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THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

W. G. PORTER & CO., Publishers.

Coal oil at the Central.
Boots and arctics at Boerner Bros.
8 packages good coffee at Donelan's.
Prices are cut seriously at Donelan's.
100 barrels of apples cheap at Brady's.
For the best board go to the Windsor.
Go to M. Donelan's for the best overcoats.
Boerner Bros. furnish every style of boots and arctics.
Money loaned on chattels at Thomas county Bank, north of brick store.
Go to Weld Bros. for money on chattel mortgage.
Overcoats regardless of cost at M. Donelan's.
Go to the Windsor, the best hotel in town.
Yousse's stage line goes to Oberlin every day.
Meglemre sells more windmills than anybody else.
Meglemre has just received a car load of star windmills.
For abstracts of titles, call on Weld Bros., abstractors.
When you go to Oberlin, go by Colby and Oberlin stage line.
Patent medicines of every description at Walker & Yousse's.
Colby and Oberlin stage line is the best conveyance to Oberlin.
Men's, women's and children's arctics at J. W. Allen & Sons'.
Finest dressing cases can be found at the Central Drug Store.
Don't forget the fine line of druggists' sundries at the Palace Drug Store.
Real estate and chattel loans. WELD BROS.
Fancy articles of all kinds at the City Drug Store.
Try a sack of M. Donelan's seventy-five cent flour.
All prescriptions carefully and promptly compounded at the City Drug Store.
Go to Walker & Yousse's drug store. Then go to Walker & Yousse's drug store.
Kansas Mutual insurance company. Weld Bros., agents.
Patent medicines of every kind at the Central Drug Store.
Five thousand dollars to loan on chattel mortgages by Weld Bros.
If you want an entertaining novel to read go to the Central Drug Store.
Did you know you could buy a sack of flour at Donelan's for 75c?
A choice selection of novels and books of all kinds at the Central Drug Store.
Smoke the Judic cigar found at the Central Drug Store. Best in the world.
The old reliable 5 cent cigars, "Salenger's Stand Bve" at Walker & Yousse's.
Clocks, watches and jewelry neatly repaired at Sun Beam photograph gallery.
For the best and freshest meat go to Gillispie's meat market.
For best winter overcoats go to M. Donelan's. They are the cheapest and best.
Champaigne, wines and liquors of every sort at the Central, for medical purposes.
Prescriptions carefully and promptly compounded day or night at the Central Drug Store.
We are going to give special bargains in ladies' cloaks from now 'til the holidays. J. W. ALLEN & SONS.
Look at those beautiful picture frame at the Central Drug Store. The best in the market.
For low rates on farm loans call on Willcoxon & Woodward, office adjoining the postoffice.
Daylight Soap, a wonderful discovery for house cleaning. Call at the Central and get a box.
Don't purchase paint until you have called at the Central Drug Store. We can save you money.
Meglemre & Marble have the very best coal for sale cheap, \$10 per ton at Colby implement firm office.
The Kansas Mutual will insure your stock and buildings against fire, lightning and tornadoes. Weld Bros. agents.
Remember the old Pioneer on the corner is the place to buy dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, etc.
You can get more good nourishment out of a ten cent can of corn at Donelan's than anywhere else for the money.
All those indebted to me will please call in and settle at once. M. DONELAN.
FIFTY CENTS—is the price of Chamberlain's cough remedy, the safest and best cough medicine in the market. Sold by Walker & Yousse.
We still lead in prices on groceries, provisions, queensware, glassware, etc. J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

Cold spell broken.
New city ordinances.
Trade lively this week.
Lots keep changing hands.
Big crowd in the city Monday.
The CAT is the best paper for news.
All say the CAT gives the most news.
Sam Yousse went to Nebraska Sunday.
W. S. Wilcoxon is now county attorney.
Read the Commissioners' proceedings this week.
E. A. Miller was up from Winona, Kas., Monday.
C. H. Martin & Bros'. favorite cigar The Palace.
Palace cigar is the best 5 cent cigar in Colby.
