Plaine, one of her oldest, most honored and substantial citizens, came up by last evening's express from the south, accompanied by his wife, both honoring us with a call. Thomas to refer to old times and Mrs. D., who is a very sprightly and intelligent lady, to get acquainted with the editor of the EAGLE and to see to the binding of her Century magazine. We hope to see Mr. and Mrs. D. in our city often.

Mr. John A. Williams died at 11 o'clock night before last, at his home in this city, and was buried yesterday afternoon. This is the third and last brother of three who have died within eight months in this city. George died from a hurt received by the cars at Derby, while William B., one of the oldest and most respected of our citizens, died of a malarial attack only a few weeks after. Now the third and last brother gives over the struggle of this life for the untried and unknown of the future. It seems almost akin to fatality. The last brother was in his forty-ninth year, and died of lead poison.

Yesterday a reporter of the EAGLE sauntered into a group of citizens on the east end of the Arkansas river bridge and found them vigorously discussing the question of narrowing the river at that point. One man, an old resident, used language too vigorous for ears polite whilst describing the natural trend of the river versus the constrained one. He showed that one entire span at each end of the bridge had been converted into the most unwashable of land and that the channel between was full and deep. Another, a physician, wondered that the city government had never got control of of this garbage deposit. An overflow was predicted from both rivers if they should get on a rise at the same time. At last a gentleman, an authority on hydraulics, soap suds and dirty linen, said that there was more wonders on the inside of the average city government than had been dreamed of, in this group's philosophy. Little did they reck that there was a chel among them a taken notes.

SUDDEN—SAD.

Mr. Samuel Winch, of this city, received a telegram Saturday from Ashton, Kingman county, announcing the death of his mother at her home the night before. The first train carried him and Mr. Husey out to the house of mourning. The death was a singular and touching one. Mrs. Winch, who has been a true Christian mother, had been in her usual health, and on Friday in particular, bright and happy. At nightfall, after kneeling at her bedside and offering up her evening devotions, she lay down. Spending a time in pleasant conversation with her husband in a few moments he heard her gasp once or twice. Remarking to her, "Are you sick p and dreaming already," and receiving no answer, he became alarmed and in a moment discovered that she had ceased to breathe. For a long time they worked with her, not convinced that she could be dead, but alas, the soul of the gentle wife and fond mother had taken its everlasting flight from the sure breast to which so many head- of loving children had been pressed. Frederiks Winch, in the fifty-two years of her life, had raised eight children, all but one of whom have reached the estate of manhood and womanhood, and all of whom she had gently nurtured in that warm, unfaltering love which only a tender mother bears. Earth holds no symbol of that changeless flame, but the shadow of death's chill wing fell across her earthly path, her work was finished and in that last prayer in the quiet peace of an expiring zephyr her pure spirit was released for its heavenly flight. That her children loved, almost worshiped, their now sainted mother we have evidence sufficient, but there is left to them only the tender memory of a life and face which shall grow brighter and fresher until at the end of long and weary years they may hap hear again that voice which was the assurance of their childhoods' innocent hours calling to them from an unseen world a welcome home.

"And, death-closed eyes, which oft have told
Affection, pure as heart can hold,
Which still have smiled when death seemed drear,
And given dispair fresh heart of cheer,
To-night we miss each loving glance
Which old distance to mischance,
And, missing, still we doubly know
To thee shall death new glories show,
And joys reveal."

HOW TO PLANT SWEET POTATOES.

ATTICA, Kan., April 28, 1885.

To the Editor of the EAGLE.

In EAGLE of 24th inst., is an article on sweet potato culture, by Warren Johnson. He says there are three conditions important, viz: Care, dispatch and safety to the plant. These I admit are very important to the welfare of the plants, but his way of setting out the plants is very slow as well as laborous. My way is this. Throw up nice fresh ridges three and one-half feet apart, rake off the top, have the plants dropped fourteen inches apart, top from the one setting, catch the plant in the left hand, making a hole at the same time with the right by running the hand in the ground, set in the plant at an angle of forty-five degrees, pressing the dirt around the plant with both hands. If the ground should be too dry puddle the plants instead of watering, as the ground will not break. This way a good man can set the plants out as fast as a boy can drop them, or in other words 10,000 plants a day, which is about twice as many as could be set out by Mr. Johnson's way. I have had fifteen years experience in the business and find my way ahead of all others. The best time to set out the plants for a large crop is the first week in June, the ground being warm they keep on growing. Have raised 35 bushels to the acre.

