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Colby schools will be out on 31st of May. Judge R. S. Newell was in from Burlington on Monday. W. A. Pratt, of Brewster, was in Colby on Wednesday. An adjourned meeting of the city council was held on Tuesday evening. E. A. Hall, cashier of Hall & Martin Bank, is in Kansas City on business. There is considerable difference between Dr. J. N. Bery starts this week for Salem, Oregon. He will be gone two or three months. Miss Laura Weid has been quite ill, the past week, but at this writing is slowly improving. County Treasurer Hovey is having a coat of new paint put on his horse, improving appearances wonderfully. R. M. McGonigal who has been visiting old friends in numerous places in eastern Kansas, returned home on Friday last. Dr. J. W. Martin starts this week upon a visit to his father and mother at DeKalb, Mo. His father is in very poor health. Miss Laura Baldwin, daughter of Commissioner W. H. Baldwin, of Hale township, visited in Colby Saturday and Sunday. "How's the old 'oman? I've bin told she war a'lin' ob late." Bereaved Husband "She ain't doin' so well dis mawrin'; she ain't dead. Secretary Mohler has kindly sent us the report of the State Board for quarter ending March 31. It contains very interesting crop statistics. The Right Rev. Bishop Leavelle, of Concordia, will celebrate Mass in Colby on Thursday May 30, at the residence of Mr. Picklum, east of the school house at 10 o'clock a. m. Preparation for a grand time on "Decoration Day," May 30, 1889, at Colby, is being made by the committee of arrangements of Charles O'Rovohi Post No. 302, Colby, Kansas. Parade, oration, music, etc. Mr. Ernest J. Scott, editor Sherman County Democrat, was in the city on Wednesday on his way to attend the editorial association at Minneapolis. Mr. Scott was accompanied by his wife. This office was favored with a very pleasant visit. Capt. D. N. Hamilton was on Saturday last elected president of the agricultural society. The new president proposes to at once enter upon his duties and give Thomas county a good fair next fall. He should have the generous assistance of all our citizens. The rain belt in Colorado will have fifty thousand acres planted to alfalfa by the first of June. We have confidence that the early planted will succeed. The later planted for success depends upon the clouds. If showered upon frequently that too will succeed. We admire the determination of those rain belt people. -Ariokaree Tribune. Dighton Journal: Many counties throughout the state are insisting upon the farmers mixing cane when planting this spring. This is a good idea and we say that our farmers should do likewise. The farmers of White Rock township need no advice in this direction as they made the experiment last year and found that it worked well, but those in other parts of the county should try it. The following is the substance of a telegram sent by Mr. Bonnell before the excursionists left Colby: COLBY, Kas., April 10, 1889. 9 a. m. ALBERT WOODCOCK, Gen'l Land Com., Omaha. Stop at Beatrice made good impression. Trip and stop at Ellis all satisfactory. Drive to Fairco pleasant, and reception here with band and meeting at Masonic Hall took the whole party by surprise. Rain last night made everything look splendid and all farmers happy. We leave now on special to Oakley. J. C. BONNELL.

GENERAL INVITATION. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to the citizens in general of the city of Colby and Thomas County, Kansas, and all old soldiers and families, churches and societies, to join with Charles O'Rovohi Post No. 302 Grand Army of the Republic, in a union memorial service on Sunday, May 26th, 1889, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. proceeding "Decoration Day," at Army Hall, Colby, Kansas. Also to participate with said post No. 302 in the exercises on "Decoration Day," Thursday, May 30, 1889. Address by resident Ministers. Choir music under the auspices of the Ladies' Relief Corps. Program for "Decoration Day" will be published next week. By order of Charles O'Rovohi Post No. 302, G. A. R., Colby, Kansas. By Com. of arrangements Comrade H. H. MILLER, Chrm. " J. P. BATHA, Secy. " J. E. LAMB.

County Fair-Election of Officers. COLBY, Kan., 11, 1889. Meeting of the directors of the Thomas County Livestock and Agricultural Association held at the court house for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. On motion of M. L. Lacey the directors proceeded to the election of officers. D. N. Hamilton was placed in nomination for president. On motion made and seconded, the secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the society for D. N. Hamilton. J. W. Gilmore was duly elected vice-president. J. W. Irwin was elected secretary and treasurer. Moved and carried that the secretary be allowed to choose his own assistant. Moved by D. Bradbury that a committee of three be appointed by the president, to revise the by laws of the association and report such revision to a meeting of the stockholders on June 22, 1889, to be held at the court house, in Colby. The president appointed the following committee: D. Bradbury, J. W. Gilmore, M. L. Lacey. Moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to correspond with the secretaries of adjoining county associations and request the perfecting of a Fair circuit this fall. Moved and carried to adjourn. J. W. Irwin, Secy.