M. Donelan's invoice amounts to \$12,000.
Work on the railroad is going on lively.
12 degrees below zero Friday and Saturday last.
Speak well of your city and others will do likewise.
W. J. Howell, of Quickville, was a caller Monday.
Born, on Sunday, Jan. 9th, to Dr. and Mrs. Bieber, a girl.
The Colby branch graders are encamped within the city limits.
The Oberlin hack is crowded often now despite the cold weather.
Frank Pingree went to Oberlin on a contest Wednesday.
Dr. Taylor was in the city Monday and favored us with a call.
Martin Bros'. ice house, back of Palace drug store, is nearly done.
50 different styles of blank books and pocket books at Martin Bros'.
Mart Witham, county sheriff, bought the school land last Saturday.
City Attorney Willcoxon gives us some stringent ordinances this week.
Special meeting of city council Monday and another Thursday evening.
W. M. Baldwin took his office as commissioner from the 3d district Monday.
Each day gives assurance that the B. & M. will come to Colby in the spring.
Dave Eater was in town Saturday. He is teaching in the country this winter.
The Christian church is holding revival meetings in different parts of the county.
A fine line of box paper received at the Palace drug store since the holidays.
Villar T. Villar cigars are the best 10 cent goods in western Kansas. At Martin Bros.
Rev. Koester will preach at Max Giese's residence, sw qr 5-7-32, Sunday, January 16th.
Mr. Woodward, of the firm of Willcoxon & Woodward, is now at Oberlin on business.
10 cent Twisters. Try them. Every one knows that you are smoking a 10 cent. At the Palace.
Remember, we have more different patent medicines than any house west of Topeka. C. H. MARTIN & BRO.
Don't forget the large show case full of jewelry both solid and plated, at the Palace Drug Store.
FOR SALE—At a bargain, one of the best stock farms in Thomas county. Inquire of Mart Witham.
Have you seen the superb scrap albums at the Central? Albums of all kinds at the Central Drug Store.
Chas. M. Hovey, county treasurer, goes to Topeka not later than Monday next to settle with State Treasurer Hamilton.
Rev. Ferguson, who recently preached to our people in the M. E. Church, has been given the charge at Colby.—[Eye].
The Palace drug store carries all the celebrated brands of whisky, wines, gin, brandies, beer, etc., exclusively for medicinal purposes.
TAKE NOTICE—All persons knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and settle before the 1st of February by cash or note. C. H. MARTIN & BRO.
All persons indebted to Reed Bros., nursery dealers, Blue Springs, Neb., are hereby notified to call at the office of N. J. Adams, J. P., in Colby, and settle the same.
C. C. Siggins & Co. loan money on real estate and take but one mortgage. No second mortgage for interest or cut throat clauses.
Call on W. G. Porter before before you make out your notice to prove up. It will be an object to you.
TAKE NOTICE—All persons knowing themselves indebted to me must call and settle at once. This must be attended to. M. DONELAN.
EXTRAORDINARY OFFER!—To all paying up dues on CAT, and to all new subscribers, we will give the History of Thomas County and Colby gratis. This is a rare offer, and all should take advantage of it.

H. E. Bassett and Wm. Hall, of Eustis, passed through Colby to Oberlin, Saturday.
C. H. Fry, T. M. Simmonds, and F. F. Parks were in from Sherman Center Saturday.
The B. & M. surveyors are in the western part of Thomas county, surveying to Eustis.
Don't fail to send the history of Thomas county and Colby to your friends in the East.
The K. P. is waking up, but the chances are the B. & M. will capture North-western Kansas.
J. E. Meglemre returned Tuesday from Oxford, Neb., his old home, where he has been visiting.
A. J. Clark, of Eustis, and I. H. Ishell, of Sherman Center, were in the city Wednesday.
Justice N. J. Adams will have his office with W. H. Copeland, next door east of 1st National Bank.
