

LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1883.

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

After Sunday, January 23th, 1883, the Dodge City Postoffice will observe the following hours:

OPENS.	CLOSES.
Week days..... 7:30 A. M.	8:00 P. M.
Sundays..... 8:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
Sundays..... 9:00 P. M.	7:00 P. M.
M. O. and Registry 9:00 a. m.	6:00 p. m.
Mails close at 12 m. and 8:30 p. m.	

N. B. KLAINÉ, Postmaster.

Camp stoves at Horder & Shields.

R. M. Wright was down the road on business this week.

The weather has been pleasant since the severe cold spell.

All kinds of tinware made at Horder & Shields' new tin shop.

Oil, which will not freeze, 175 test, guaranteed not to freeze, for sale, continually, by M. COLLAR.

Wm. Gyles, brother of H. J. Gyles, arrived Monday, from Eng'and, and will remain a short time visiting his brother.

Call on Horder & Shields north of post office when anything in the line of tin, sheet iron, copper or zinc work you want done.

Lavin Lemmer, late postmaster at Odee, Kansas, was in the city yesterday, and carried the mail pouch with mail for that office.

N. B. Klaine, lately appointed Postmaster at Dodge City, took possession of the office Tuesday morning. A. Bennett is the assistant Postmaster.

R. E. Shuman, of Spereville, has purchased a lot in Shinn's Addition, north of John Muller's residence, and will soon build a fine residence. Town lots are in demand and are bringing good prices.

G. Longendyke, of Pawnee Valley, Hodgeman county was in town yesterday. He says there was five inches of snow in Hodgeman county. He reports no loss of cattle, but a few head of sheep by the late storm.

Fred. Singer, Fred. Wenie, and Henry Adams, are recovering from severe spells of sickness, and are able to be out of their homes. Judge Burns is recovering from a severe abscess on the eye. The cold spell made but little sickness.

R. W. Evans, county treasurer, is in Topeka this week, making settlement with the State Treasurer. The sum paid into the State treasury this year is considerably larger than any of the preceding years. The amount of assessable property is increasing every year and of course a larger revenue is paid into the county treasury.

We notice that N. B. Klaine, of the Dodge City Times, has been appointed Post Master of Dodge City. This is an amiable position and we think that Mr. Klaine worthy and will fill the position with much credit to himself and satisfaction to the people.—Jetmore Reveille.

The above is one of many complimentary notices of our appointment. The Reveille is informed that we shall try to fill the "amiable position" true to our nature.

The contractor of the mail route from Dodge City to Zulu, Texas, has failed to comply with his contract. The mail this week for that route being uncalled for at the Dodge City postoffice. The importance of mail delivery is manifest, and a failure of the carrier is a great inconvenience and detriment to the stockmen along the line of the route. The interests of the country demand that the mail contract be given at a price that will insure the prompt delivery of mails.

The Water Power company is in earnest about its suit against the irrigation people up west and is preparing to enjoin them soon. Messrs. Whitson and West have just returned from a trip up the road and they find by investigation that they have a good case and also that the people are waking up all along the line on this question.—Hutchison News.

This move will not stop the progress of the irrigation schemes. Some lawyers will reap a harvest out of these suits. Litigation is slow just now.

THE COLD SNAP.

A severe storm occurred here, commencing on Thursday last, and the severe cold continuing until Saturday afternoon. The wind at two p. m., Thursday reached a velocity of forty-six miles per hour. The temperature Friday morning marked 21° below zero. Saturday morning the mercury indicated 17° below zero. Very little snow fell. This is the coldest weather experienced in this region for a number of years. In January, 1875, we are informed, the mercury indicated 19° below zero. In the winter of 1880-1, the temperature was 14° below zero, during the coldest period of that severe winter. Old settlers inform us that the temperature indicated 31° below zero, at Aubrey station, west of this point, some years ago.

