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THE AID BUSINESS.

The aid business in western Kansas is engaging considerable attention. Gov. St. John is criticized in some quarters for accepting from Jay Gould any money for the object. We have already spoken with sufficient positiveness on this question to make our views known. We have said, and say, there may be individual cases of suffering in this country, but that if there are, our people are able to take care of them. In this position we are endorsed by every man who values truth above policy. Now, if Gould will feed any sufferers who chance to be so from sickness, our people will be spread such trouble. There have been some cases of suffering in all new sections of Kansas, and if such is not true of well-settled states, what are poor houses for? But our people are not able to run poor houses now. The danger of deception in this matter is to be admitted, but is there not deception in everything else?—*Wa-Keeney World.*

DO JUST AS HE PLEASES.

The following from Thursday's Chicago Tribune sounds like some one was getting terribly frightened: "Gould is rapidly reaching that point where he can do just as he pleases with the railroads of this country. There is no combination or railroad company powerful enough now to thwart him in any of his designs. There seems to be but one way in which Gould's sway might be broken, and that is by the Chicago roads—namely, the Burlington, Rock Island, Northwestern, Alton, and Illinois Central—joining together and making an offensive and defensive treaty against Gould. These roads, with the lakes back of them for an eastern outlet, and the Grand Trunk and Baltimore & Ohio as allies in the east, and Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe as an ally in the west, could inflict such damage upon Gould and his syndicate as would make their investments highly unprofitable."

A CANADIAN WEATHER PROPHET.

PROF. VENNOR, the Canadian weather prophet, tells what he knows about the weather to come before the winter months are over. He has the prestige of accuracy in Canada, and has lately been making a study on United States weather. He writes that those who talk about a mild winter reckon without their host, for although January has been mild, February looks black, and very icy-breathed. His prognostications are for Canada, New York, and Northern states and his wintery February, should it come as predicted, will be likely to blow its frosty breath, pile up its snow drifts, and hurl its ice-shafts far south. According to this authority a heavy snow is to fall on the 2d or 3d of February, drifting and causing railroad blockades. The cold spell will last four days, and then come rain and slush up to about the 15th or 16th. The 16th will bring another heavy snow-fall and drifting and blockading. Between the 20th and 25th a second cold spell will set in, and give very low thermometer readings. Heavy snow falls are predicted for the 17th and 21st of March. If these things are to come to pass it is too early to throw away ulsters or think about spring suits.

MORE snow has already fallen in the mountains than during the whole of last winter. It averages ten feet deep on the range, and the heaviest snows are yet to come. Mining operations will be delayed about a month later than usual, but there will be abundance of water all summer for placer mining. An abundance of rain throughout Kansas may also be looked for in consequence of the supply of snow in the mountains. Every thing promises well for a prosperous season in 1880.—*Ex.*

SPEAREVILLE BRIEFS.

To the Editor of the Times.
—The News says "This article has been signed by over one hundred of our prominent citizens." It refers to an article in contradiction of the TIMES' article on the destitute. We do not believe any such thing as we were present at the meeting of the relief, and at the time of "Bob's" reading the article in the TIMES, and he influenced a few of the Germans to sign his reply. The first autograph attached was John Smith, the dutchman that kissed H. M. Clark last fall at the time of Clark's defeat for surveyor. Smith is up for office, and Clark says if defeated he will kiss John, John's family and the dog.

—Our prospects are better for our poor and suffering, as Bob is operating with Jay Gould, and if they get acquainted we think Gould will donate freely.

—Our tyro lost his bottle last evening, got mad and went home without it.

—If any stranger had been in town Sunday and not knowing what the people was trying to do, he would have thought that Dan Rice's show was in town, seeing so many people in so many different shapes—some standing on their heads and some lying on their backs, trying to read the News.

—The railroad company is scooping in the pass business—scooped an editor out of one, and he is sad.

—Our merchants have reduced overcoats to cost in order to clean out for spring stock.

—We will have a cemetery as soon as we can procure the charter. We expect to need all the craps you have in Dodge, as we will soon have the funeral of a dead newspaper.

—If the Weaver bill doesn't pass it will strike Speareville hard.

EXOTICA.