Mr. Spencer goes to St. John county to live on his claim, which is near the new town of Russel Springs.
Dighton, Lane county, is a city of the third class. The city election takes place January 18th, 1887.
The Rock Island has leased of the U. P. railroad the right to run their trains from Kansas City to Topeka.
Many write to find out about Thomas county. The best way to get information is to take the CAT and send it east.
With the taxes collected on railroad land Thomas county would have a large amount of money in her treasury.
J. W. Allen & Sons completed their invoice last week. It amounted to over \$10,000, and their stock is not full, either.
The commissioners' proceedings are longer this time, owing to accounts allowed and orders of release of prisoners.
A memorial is circulating for the immediate organization of St. John county. It means another lively county-seat fight.
Gillespie Bros. have bought Thompson's livery stable, east of the Newell House, and will repair it and have one of the best liveryies in the city.
We have just received a large stock of solid silver and silver-plated table ware at low figures.
C. H. MARTIN & BRO.
Diffendafer & Lee will build their implement building north of Dr. Corporan's dwelling, corner 5th and Chickamauga avenue.
You will shoot wide of the mark and lose money if you buy an overcoat without first getting prices at J. W. Allen & Sons'.
The report of the condition of the 1st National bank of Colby bespeaks the business of this city. Colby aint behind in anything.
Mr. Boden started for Wichita county with Mr. F. L. French and one other gentleman, looking after land. They will be gone one week.
TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—There will be a public examination of teachers for Thomas county at the school house in Colby, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 1887.
Mrs. W. H. Lent, landlady of the Windsor, was greeted with a pleasant surprise Monday evening in honor of her birthday. Dancing was entered into by all, after which a neat supper was served.
A petition is now being circulated for a tri-weekly mail from Oberlin via Colby to Eustis. This is sorely needed, and it is hoped the postoffice department will see it and establish one right away.
The B. & M. surveyors, now half way between Colby and Eustis, have bought eight CATS each week for the last three weeks. They know where to find the news.
Mrs. B. F. Walter has opened a dress making establishment west of the court house. Good work guaranteed. Please give her a call.
All old soldiers are urgently requested to hand their names, with their rank and regiment in the late war, to James M. Summers, County Clerk, Colby, Kas.
Two agents for fire and burglar proof safes in the city last week. They sold three safes. One to the Thomas county CAT, one to J. B. McGonigal, and one to E. A. Hall.
Mr. Bracher has bought out Mr. Spencer's interest in Boden & Spencer's livery and feed stable. He paid \$450 for business, etc., and \$1200 for interest in stable.
C. B. Cox went to Oberlin Sunday to clerk in Liepold & Co's. store. The CAT will follow him. Chub has been one of J. W. Allen & Sons' popular clerks while here, and he leaves many warm friends here.
We read the other day some advance sheets of E. P. Worcester's history of Colby and Thomas county. It is very excellent. It will be a grand ad for Colby and Thomas county. Everyone should have one.
Moulton & Griffiths invoiced the Central drug store last week. A. W. Patchin will continue for the next year. Mr. Patchin is a superior druggist, and his many friends will be glad that he is to continue with us.

W. D. Street has bought the Oberlin Opinion. Mr. Street is a veteran in the newspaper business, and will make the Opinion a first-class paper.
CHURCH NOTICE.—Services in the court house next Sabbath, conducted by Rev. J. W. Van Eman, at 11 a. m. Subject: "Following Christ." 7:30 p. m. "Building on the Rock." Mr. Van Eman is to fill the appointments of the Methodist minister during his absence.
Recently a convention of 21 counties in Texas decided that 20,000 people in that district were in need of food, clothing and fuel. Kansas sympathizes with Texas and should help her neighbor.
Hoxie will boom next spring. The Missouri Pacific has made propositions for bonds. If Sheridan county votes them the road will be extended from Stockton at an early date, and completed by December 31, 1887. Then it will be sure to come to Colby. \$100,000 is the amount of bonds asked by the railroad.