Rexford Correspondence. Mr. Editor:- Rexford is a pretty dry town, i. e. she has not an adequate water supply, though the sparkling fluid is readily obtained here at a depth of about 100 feet. The Townsite Company sunk a well and put in a pump and windmill but the pump is out of order and the Company seem inclined to let the well run farrow for this season. The only supply for the town is the excellent well put down by the C. & N. Co., near their cattle yards. It is rather far to carry water but we hardly believe the R. R. Co. could be induced to move it nearer the residence portion of the town—we have not tried to induce them. Should a fire start under such circumstances it could hardly mean anything less than disaster. But at present the indications are that Rexford will be visited by a deluge—though of a character that will result in no harm or destruction of life. It will not be rain, hail or snow, but an enormous flood of goods. One of our business houses has consumed a deal with a firm in Norton whereby one of the largest stocks of general merchandise in that town changes hands and will be transferred to their store here as soon as they can make room for it by the completion of their store rooms now in process of erection. The stock is said to invoice over \$11,000. Business is booming. The C. & N. have a fine, large and convenient depot building here, and E. A. Gilbert, a polite and honorable gentleman and an efficient officer, is the agent in charge. Added to his other duties as operator, freight and express agent, he carries the mail from the post office twice a day. The traffic at this station is becoming considerable, and we will try to furnish some statistics as to its volume, in a future letter. Bobt. DeWitt with a sturdy squad of laborers has charge of this section of the road-bed, and we will venture the assertion that on the entire line of road no section is more thoroughly inspected or kept in more perfect order. Our school term closes in three weeks. That energetic little lady Mrs. Minnie Cumpston holds the reins, and doubtless is doing her level best in teaching "the young idea how to shoot." We trust that progress may be made by the bright-eyed youth under her tuition, although the circumstances are somewhat adverse, as this district at present has no school room. They have rented for the present term the ground floor of Mr. Cumpston's building. A very good outfit of desks and apparatus has been purchased and a suitable school house and the necessary adjuncts for the successful culture of the intellectual faculties of the rising generation will be provided during the present season. We noticed the stalwart form of J. B. McGonigal in his faded coat of blue, pass through our city on the east bound express, enroute to Oberlin to assume the duties of the office of Receiver of the U. S. land office. In the language of a certain prominent republican, we exclaimed "of course we want you to have that office or something better;" and hope the salary will be found to be much more than adequate for "the support of an old maid!" Apropos of this Mr. Editor are you not struck with the magnitude of change, a few months have brought about? Just think of it! One year ago the men who fought the giant hydra-head of slavery, state sovereignty and secession to its final overthrow; and wrapped the loathsome form of Treason in that emblem of Hell the Stars and Bars, and with these ghastly habiliments buried it out sight of loyal Americans in the last ditch; these men were sneered at as "bummers," "dead beats," "bounty jumpers," "coffee cooler," "treasury leeches," etc. Now they are "union veterans," "the boys who wore the blue," "the old soldiers," "war preservers," "the nation's heroes," etc. The very atmosphere seems changed, and all over this broad land the old boys are getting there; on coming out of their holes and hiding post in the presentment. Once more this is our own Columbus! and the old flag fairly laughs in the sunlight of loyalty. "On them be it ever," J. B. KORTHOVEN.