A number of persons had feet and hands badly frozen, but we hear of no deaths. Stock suffered severely, but there were few losses, as stock is generally in good condition. The cold snap subsided on Sunday, the temperature falling to 13° below zero, as recorded at the Signal office, on Sunday morning.

The storm was general throughout the west and north. We hear of some losses of stock. Cattle have drifted some. There was little snow on the ground and stock could graze as usual.

THE SPRING BOOM.

With the thermometer striking the points below zero, there is no contemplation of spring openings. Barring the little jog of weather last week—a cold blast from the remotest part of the north pole—the weather around and about Dodge has resumed its normal condition. The weather for a few days has been decidedly pleasant and being thawed out, so to speak, we have given some thought to the spring boom. There will be considerable building going on the coming season. Town lots are advancing in value, and we hear of some contracts for business lots at fabulous prices. The prices however are in perfect keeping with the prospects before us and these wholesome figures will be maintained.

The railroad company will give the impetus to the progressive boom in building. About March 1st the company will commence building in earnest. There are two round houses to be built of eighteen stalls each, and a number of other machine buildings, heretofore mentioned in this paper. Workmen are engaged now in putting down sidetracks to the coal chutes, and other preparations for tracklaying are being made. Material for the new buildings is coming every day, and during the balmy days we can contemplate the approach of spring and the activity spring will bring us. Dodge is going to make a big stride the present year.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

A young man under 21 years of age, and son of Alexander Newby, of Hodgeman county, was found frozen to death on the Hackbury, on Friday last. The young man had been cutting holes in the ice in the creek for the purpose of allowing the cattle to drink, and on his return to his house when he fell dead. He evidently made a mistake of the way to his house, his body having been found in the "draw" leading in another direction.

Our informant states that a number of people in Hodgeman county suffered with frozen hands, feet and ears.

D. M. Frost went to Topeka Monday, for the purpose of being present at the election of U. S. Senator. Mr. Frost has deep interest in these elections—he may be a candidate for United States Senator himself some of these days, and he is paving the way. He will have our unqualified support either for Congress or the Senate. By the way, the Legislature is about to fix up the apportionment bill, dividing the State into seven congressional districts; and it is also for gerrymandering a district that has called Mr. Frost to Topeka. Dodge City is fortunate in having a lobbyist of Mr. Frost's transcendent and well-known ability.

Don't forget that Horder & Shields repair all kinds of stoves.

SODA WATER MANUFACTURE.

Henry Sturm, wholesale liquor dealer, has completed arrangements for the establishment of a soda water manufactory, which will be in operation on the first of March. Mr. Sturm will manufacture all kinds of soda water, including champagne cider. Mr. Metcalf, who was connected with the soda water manufactory at Hutchison is associated with Mr. Sturm in the manufacture of soda water. The quality of soda water furnished Mr. Sturm's customers last year is a guarantee of Mr. Metcalf's ability as a soda water manufacturer. The factory will be located on the south side of the railroad.

I have a large quantity of sorgum millet, shock corn and some straw to sell also coralls and sheds with plenty of water and troughs with good range adjoining, sufficient for 1,000 head of sheep. Rather have sheep than cattle. W. J. COLVIN, Larned, Kan.

Go to Horder & Shields for to have your tinware repaired, four doors north of the post office.

APPLES, APPLES, APPLES!

By the load, barrel or bushel. Fine quality, and very cheap.

WRIGHT, BEVERLEY & Co.

Proceedings are to be commenced in a few days, under the charge of the Temperance Union executive committee, against liquor sellers throughout the State, and an active war pursued. They have determined to commence the battle in North Topeka and follow it up throughout the entire commonwealth until a greater stir is made than ever before.

A correspondent writing from Kingston, N. M., says: "Here, also, lives a woman of some thirty-five summers, who is a wonder. She has just completed a log cabin, and did all the work herself except putting up the logs. She cut the logs, hauled them, and made the shingles to cover it. I saw her ride in town yesterday, Sunday, on a horse. In front of her was a deer she had just killed. You will probably think she is a lovely widow. Such is not the case. She has a husband and he takes care of the children.