FOR SALE.—One second hand Challenge windmill, with tower, pump, pipes, and complete outfit, as good as new. Inquire of W. M. KENLY, Colby, or at the sw. qr. of section 14, town 8, range 33.
LAUNDRY.—First-class laundry work done first door south of the City Bakery. 41-4. MRS. JOHN SLINING.
Life will acquire new zest, and cheerfulness return, if you will impel your liver and kidneys to the performance of their functions. Dr. J. H. McLean's Liver and Kidney Balm will stimulate them to healthy action. \$1.00 per bottle.
NOTICE.—The holders of orders Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 25, 27 and 30, are hereby notified that there is money in the treasury to meet said orders, and that they will cease to bear interest on and after February 1st, 1887.
SCHOOL BOARD, District No. 4, Thomas county, Kas.
The protracted meetings of the Christian church ended Sunday evening. Elder Stewart's pressing engagements in other parts of the county called him away and Allen Hickey, the evangelist, failed to come.
CORRECTION.—Only a slight mistake—It is the Presbyterian society that is organized in Colby, and they, not the Congregationalists, have secured lots and expect to build a church next season.
The board of church erection, whose headquarters are in New York City, will give one-third of the cost of the building.
The U. P. railroad have just filed thirteen charters with the secretary of state, leading all over Kansas. All lines will branch from the K. P. railroad. The directors of all the companies are: A. L. Williams, H. P. Dillon, Geo. W. Veale, K. W. Jenkins, Henry Sting, Lester S. Wilson, G. A. Deane, of Lincoln Center; Jacob Smith and C. K. Collier.
The B. & M. surveyors having surveyed all the country around Wano, and driven the ground full of stakes, have started back down the river to Benkelman. They have taken a great deal of pains in making their survey, and there is great probability that work will begin soon.—Wano Plain Dealer.
The graders are making the grade for the "Y" at the junction of the main line and the Oakley, Colby & Western railroad. There is about 8 inches of frozen ground, the plowing of which makes pretty rugged work for six pairs of heavy mules. Track laying will commence about the 15th, inst., if the weather will admit. The bridges and culverts are the cause of the delay so far.—[Oakley Times].
The eleventh annual meeting of the Kansas state historical society will be held in the hall of the house of representatives, at Topeka, on Tuesday evening, January 18th, 1887, for the election of one-third the members of the board of directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
A meeting of the board of directors will be held at three o'clock p. m. of same day, in the rooms of the society. All members are requested to be present.
"Fifty extra CATS sold last week" at Colby, as we note from our CAT exchange published there. We are glad to note that CATS are appreciated in Colby. At Leadville the altitude is too great for them to thrive, but in Colby they are evidently largely on the increase. May they continue to multiply over there to the full satisfaction of Porter & Co.—[Hoxie Sentinel].
Rev. Armstrong, the leading minister in the northeastern part of the county, brought in a sword last Saturday. It was found near his home in Wendell township, in 31. It has the following inscription thereon: "U. S. 1855. G. M." It bore marks of being a general's sword, and the very best steel and quality. Bones and remains were found near it, both of the horse and rider. Probably the rider got lost or killed in an Indian raid at an early day.
The young people of Colby met at the school house last Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a literary society. The following officers were elected: W. P. Sullivan, president; Jean Jardine, vice president; Hattie Dedrick, secretary; Charles Dedrick, secretary; and Newton Williams, critic. It was decided that the society shall be open to none but members only at certain times when an entertainment shall be given, the proceeds to go towards purchasing a library for the school. The society will meet on Friday evening of each week. HATTIE DEDRICK, Secretary.