EX-GARDNER.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Secretary's annual report of the Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society for the year ending April 14, 1885:

CASH RECEIPTS.

Sale of stock	$ 125 00
Amphitheater subscriptions, sec't	877 50
Agricultural hall	10 00
Lumber, sales of	95 00
Gate money at fair	2761 30
Entry fees at fair	501 90
Booths, stalls and hacks	452 00
Food sufferers' committee	37 37
Note discounted	790 00
Rent of stalls during winter	2 00
Total	$5652 07

CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Property	$ 56 40
Express	1657 25
Premiums	1581 25
Bills paid	1215 02
Interest	130 75
Sundry bills, labor, &c.	996 40
Cash on hand	15 00
Total	$5652 07

RECAPITULATION.

Assets property	$ 7501 02
Cash on hand	15 00
Total	$ 7519 02

LIABILITIES.

Bills paid	$ 3937 52
Sundry bills	1497 73
Profit and loss	2083 77
Total	$7519 02

CONDITION OF SOCIETY.

Total value of property and improvements	$18671 00
Less liabilities	5435 25
Total	$13235 75

The annual meeting of the society was held on the above date. R. R. Hatfield was elected president; H. H. Peckham, vice president; D. A. Mitchell, secretary; R. E. Lawrence, treasurer, and for directors John McCormick, R. S. Razey, S. W. Balsh, Ira Jackson, W. H. Ranson, T. D. Foutz, C. S. Eichholtz, B. B. Eggleston and O. Martinson. C. F. Derby was elected general superintendent and D. E. Boone, assistant.

D. A. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

PREMIUM LIST.

The Arkansas Valley Agricultural Society will open October 5th and close on the 9th. The annual premium list will be put in the hands of the printer about the 11th of May. All who wish to avail themselves of an advertisement or desire to offer a special premium in the forthcoming premium list will please hand a copy to the undersigned, on or before the above date. The directors have decided to not call on our merchants and business men as heretofore, but request those who wish to put in an "ad" or offer a special, to inform the secretary as above stated.

D. A. MITCHELL, Sec'y.

Wichita, Adril 28, '85.

WICHITA BOOMS.

A very important jobbing interest will be located in Wichita at an early day, the matter having been definitely settled. For some reason, we know not what, the matter is not to be made public yet but we can say that it is a line unrepresented by any jobbing house in the state and Wichita was chosen solely with reference to her location and railway facilities. In connection with the business a line of manufacture is also necessary which will employ from fifty to sixty men. Colorado, New Mexico and all the territory in Kansas south and west of the Kansas river is to be supplied from this point. Look out for the Daily EAGLE next week.

WICHITA BOOMS.

The general committee appointed to look after the state reformatory matter, reported to a mixed committee of the board of trade and city council last evening, that they had fully carried out all instructions heretofore given, and that the locating commission had been duly notified of the city's desire for the location of that state institution.

WICHITA BOOMS.

One of the directors of the Wichita academy, which organization lately purchased the Judge Sluss property for a site, informed a representative of the EAGLE last evening that the sticking point had been successfully overcome and that a fine institution of learning, located in the heart of the city, was an assured fact.

WICHITA BOOMS.

Mr. A. W. Oliver, President of the Board of Trade, who had taken the subsidy aid proposed for the Methodist college in hand, started out yesterday morning to see what could be done. In addition to the lands already provided for and the three thousand guaranteed he raised upwards of four thousand before four o'clock.

Mr. J. D. Houston is back from his wedding trip looking well and glad to be back. The happy pair spent considerable time in old Kentucky and took in the World's Fair and enjoyed a most pleasant trip.

CHENEY MASONS.

CHENEY, Kas., April 28.

To the Editor of the EAGLE.

Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, April 27, Special Deputy Grand Master Wm. Greer, of Kingman, assisted by Wm. Cowgill, custodian, organized Morton lodge, U. D. F and A.M., delivering the dispensation to the following first officers: Nelson Rogers, worshipful master; H. R. Lillybridge, senior warden; Chas. Hardenbeck, junior warden; David M. Lazarus, treasurer; A. A. Dewey, secretary; V. B. Campbell, senior deacon; H. F. Good, junior deacon; B. C. Doll, senior steward; J. W. Johnson, junior steward; Unly, Tyler.

The lodge bids fair to become a bright shining light in Masonry. Work in the degrees will go plentiful during the spring. The W. M., S. and J. wardens are old and well experienced members of the craft.

Yours, ONE OF THE LODGE.

APRIL SHOWERS.

Fairy-footed spring is here with garlands and with her tears. April frowns and smiles by sudden turns in her waning days, but lovely May is but a day away with all her floral tributes, scented gales and emerald glories. Yesterday had more clouds than sunlight, and her dropping tears outnumbered the threads of the green carpet upon which they fell, but the ambient clouds will resolve themselves into imperium blue 'neath the ardent gaze of the coming sun of blooming May and then will our world be all resonant with the music of birds and animated with the glory of the season's imperial green.

BIG CORN PROSPECTS.

A prominent farmer in conversation with a representative of the EAGLE yesterday said that the indications now are that there will be 40 per cent more corn grown in Sedgwick county this year than ever before. Owing to the partial failure of the wheat crop an unusually large area will be planted. From present indications the crop is expected to be above the average, although owing to the recent rains the land has been so wet that but few farmers are more than half done planting. With favorable weather the remainder of the season a big crop is anticipated.

B. D. Allen, Esq., the tireless and sleepless real estate dealer of our city, has just returned from a trip to some of the promised land of our western and northwestern counties. Of all the vast scope of territory now so rapidly being peopled with the pride and hope of our glorious civilization, Mr. Allen's eye rested with most pleasure upon the undulating rich glebe of Scott, in and about the waters of the Pawnee. He says he has nowhere in his experience seen a more dark and fertile looking soil, nor one that lays better. Mr. Allen located himself a timber claim and intends returning to improve it. There is an almost entire absence of timber, but water appears to be plenty. Our informant says the country has hitherto been the breeding ground and home of large herds of cattle. He says that the ranchmen are open-hearted, hospitable people who carry a heart as big as their oxen. The stranger is welcomed to their best cheer. These pioneers, for all this, seem to see the approach of the inevitable and the vanishment of their interests as now constituted. They affect to laugh at the idea of peopling the extreme western counties of Kansas with farmers, just as the same class reasoned in Sedgwick and Sumner in 1871. But Mr. Allen believes from experience with the poet that "The Lord tempers the wind to the shorne lamb," and that within fifteen years more the civilization of Kansas will rest squarely upon her western border.

Yesterday evening while the crowd was gathered to meet the incoming train at the Santa Fe depot, a man was seen to fall suddenly forward upon his face on the station platform. The fall was as sudden as a death had instantly arrested his life current itself. Quickly men and boys rushed to the unfortunate man's assistance until the crowd threatened to suffocate him by its closeness. Dr. G. M. Bibbes being on the platform at the time, quickly rendered assistance, and in the course of twenty minutes restored the fainting man to consciousness. He was then placed against the wall of the building in a position of sufficient ease to answer the interrogations of the EAGLE reporter. He said that his name was Harry Francis; that he was a native of Upper Stuanck, Colchester county, Nova Scotia, where his mother and other relatives reside. He claims to have been one year in Kansas. About ten days ago it appears from his own confession that he was arrested and incarcerated in this city for the theft of a pair of boots from another man. After remaining in prison here for ten days, without witness appearing against him, he was liberated just previous to the occurrence giving rise to this article. This man Francis appears, from his own admission and the belief of Dr. Bibbes, to be affected with chronic fits. Upon his person was found a bottled prescription from Dr. McCullough, of this city, for his fearful malady.