CITY COUNCIL. COLBY, May 7th '89. Council met at their regular meeting. T. P. Feehan Mayor in the chair. Councilman present, Goodsoe, Irwin and Canfield. Mayor appointed H. C. Shimp and A. B. Canfield committee on finance. The following bills were allowed: McCormick & Bott to oil can, broom, etc \$ 12 00 H. Jackson hauling off... 75 W. C. Dods, salary as marshal... 10 00 M. A. Dudlong hauling lumber... 50 Thomas County Car, printing... 22 00 George W. Yates office rent... 2 00 W. H. Jackson hauling lumber... 1 50 B. F. Walters, water... 2 75 C. B. Dakin, salary city clerk... 6 00 Jas. F. Fire stationery... 2 30 C. B. Dakin work on crosswalk... 1 00 M. Niskern office desk... 15 00 J. P. French office bench... 1 00 W. C. Dods chairs, lamp, etc... 5 00 W. C. Dods labor on walks and crossings... 5 00 Bill of H. D. Clark for repairs on tank was rejected. Application of E. L. Brewer for license for billiard hall was laid over to next meeting, bond not being complete. The bond of E. A. Hall was laid over to next meeting. Moved and seconded that the clerk be instructed to apportion the cost of publication of side walk notice, in front of lot No. 15 in block 27 on Frae. Klin avenue and charge the same against the lot. Carried. Adjourned to meet May 28th. The city council met on May 8th, pursuant to adjournment, with Mayor Feehan presiding. The following bills were allowed: C. B. Dakin work on sidewalk... \$ 1 00 Chicago Lumber Co. lumber... 12 00 A. B. Canfield hardware... 4 20 Application for billiard hall license and bond of E. L. Brewer laid over. Ordinance No. 47 fixing salary of city attorney at \$50 per annum, salary of marshal at \$10 per month and city clerk at \$60 per month, adopted by sections and as a whole. Adjourned to May 14th. Council met pursuant to adjournment. Ordinance No. 48, prescribing duties of city treasurer and fixing bond at \$200, adopted by sections and as a whole. On motion the city attorney was instructed to draft an ordinance to take into city limits all property laid and now lying outside and adjoining city limits. Councilman H. C. Shimp and A. B. Canfield were appointed committee on streets and alleys. Adjourned. C. B. DAKIN, Clerk.

Changes in School Law. TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS: It is deemed advisable to notify you of the changes made in the school laws by the Legislature at its last session, prior to the publication of the school laws for distribution among school-district officers. But few changes were made, and they may readily be noted by referring to the School Laws of 1887. Sec. 20, School Laws of 1887, has been amended so as to place the Loan Commissioner of the State Agricultural College on the same footing as the State School Fund Commissioners in the matter of bond offerings. Sec. 26, School Laws of 1887, has been amended so as to require 30 days' residence as a qualification for voting at school district elections. The law as it now stands is herewith published in full: "The following persons shall be entitled to vote at any district meeting: FIRST, all persons possessing the qualifications of electors as defined by the constitution of the State, and who shall have been in good faith residents of the district for thirty days next prior to the time of offering to vote at said election; SECOND, all female persons over the age of twenty-one years, not subject to disqualification named in section second, article 10 of the constitution of the State, and who shall be residents in good faith of the district for thirty days next prior to the time of offering to vote at said election." Sec. 33 and Sec. 50, School Laws of 1887, have been amended by changing the time of the July in both places, so that the annual meetings are now fixed by law for the last Thursday of July of each year. The act making this change also contains two clauses concerning County Treasurers. Herewith is given the law in full: "Sec. 2. That section 3, chapter 22, laws of 1887, be and is hereby amended to read: The clerk of each district shall, at least 30 days previous to the annual meeting in July of each year, make a written report, which he shall submit and read to the meeting of the district at the annual meeting for their information and consideration. If any change or alteration therein be necessary, the same shall be made, and it shall then be transmitted to the county superintendent of public instruction. Said report shall show: FIRST, the number of children, male or female, requested separately, residing in the district or part of the district on the last day of June previous to the date of such report, over the age of five and under the age of twenty-one years; SECOND, the number of children attending school during the year, their sex, and branches studied; THIRD, the length of time a school has been taught in the district by a qualified teacher, the name of the teacher, the length of time taught by each teacher, and wages paid; FOURTH, the amount of money received from the county treasurer, arising from the disbursement of the State annual school fund, the amount received from district taxes, and the amount received from all other sources during the year, and the manner in which the same has been expended; FIFTH, the amount of money raised by the district in each year, and the purpose for which it was raised; SIXTH, the kind of books used in the schools, and such other facts and statistics in regard to the district as the county superintendent may require." "Sec. 3. All county treasurers in this State are hereby required to notify clerks of all school districts in their respective counties, by mail or otherwise, ten days prior to the time fixed by law for holding annual district meetings, the amount of money drawn from the treasury by the district treasurer of the district since the commencement of the past school year, and shall also state in the same notification the balance remaining on hand, if any, in the county treasury to the credit of the respective districts." "Sec. 4. The county treasurer shall pay no money to the district treasurers of his county after the close of the school year, June 30, until after the annual district meetings of the school districts have been held." Very Respectfully, GEO. W. WENANS, Supl. Pub. Instruction.

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