W. H. Barnes, a representative of the Missouri Pacific railroad, came to Hoxie last Tuesday evening, and called on people together, and after a short talk to them said that he was sent here by the Missouri Pacific railroad to propose to the people of Sheridan county how they could secure a railroad and on what terms. If the people of the county will vote bonds to the amount of \$100,000 in the county bonds, \$50,000 to be given to the railroad on completion of it to Hoxie and \$50,000 on its completion to the west line of the county. The company agree to complete it to Hoxie by Dec. 31, 1887, and to the west line of the county by Dec. 31, 1888, and it is the intention to complete it to Denver as soon as possible. No thought or idea has been had of extending the north branch of the railroad from Lenora, and the way other roads are moving this way it behooves us to talk this matter up, and see what can be done. Mr. Barnes is a good man and a gentleman, and can tell you exactly what the company are going to do.—[Hoxie Democrat].
Rawlins County Again in the Shooting Business.
It's about time for another tragedy in Rawlins county, and the other day one was nearly made, as may be seen from what we clip from the Celia Enterprise. Pat Fleming and his teachings are not dead yet.
"Mirage" was last week the scene of a shooting affray that came within an ace of being a tragedy. A contest was put on a claim in that vicinity that belonged to a man living in Sherman county. As soon as he could get his war paint on after hearing of it he went up. George Winner, who was in some way responsible for the suit, was fired upon twice by irate claim owner, but fortunately was not hit. The man then went gunning for one Timmons, and gave him just five days in which to leave the county. This Sherman county rip-roarer should be made to know that there are laws in this country, and officers duly qualified to enforce them, and that his own way of punishing offenses, if there have been any on the part of those two men, is neither right nor permissible. It should promptly be hauled across the coals.
Sad Death.
Mr. Wm. Murphy, who lives just across the line in Sherman county, was digging a well for Jas. Ernest, 2 miles east of Old Quickville P. O., last Thursday January 6th. The well was dug some 95 feet, and Mr. Murphy in looking on the bucket failed to fasten it securely, and when near the top of the well the bucket full of dirt fell down 85 feet and struck Mr. Murphy on the back of the head, almost instantly killing him. Mr. E. Brewer took him out of the well. Mr. Murphy has met with frequent accidents before, and had resolved not to dig any more. Another sadness is attended with the casualty. Mr. Murphy's sister had just come to keep house for her brother, and she went to the well to see him, but being sweaty, he did not come to the surface, but told her he would be home soon and then he would talk. But alas! Grim death closed his mouth.
The play entitled "The Drunkard," at Bean's Hall, Wednesday evening last, was a unique success. C. C. Siggins, as Edward Middleton, made a grand impression. The naturalness of his playing and acting was surprising, and fully met the high expectation of his many friends. F. P. Greene as Squire Cribbs, delineated the character of a Squire in a model way, and supported his part admirably throughout. W. G. Weld, as Bill Dawson, did not fail to make a "hit." His part was well acted. C. B. Cox, as Farmer Sternes, made the biggest "hit." Edward Middleton was knocked senseless by the farmer's whip, and it was too real for awhile. I. H. Bullers, as Farmer Gates, brought down the house through his originality, when he said: "I can't do it. I aint used to it. I can't tell a lie." Prof. McDougal, as Arden Renwick, mixed the drinks after the manner of an adept, and his part was appreciated particularly when Edward Middleton pulled off his beard. Bert Yousse and Clara Yousse as Messenger and Julia, acted their parts well, yet Julia's would have appeared to a better advantage had Julia been younger and smaller. Mrs. J. H. Boden and Mrs. H. Hyatt, as Mary Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, performed their parts with unusual ease and grace and naturalness, more like experienced actresses. Miss V. Weld, as Agnes Dowton, made the most lasting impression on the audience. It was generally conceded that her part was performed in the best possible manner. Difficult though it was, she fully mastered it. Miss Elsie Marble, as Miss Spindle, the old maid, elicited much applause, and deservedly, too, by the fine way in which she sustained her part. There was not a break in the whole performance. The club should be encouraged to appear again. Nearly \$25.00 were left as net proceeds, which will go to purchase an M. E. church organ.