Two farmers were heard yesterday discussing the accommodations for farmers' teams in the city. They agreed that the accommodations were not good. They said that Wichita depended almost solely on the farmer's trade and there was hardly a post anywhere along the two business streets to which they could tie their teams. Frequently they had to stop a few minutes at half a dozen stores and had no place to tie their teams. It was $5 fine if they hitched to a lamp post, to an awning post or any other post around the stores and it was $5 fine if they left them stand loose. They thought the city should put down a row of iron posts along Main street and Douglas avenue with rings for hitching to or the business men should each put a row of posts across in front of their stores.

Ben Bear the popular druggist of Clearwater, who is also township clerk, was up yesterday for the purpose of coming to an understanding with the county commissioners about rebuilding the county bridge over the Ninnescah, destroyed by the late flood. They are anxious to have the bridge built without delay and are willing to go to work and build it themselves at once, provided they can come to an understanding with the county to reimburse them for the expenditure. With this object in view they will present their plans and specifications to the county officials and if satisfactory arrangements can be made they will begin without waiting for the commissioners to act in the matter.

Messers. Tucker and McCracken, the enterprising fruit raisers and conservers who bought land last winter between the road continuous with Central and Douglas avenues, have been planting a large variety of blackberries, strawberries, currents, peaches, plums, apples etc. Mr. McCracken is now in the east whither Mr. Tucker will return in a day or so. This latter gentleman says that they are getting ready to start their fruit canning factory on their lot on Waco street just as soon as they can secure a fruit supply till theirs comes in. Their outlay will embrace nearly $30,000 by the time they get to canning fruit which will be at least by next season.

Our alert fellow citizen, Mr. H. B. Keeler, associated with Mr. L. M. Crawford, of Topeka, has rented the Turners' opera house. These gentlemen will prepare ere the season opens to cater to the taste and pleasure of the play-going public of this city. The lease goes into effect August 17th for the period of a year. With the rare taste of Mr. Keeler combined with the varied experience of Mr. Crawford in the management of play-houses, we may anticipate the placing upon our local boards some of the finest histrionic talent obtainable in the great play centers of the east.

Col. J. W. Hartzell is home again, after an extended tour in the south, taking in Louisiana, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas. He said he saw some good land and a few very nice cities, but failed to see any agricultural district that compared with the Arkansas Valley, or, in short, with Kansas generally, and that whatever may be said by our business men, he saw no city that appeared to have so much of life and bustle in it as ours. That's what they all say.

A farmer in this county, not far from the city, did some big planting one day last week. With a Brown's planter and one team he planted 112 rows, each one-half a mile long, making a little over twenty-four acres, which, we take it, is not a bad day's work for one team.

VALLEY CENTER.

VALLEY CENTER, Kas., April 28.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

Three new buildings in course of construction on Main street, besides a number of dwellings in other parts of town, even the "Canadain" side showing a fair share of growth.

One-half of M. W. Dewey's double business block will be used as a meat market, and the other as a confectionery store.

The building going up next to H. C. Boswell's will be used by Mrs. A. Packer, of Wichita, as a millinery store, under the supervision of Mrs. Boswell.

Mrs. A. J. Finch has opened a millinery and dress making establishment on avenue B.

H. C. Boyle & Bro. have moved their large stock of agricultural implements into their new building, and will be the better able to accommodate their increasing trade.

The foundation for the Christian church has been laid, and the carpenters will soon begin work. They will also soon lay hands on the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. H. Bidwell, a man of property, has located here and is going to engage in the nursery business.

Our new harness makers, Messrs. Bartlett & Cross, of Vineland, N. J., have commenced work will and are bound to succeed.

H. C. Boyle sold yesterday four residence lots on Morris street in his addition.

J. T. Carpenter has sold in the past two weeks $3,400 worth of lots, mostly in his new addition.

Uncle John is happy in the contemplation of his rapidly increasing store of shekels and the bright and prosperous future now assured to our young city.

Our I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 223, celebrated the anniversary of the organization of their order. As a great many of our citizens and business men are Odd Fellows, the celebration was quite general.

Rev. A. H. Parker delivered the address, after which all adjourned to the hotel to enjoy the bountiful repast which had been so generously prepared. The ball in the evening was largely attended and all expressed themselves as having had a grand time. The Sedgwick band was in attendance and did finely considering its age. The Pantagraph C. M. T. being as much at home with the baton as he is with the composing stick.