From information of a reliable character it is learned that, as soon as spring opens, Jay Gould will at once begin the work of extending the St. Louis, Kansas and Arizona to Pueblo, running up the south side of the Arkansas River, the north side of which is now occupied by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. It was first intended to make Wichita the terminus of the St. L., K. and A., but at the recent meeting in New York Mr. Gould made it known that he would at once extend the road.—*Globe-Democrat.*

We had it affirmed to us by farmers who were in no way given to exaggeration, that the crop of 1880, would far exceed in quantity, no intervening Providence, that most prolific season, 1875, when the average acreage throughout this country as per the State Agricultural report, was twenty-three bushels.—*Wichita Beacon.*

THERE is an active demand for wool in Philadelphia. Prices are firm with an advancing tendency. Stocks are reduced. Oregon fine, 37@40; medium, 40@42; coarse 37@39; California fine, 39@43; medium, 37@40; coarse, 33@37; New Mexican and Colorado fine and medium, 35@40; coarse carpet wool, 29@30.

W. W. WHEELAND, County Clerk of Hodgman county, appeared voluntarily in Topeka, Saturday morning, and gave bond for his appearance, February 24th, before the Supreme Court to answer to the charge of contempt in refusing to testify before that tribunal in the recent county seat contest.

THE cattle commissioners of Colorado have requested the sheriffs of the various counties in which cattle inspectors are stationed to appoint these inspectors deputy sheriffs. The sheriffs of Arapahoe and Pueblo counties have already signified their intention of complying with this request which action will be a great assistance in capturing and punishing cattle thieves.

TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

The election for township officers in Dodge township, Tuesday, was conducted without much interest, 332 votes being polled in the city. The following is the vote:

Trustee—D. S. Weaver, 230.
Clerk—L. W. Jones, 191; H. P. Myton, 28
Justices—R. G. Cook, 169; L. Shinn, 136;
J. M. Bay, 98; G. A. Kellogg, 29.
Treasurer—H. Sturm, 128; H. P. Niess, 102.

Constable—D. Morrow, 131; Ed. Cooley, 200; Theo. Bagg, 85; C. Besman, 26.
Road Overseer—J. T. Riney, 134; P. R. Hubble, 98.

Myton, Kellogg and Beeman were not candidates, and the vote given was complimentary. The people of Dodge know how to conduct a quiet election.

WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP.

The following named persons were elected to the offices named: Trustee, W. H. Preston; Justice of Peace, John Rapp; Clerk, Frank Winters; Constables, Peter Ridder and J. Snider; Road Overseer, Peter Somer. There were three candidates for Treasurer, and we did not learn the result of the election.

TICE'S WEATHER.

Prof Tice's weather forecasts for February are as follows:

1st to 4th—cloudy and threatening weather, with rain or snow storms.

4th to 6th—fair weather.

7th 11th—clouding and threatening weather, with rain or snow storms.

13th to 15th—clouding and threatening weather, with local storms.

16th to 18th—clear or fair.

18th to 22nd—clouding with threatening weather, with heavy rain and severe storms in places.

22d to 24th—clear or fair.

24th to 28th—cloudy, with rain or snow storms.

28th to 29th—clear or fair.

BONANZA IN HODGEMAN CO.

Dr. Lavenburg brought to town Monday several pieces of silver ore, discovered in Hodgeman county at a depth of 40 feet. The ore has been examined by old miners here and has been pronounced to be very valuable some estimating it to be worth \$100 a ton. Specimens of the ore have been sent to Topeka, St. Louis and New York, and Dr. Lavenburg will go east in a few days to organize a stock company and to purchase the machinery that is necessary, and will at once develop the mines.

The ground is also being surveyed in that county for the new railroad which will be built shortly.—*Kinsley Leader.*

SUGAR is being manufactured from corn. It is reported that David Dows & Co., of New York, have forty-three acres in Iowa buying corn, and have now over 3,000,000 bushels in crib.

THE Dodge City Fire Company will give a ball Monday evening, February 23d. Messrs. Beatty, Beeson, T. J. Draper and J. Collar, committee on arrangements.

E. SPRAGUE was lodged in jail in Topeka, Saturday last, for forging a check on the Paymaster of the A., T. and S. F. R. R.

REAL estate is on the rise in St. Louis. The rise in real estate throughout the country is a healthy sign.

ONE of New York's prominent chemists, Mr. Albert C. Dang, 61 Bowery, says:

St. JACOB'S OIL cured a well-known sufferer, and many other prominent citizens of Rheumatism. It is a reliable remedy.