We took a flying trip this week down to our neighboring town of Colby, and found that thriving young city all aglow with bustle and excitement over their railroad prospects and the resulting material benefits in growth and prosperity. The K. P. have nearly completed the grade from Oakley, and the B. & M. have made a survey from Kanona, on the Oberlin branch, and are working west from that point. Colby is fortunately located near the center of one of the best counties in Kansas; her county seat was located without having a rival, and the energy and wealth of her people have been centered, and hence the marvelous growth—the work of less than two years.

We found deputy clerk Tom B. Hiskey and ex-clerk Pike busily engaged in transcribing the Sherman county records, a job that will yet require several weeks to complete. We formed the acquaintance of a number of Thomas county officials, among whom were: C. M. Hovey, treasurer; J. M. Summers, clerk; M. L. Lacey, probate judge; J. W. Irwin, register of deeds; E. J. Paine, clerk of the district court; and ex-county clerk J. N. Fike, all of whom appeared to be entirely familiar with their respective duties and are as jolly and good-hearted a set of fellows as is often found under one roof. We are placed under special obligations to clerk Summers and treasurer Hovey for courtesies extended.—[Dark Horse].
Three cans of corn at M. Donelan's for 25 cents.
Willcoxon & Woodward give the best rates on real estate loans.
Have you heard the news? Willcoxon & Woodward make the cheapest loans on real estate.
Willcoxon & Woodward, east of post-office, make the best terms and rates on real estate loans.
Lost, on Christmas afternoon in Colby, a dark brown veil, 1 1/2 yards long, unhemmed. Finder will please leave at this office.
At the Front.
Minot, Dakota, is for the present the winter terminus of the St. P. M. & M. Ry. A deputy United States marshal is on the train, and as we both intend to go further, we pool issues and determine to keep company. We arrive at Minot late; the town is crowded, and we are glad to find beds in an unfinished hotel, which certainly did not lack for ventilation, blankets and gunny bags doing duty for doors and windows. Before sunrise we are off for the "front"—our outfit consisting of a buckboard and a pair of mustangs as nimble as a pair of deer and not much larger.
Our way at first is through the Mouse river valley, three-fourths to one mile wide, and heavily timbered in the bends. Ranchers occupy every bend, with log house, stable, and hay stack for winter feed. The soil is rich, and though stock raising is carried on almost exclusively, every farmer keeping twenty-five to one hundred head, the little land under cultivation plainly shows the adaptability of the country for grain raising. The rail road grade is to our left, and soon begins to ascend out of the valley to the high level beyond. Four miles from Minot is Gessman's Conlee, here crossed by the great railroad trestle, 1,600 feet long and 100 high. The trestles are steep, but once on their summit the land becomes level almost immediately. We now pass through an entirely unsettled region, and we feel that there is nothing overwrought on high, the rolling in our statement when we say that henceforth for twenty-eight miles is the best farming land we have ever seen. A black humus very deep, without a trace of gravel or stone in its composition; the subsoil yellow clay with a reddish cast on the higher knolls, smooth a-d sufficiently undulating for good drainage; not a sign of alkali is seen on the surface or subsoil.
Twelve miles north is the timbered De Laes river, with coal cropping out in every bluff; to the south the "Coteaux," plainly in sight, with this fine land continuing in gentle slopes to their very summits. Heavy upland grass, blue stem, buffalo, and a broad leaved black grass, of which cattle are very fond, covers all the country. This is all government land, subject to entry, and now that the railroad is constructed through its center, presents every advantage possible to the farmer and ranchman. The second siding is sixteen miles west of Minot, and being in the heart of the country, with which we were so pleased, at the suggestion of the United States marshal, we named it "Goodlands." Here next year will certainly be one of the best towns on the line, for now that the railroad penetrates the tract, settlement must be rapid next spring.—[St. Paul Globe].
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Here is your chance for a choice home, 160 acres and only eight miles from town for \$100. WELD BROS.
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You lovers of music, call at Martin Bros. and examine their fine line of guitars, violins, accordions, french harps, jews harps, &c. Call and hear their sweet tones whether you purchase or not.
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