The Sedgwick boys it seems under bid the Valley Center band.

We are in hopes that by another year we may have home talent at the horn and not be compelled to call upon our little neighbor on the north. DON K.

MULVANE MUTTERINGS.

MULVANE, Kas., April 27.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

Mulvane and her surroundings are on the ascending scale. We have two fine brick store rooms well under way, a large skating rink nearly completed, a new livery barn being built in place of an old shackle-down, a large number of new residences already built this spring, and many more to follow. The M. E. Church is almost finished and will be occupied within two weeks.

The city council has determined to build a "cooler," in which to lock up the transgressors of the city laws. We have added a homeopathic doctor to our outfit, and are ready now to give the sick a choice between big pills and little pills.

We wish the boys along the line of the Santa Fe to know that a country kid named Glazier, the funny conductor on the passenger train between Newton and Wichita, sold the kid called on Glazier for a job as peanut boy on his train. Glazier told him to go up town and get him a meat auger and have it at the depot in the evening when he came back and he would give him a position on the road. The boy called at every store and shop in town in search of the much coveted instrument. He finally found a kind of corkscrew well augur, that weighed about fifty pounds, took it to the depot and called for his job. A large crowd of people assembled to see the fun. For minute particulars, call on D. D. Myers, Wichita.

The farmers are a little late with their work, but the wheat, that was supposed to be all dead, is making good time, if the farmers are not. Many acres of wheat have been plowed up that would have made a fair crop. The fruit crop promises to be immense. X.

ANTHONY ANTICS.

ANTHONY, April 28.

To the Editor of the Eagle

This handsome and enterprising little city is at present one of the most attractive points in all of northern Kansas. Harper county of which this place has been the temporary seat for nearly five years, is one of the very best in the state, both as to its soil and abundance of good water which can be obtained at a moderate depth in all parts of the country. Anthony has had a very varied railroad experience, four years ago the Santa Fe graded a road from Wellington to this point and laid it with iron almost into town, when for reasons never made public, one regretful Sunday morning the Anthony folks awoke to see their dearest hopes (in the railroad line) turned to blank dispair. The automatic Santa Fe had in almost the twinkling of the stars taken up every rail and tie and removed them to Wellington. Since then the good people of this city have watched and waited until the opportunity offered to pull the Sunflower down this way, and now they have a road even better than the Santa Fe could have given them. In honor of this event on the 13th or 15th of May a monster excursion from St. Scott, Wichita and all the towns along the road will roll into Anthony. Prominent speakers, bands of music and cannon will aid in the jollication. In addition to this there is to be a big barbecue and a free dinner for everybody.

For a town that has been without railroad communication, Anthony is ahead in the accomplishment of any place we have ever seen. Her two new hotels, the Bennett and the Montezuma, are especially fine buildings, and would grace a city of ten times the size of Anthony. The last named house has just been completed, and will be opened about the first of May. It will accommodate 150 guests, and has every possible convenience and improvement including pneumatic bells in every room. The rooms are large, well lighted and well ventilated. The proprietors, Messrs. Stevens and Hudson, are both agreeable and social gentlemen, and will aim to make the house first class in every respect. At present the Bennett house is fuller than any hotel has ever known to be before, with from eight to ten guests in some of the rooms. A glance at the register reveals the fact that Wichita drummers have a liking for this place and very often the arrival from the metropolis of the valley, outnumber all the rest from every part of the world.

The Daily EAGLE is the paper here in preference to any other, and almost a hundred copies are taken every day. It is considered by far the best paper in the state, and one that is thoroughly alive to the interests of the great southwest. S. W.

PRATT PRATTLINGS.

PRATT CENTER, April 25, 1885.

To the Editor of the Eagle

We again chronicle a few happenings:

The storm of the 21st at this place was one of the most severe we have ever witnessed. A continual torrent of rain for twelve hours, accompanied by all the destructive elements between heaven and earth. The wind moved everything that was loose at both ends. The new bank building being erected by Mr. Wilcox was blown off the foundation and damaged to some extent. There was some hail fell, but not enough to damage the growing crops. There were a few cattle lost, but the loss was small compared with other places. The city suffered no loss from the water, it being situated on the upland. The mill race of the Saratoga mill was damaged by the overflow. Our citizens have showed the good judgment to keep above the high water mark, and we presume others have, by sad experience, learned to look after their personal safety as well as their financial interests.