The demand for tillable land for small farms is breaking up some of the large ranches in California, containing from 30,000 to 40,000 acres each. Colonies of small proprietors are beginning to settle upon them, the owners of the great tracts, it is said, showing a disposition to meet the demand by subdividing their property. The American idea is 160 acres to each farmer, and so far the attempts of individuals to own, control and cultivate enormous bodies of land have proved failures.

All over the North and West the arctic weather has delayed or stopped railroad trains. In many instances cattle and hogs in transit have been frozen to death.

The weather is moderating and reports from Kansas indicate that the damage to stock is not very great. Fruit suffered some, but the snow which immediately preceded the cold wave had the effect of benefiting wheat.

CITIZENS MEETING.

The citizens of Dodge township are requested to meet in the court house, at 3 p. m., on Saturday, January 27th for the purpose of nominating candidates for township officers. A number of citizens have agreed to this call. MANY CITIZENS.

The board of Indian commissioners which was organized to supervise government contracts for supplying such food, clothes and utensils as the nation bestows upon the noble aborigines, might well be dispensed with. When the members came together in Washington the other day they were promptly told by the Secretary of the Interior of a case in which they had permitted the government to be swindled in the purchase of 12,000 head of cattle, to the extent of \$5 per head, or the neat sum of \$60,000. The president of the board admitted the fact, but pleaded in mitigation that no member of the board was present when the contract was let.

The candidates for township offices are on the alert.

Judge Burnes is a candidate for justice of the peace. Judge Borton is also mentioned.

A meeting to endorse Mr. Hoover's action in the Legislature—voting for the Republican speaker—would be the proper thing.

George B. Cox is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Township Trustee. Mr. Cox is well qualified for the office, and would make an excellent officer. He is generally liked by the people. He will no doubt accept the office if elected to the position.

SPEAREVILLE NOTES.

—Rev. Hooker preached a very able sermon at the presbyterian church last Sabbath, reading 3rd chapter of 2nd Kings, selecting 16, 17 and 20th verses of said chapter for his text. After referring to the great advantages to be derived by irrigating the land, he called the attention of his hearers to the far greater advantages to be derived by the spiritual irrigation of the soul.

—Last Thursday afternoon at the time the cold wave swept down upon us with such terrible severity, H. L. Peck, a prominent sheep man of Hodgeman county, (now stopping here) froze his hands severely, depriving him of the use of those useful members of the human body. At first it was thought the amputation of a thumb and one or two fingers would be necessary, but he is improving so rapidly under the skillful treatment of Dr. Choteau, that it is now thought amputation will not be necessary.

—The loss of stock in this vicinity by the late storm was not so great as was anticipated.

—Hon. M. W. Sutton was in town on Tuesday.

REPORT FROM THE STORM.

The following reports are received in response to inquiries regarding the effect of the recent severe weather. The blizzard which passed over Kansas on the 19th and 20th has entirely subsided, the weather having greatly moderated throughout the entire State. The news from the stock district, report but little injury to the cattle, or sheep. The freezing of numerous small streams threatened a water famine, but the melting snow is preventing it. Trains were not seriously delayed by the storm, or stock impaired by transit. It was one of the worst storms we have had in the State in years—being particularly severe in the western part of the state. Wheat went into winter quarters in very fair shape and it will be impossible to form an opinion of its condition until the spring thaw. The snow completely covers the ground which is beneficial to the plant.

Final Proof.

W. F. Petillon, district clerk of Ford county, is prepared to make out applications for final proof on homestead and pre-emption lands. The testimony of witnesses and applicants can also be taken before Mr. Petillon. He will attend to all kinds of business with the United States Land Office at Larned. aug31-1f

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