The farmers are jubilant over the favorable prospects for crops. The wheat crop is assured, so far as rain is concerned. The new settlers have more faith in the country, having had a practical and material demonstration that it does rain in Kansas.

G. A. S.

KINGMAN KERNELS.

KINGMAN, April 27, 1885.

To the Editor of the Eagle.

There has been too general inquiries since the flood, and that is what has become of the EAGLE of Friday and Saturday and the correspondent here. I will tell you all about it: Both have been found. The correspondent has by day been hog hunting, and by night in bed while his clothes dried ready for him for the next day. Should it ever become necessary to write up the quick sand holer in the bottom he has his notes for five miles east of here, and knows just where every man's hog is except his own, and how many dead ones, and the names of a few thieves who have not only stolen hogs but lumber and furniture that was carried down. I am going to say most of them are supposed but mis-named honest farmers. Sheriff Baker has some of their names also. The two days' EAGLE's were found by your correspondent late this (Sunday) evening in the caboose car that came up last night ahead of the passenger. They will be distributed in the morning. It seems too bad, as there has been considerable complaint about the non-arrival of the EAGLE before the flood; generally once and sometimes twice a week it will miss. All hope that it will not occur again very soon.

The passenger train came in last night and departed on time this morning for the first time since last Thursday.

South Main street is in a passable condition only for the race bridge being gone, and teams are forced to ford and when loaded double up at that point. A new bridge will be put in this week.

In the telegraph dispatch the amount of damages was stated nearly double what was written, although it will exceed $10,000. As to the loss of life there is some doubt, yet your correspondent believes one woman was drowned from a house going down stream. He was looking at her in an open window with a powerful field glass, and saw the house smash to pieces and she go down with it. Mrs. A. G. Bowen and a lady friend looked through the same glass and saw the woman in the window and she could also be seen with the naked eye, and they are of the same opinion, but another strange part seems to be there are no one missing, but that is easily accounted for as she might be a stranger. Time may decide.

Judge Sluss had rather an interesting week in court. He attended to whisky cases in the daytime and granted divorces by lamp light. The judge will hold court here all of this week.

Dr. C. W. Myers has resigned as postmaster to take effect as soon as his successor is appointed. It is generally understood that Ephren Waite will be the man, and that he intends to move the office around on avenue A, in the Stout building. The old building that has so long occupied avenue A on the west side of Main street has been moved, and that part of the street now looks like a new addition.

The day has been bright and clear and many people from the surrounding country have been in to view the ruins. In a few days no trace will be left. LEON.

DERBY DOINGS.

DERBY, Kas., April 29.

To the Editor of the Daily Eagle.

No difference how much the winds blow or the rains fall, thereby casting a heavy gloom over the farming community visiting some localities with devastation and even loss of life etc., they still continue to marry and are given in marriage. In addition to the gratifying nuptials last Wednesday at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Rife, the present popular and efficient teacher in charge of the Derby school, between Mr. Eli Groves, of Wichita, and the beautiful and vivacious Miss Lena Rife, of Derby, we are startled by a kindred revelation of Deacon Chamberlain of this vicinity, who is no less rich in honors than ripe in years, being in delivate health, after exhausting the whole catalogue of paternal nostrums and medicated bogus, he sought last fall the balmy air of the orange groves in Florida and there found the sweetest and most effective panacea for all mankind's ailments in the person of the accomplished and fine looking Miss French with whom it seems he was acquainted in the long, long ago, away back in the old granite state. Much happiness and a long and prosperous life to you and yours, Uncle Joseph. Well, T. J. McCasky a leading contractor commences this morning the erection of a handsome little residence on Buckner street, west of the railroad track near the Presbyterian parsonage, for Mrs. Corwine. Still we come. Mr. Editor please wake up those surveyors and send them down here we are getting furious about that mill, etc. Our persevering friend Cook will be prepared to greet them joyfully any day after to-morrow night. No changes of importance recently except the purchase of the store room formerly owned by Ward & Butts, by the present occupant, Mr. M. B. Ransom, who we are informed contemplates soon opening out a nice stock of dry goods in conjunction with his present grocery. Go it Melvin, nothing like it. Well, nobody died or got drunk since last we wrote. Yours in haste, (H.)

Yesterday evening an EAGLE reporter, while smelling about for news, stumbled onto a long list of particulars of a decidedly sensational affair in which one or two well known parties are concerned. At least one prominent lawyer and a medical man are concerned in it. Just now we deem it prudent not to launch the the thunderbolt, but in a day or two probably we will let the cat out and divulge all the facts. When that time comes there will be some squirming.

Mr. G. A. Lyons, a farmer living out on the Cowskin, near Waco station, says that he has ten acres of corn up two inches high. He says the rains have interrupted the farmers considerably this spring in "Droutby Kansas," but that with a change of behavior on the part of the now capricious elements they will soon recover. With the exception of blackberries all of the fruits, large and small, Mr. Lyons says promise a large yield.

It is said the owner of the property on the northeast corner of Douglas and Topeka avenues, opposite the east side of the Manhattan hotel block, contemplates building an elegant brick block on the premises in the near future. The building will correspond in size and appearance with the new buildings that grace the two main thoroughfares of the city. The people of Wichita will eagerly look for the new block and will appreciate the gentleman's enterprise.

The green grocers of Wichita have upon his market ripe tomatoes from southern California, radishes, onions, lettuce and green peas from Texas. Besides pieplant and asparagus in great abundance from several places. Our local gardners have their vegetables under way and soon we shall be shipping them north to the cheerless regions of Nebraska and Dakota.

Capt. Powell, who is off for the purchase of the necessary rails for the extensions of the North Main street and South Main street railways, is expected home soon, when active work will be commenced on these valuable additions to the system. These extensions, we believe, will add between two and three miles to the present system, when Wichita will have more street railway than any town or city in Kansas. As for the extensions on East Douglas avenue and to College Hill we have heard nothing for some weeks. That enterprise no doubt depends somewhat upon the result of the meeting in this city on May 12 of the M. E. conference board of locating commissioners.

Probably but a small per cent. of Wichita's present population are aware that a hole was put down near the city to the depth of eleven hundred feet, at one time. Yet such is the fact, and a record of the formations encountered by the drill is yet in existence. It was an attempt to find coal. At the depth of three or four hundred feet a slate bed was struck, which was so saturated with Seneca oil as to burn readily. A hundred or so feet below salt water was struck. Still, lower down the strongest and purest kind of brine was reached, which rose one hundred and fifty feet. Gypsum, or plaster of Paris beds of fifty to a hundred feet each in thickness were passed through. In fact, under the country lying east of the Chisholm, and for twenty miles beyond, there is little else but vast beds of gypsum. Some time in the future, no doubt, both the salt water and gypsum will be largely utilized.

Cabbage, tomato and sweet potato plants prevail pretty generally around town just now.

Two kids, about ten years old, with dirty faces and abbreviated pants, sat at the side of the New York store yesterday, each with an old tobacco-soaked pipe in his mouth, and just then a nicely dressed stranger was passing, and one of the kids said: "Mr. have you a match?"

Prof. Black will preach to-night at the Christian church, subject: "The Covenents." The services will begin promptly at 7:30, in order that all may have an opportunity to attend the lecture of Rev. Cook at the opera house.

Blackmore, the wounded colored barber still clings to life. Many a man white as well as black has lived a long time after being shot in the neck, but not that kind of a shot.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

WICHITA MARKETS.

Wichita Live Stock Market.

WICHITA, April, 29, 1885.

[Revised daily by the Wichita Stock Yard Co

Grain.

Milling wheat	50
Shipping wheat	75
Corn	35
Oats	20@25

HORSES.

Heavy Draft	$125@175
Drivers	10 @125
Medium work	100@14
Ponies, broke	60@ 00
Ponies, wild	20@ 40

CATTLE.

Shipping steers	$4 20@4 40
Butchers' steers	3 75@4 00
Fat cows and heifers	3 50@3 90

MULES.

13½ to 14 hands, 4 to 7 years old	$ 90@110
14 to 15 hands, 4 to 7 years old	110@140
15 to 16 hands 4 to 7 years old	130@170

HOGS.

Stock and feeders	$3 50@3 65
Fat shipping hogs, best	3 85@4 00

SHEEP.

Fat sheep	$1 00@1 75

Produce.

Sweet Potatoes	$3@$4
Irish Potatoes	80@90
Eggs	12½
Butter	25
Cheese	25
Turnips	50
Onions	75@80
Apples, Sedgwick county	$1.25
Apples, Missouri	75@80
Chickens, per dozen	$2.50@3 00
S. C. Hams	15
S. C. Bk. Bacon	15
Bacon sides	12½
D. S. Sides	12½
Shoulders	09
Lard	12½
Corn meal	1 20
Flour, high patent	3 00
Flour, patent	2 50
Flour, XXXX	2 25
Flour XXX	2 00
Chop feed	80@1 00
Bran	50
Shorts	65@75

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 29, 1885.

Money—Easy at 1@1½, closing at 1; prime paper at 4@5; bar silver $1 08½.

Foreign Exchange—Extremely dull. Actual business done at 4 86@4 88.

Governments—Steady and unchanged, except the 5s which are higher.

State Securities—About steady.

Railroad Bonds—Market quiet.

Stock Market—Developed no new features to-day. The market closed strong at quotations which show only slight changes for the active stocks from the final prices last evening, except Pacific Mail which led the late advance and shows a gain of 1@2. It is thought that the buying of Pacific Mail came from inside prices. Omaha preferred, down 1⅝ per cent. The other changes are for small fractions. The total sales to-day were 119,276 shares

U. S. 2-per-cents	102⅝
U. S. 4½-per-cents	112½
U. S. 4-per-cents	112
Missouri Pacific bonds	104
St. Joseph bonds	115¾
Central Pacific stocks	31¼
Chicago & Alton	137
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	121½
Denver & Rio Grande	6
Hannibal & St. Joseph	28
Hannibal & St. Joseph preferred (asked)	38½
Missouri Pacific	94½
Northern Pacific	27½
Northwestern	98
New York Central	109½
Rock Island	112½
Union Pacific	49½
Wabash	2½
Western Union	56

Kansas City Grain and Produce.

KANSAS CITY, April 29, 1885.

No session of Board of Trade to-day on account of adjournment at Chicago.

Kansas City Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, April 28 1885.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,658; the market strong; native steers averaging 1148 to 1383 pounds, $4 0@4 9; butchers, averaging 966 to 1178 pounds $4 35@4 60; feeders, $4 20@4 65; cows, $1 25@3 00.

Hogs—Receipts 2,536; market we k; 10@15c lower; range, $4 95@4 20; bulk, $4 00@4 20.

Sheep—Receipts, 2,004; the market steady firm and unchanged.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, April 29, 1885.

No grain markets here to-day.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, April 29, 1885.

Cattle—Receipts, 5,200; shipments, 2,400; market active and higher shipping grades $4 60@5 60; butchers' stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 90; Texas steers, $4 00@4 15.

Hogs—Receipts, 24,000; shipments, 7,000; market weaker; rough and mixed, $4 15@4 45; packing and shipping, $4 50@4 65; light, $4 30@4 80; skips, $3 50@4 25.

Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,000; market firmer; shorn sheep, $3 40@4 25; wooled $4 00@4 85, Texans, $3 00@3 25.

St. Louis Grain and Produce.

ST. LOUIS, April 29, 1885.

Flour—10@15c higher.

Wheat—Higher and active on war news; shorts covered freely and there was a brisk outside demand; prices closed 1½@2c above yesterday; No. 2, red, cash $1 03½, May, $1 03@1 03⅛, closing at outside; June, $1 04⅝@1 07⅛, closing at $1 06⅞; July, $1 05⅝@1 07⅞, closing at $1 07⅞.

Corn—Higher and firm, but slow, closing at 1½@¾c above yesterday; No. 2, mixed, c