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The breeding of horses and mules in a country like this, where lands are cheap and feed in abundance is to be had, can be made a profitable industry.

PRESIDENT HARRISON was heard from as soon as the fifty-first congress organized, through a very statesmanlike paper commonly called a message, which has the true republican ring to it.

The Hutchinson Times. Sponsler Bros. publishers, is the latest publication on our table. It is a neat and newsy quarto, and will make its appearance weekly. Add one more republican paper to our list, Mr. Mail Clerk.

The Kearney county seat case which has been in the supreme court for over two years, was finally settled on last Saturday, the decision being rendered in favor of Hartland. This news must be very gratifying to Joe Dillon, editor of the Hartland Herald, for it was the one desire of his life to live in a county seat town.

All kinds of live stock in this section of the state have done remarkably well the past year. All are sleek and fat and in good growing condition, and an abundance of all kinds of good forage has been provided for winter feeding. People are beginning to find out that it pays to raise cattle, horses, sheep and hogs as well as small grain. In fact they find that what profits have been realized have been made out of stock.

The western states and territories will anxiously watch the action of the fifty-first congress to see what it will do for said section in the way of appropriations for testing the theory of water storage for irrigation. We would like to see ten million dollars taken from the Mississippi river appropriations and expended on the other end of the river or some other of the sources of supply, just to see what effect it would have on the lower Mississippi.

DON'T fret or worry about the future of western Kansas either as to the climate, soil, or the future business prospects, even if the soil does not seem to produce quite as prolifically as you had hoped it might or your prospects in business are not up to your expectations. They seldom are. And as to climate, where on earth will you find a milder or more salubrious climate than right here in western Kansas. So don't be troubled about the future for this section. All will come out right in the end.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has honored the great state of Kansas in appointing Hon. David J. Brewer, of Leavenworth, an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, to occupy the chair lately vacated by the death of Justice Stanley Matthews. Judge Brewer descended from a family of eminent jurists and his learning and ability gave him fame years ago. He is a nephew of Justice Field, and it is a most remarkable coincidence that uncle and nephew should occupy at the same time a place in the highest court of our land.

The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette says editorially: "The death of Jefferson Davis should be a message of peace rather than strife to the whole country. There is no reason why he should be dealt with in a spirit of vengeance. He is not as great a figure as if he had been killed when captured. It is well that his influence has not been increased by making him a martyr. We neither expect nor desire that the southern people should denounce him in his death. They will celebrate him with all the phrases of exaggerated sentiment peculiar to their temperament and habits of expression, but they must feel that his departure will not be to their disadvantage."

MR. ABE STOFFER, of Arkanon, and editor and proprietor of the News of that place, has been making a good many trips to Garden City within the past year and while he used to stop over between trains usually called on us and got us to believe that he was doing business at the land office; but his trips became more frequent of late, in fact his weekly trips became tri-weekly visits, not always to the land office, however, as we now find out, but to the residence of a blue eyed beauty, a miss Hattie M. Martin, with whom he entered into contract to make a life journey with him. The agreement was read over by Rev. M. Bamford in the presence of a goodly number of invited guests, simply to verify its correctness, and Abe and Hattie were declared one.

EVERY farmer ought to raise his own pork, mutton and beef.

COL. J. H. RATHBOURN, founder of the order of Knights of Pythias, died Monday afternoon at his home at Lima, Ohio. Grand Chancellor Ellis, General Carnahan, of Indianapolis, and Hon. Howard Douglas, of Cincinnati, were with him at his death. Col. Rathbourn was a man of most excellent character and was universally loved among the Knights of Pythias.

THE following startling special dispatch was published in yesterday's Hutchinson News. A meeting will be held at the seat of trouble to-day, when we shall know more of the facts:

MEADE, Kan., Dec. 9.—It has just been discovered that the American Sugar company, who built and operated a sugar factory at Minneola, Kansas, the past season, introduced imported barrel sugar into their syrup in order to make a showing to the people. Hon. Willis G. Emerson, Capt. Rob't M. Painter, Attorney A. T. Bodle, Jr., and others who have in good faith been helping the American Sugar company people to introduce their sugar plants, have been shamefully imposed upon by this gigantic piece of misrepresentation upon the part of the officers of the American Sugar company. These gentlemen unearthed the fraud yesterday and are puncturing the nefarious scheme with exposure and condemnation.

Fortunately the ninety thousand dollars of bonds voted in six different townships are not in the possession of the American Sugar company, and will therefore be surrendered to the townships. Not only Messrs. Bodle, Emerson and Painter, but the entire community are justly indignant.

As the recent democratic triumph in Sedgwick eliminates Wichita aspirants from the race to succeed Peters for congress, Pratt county makes her obeisance and shies her castor into the ring with one of the best equipped and most available men in the southwest. We'll see you later.—Pratt County Times.

DON'T worry, Jim; there is lots of time for a man to equip. Peters will succeed Peters again. Write that down in your hat.—Stafford Herald.

Those fellows who are fixing to "down Peters" are fooling away a lot of valuable time. The man does not live in the big Seventh who can down "our Sam." Just bear that in mind.—Hutchinson News.

That's the way we are talking away down here in the southwest corner of the district, and Peters needn't worry about the result. Let the other fellows do the worrying.—Arbansol News.

The people of western Kansas and more particularly those residing in the "big Seventh," district have no thought of a change of congressman, so long as Judge Peters attends to their wants as he has in the past. They know that they have a strong man in the lower house of congress and they propose to keep him there as long as he wants to remain.

DO YOUR DUTY.

Perhaps no better illustrations of the value of patriotism, loyalty and heroism could be given, than a brief review of the history of our country during the last thirty years. Thirty years ago sectionalism, hatred and strife were ripe in the land. Preparations were being made for a great revolution on the one hand, on the other every effort was being made to avert such a calamity. Problems too difficult for the best minds in the nation to solve presented themselves. Statesmen hesitated and failed to agree as to what source to pursue. In the meantime the nation drifted, dragging her anchor like a ship before the gale. What was the result? To whom did she turn for deliverance? To her leaders? No. She simply placed her safety in the hands of the loyal and patriotic people of the land, and they did not fail her. Their fidelity and zeal, and honest manly worth were her deliverance. They toiled, they suffered, many died, but they brought the nation through the crucial test of civil war, and anchored her safely within the harbor of constitution, now improved and purified for her reception.

All hail! to those brave defenders of the union! But where did they learn their lessons of loyalty and patriotism? Where did they get the discipline and strength required for such deeds? To the careful training and advice of industrious parents who were even then engaged in building a nation in the forests and on the prairies of our country. To the log school house and to the stern schoolmaster of fifty years ago, much of the glory is due. The schools of fifty years ago were not equal to the schools of to-day, yet they did a noble work. They helped to train and discipline a people for the performance of high and honorable duties. Difficult problems have been solved since the civil war, and still more difficult ones are here for solution. But the people we believe are able to solve them in a satisfactory manner.

But generation succeeds generation, to new hands must be entrusted the safety of the republic. We have no reason to believe that the problems of the future will be more easily solved than those of the past. As a nation advances in civilization the more complex are its problems, and the more skill, courage and patriotism will be required of its people. There should then be no luke warmness in the exercise of those agencies which tend to develop noble, manly qualities. The home, the school, the church and the state should cooperate in the work of elevating the people of this country. The financial and commercial questions that arise are not the most important. The training and fitting the masses for the duties of American citizenship is of superior moment, for the reason that the destiny of the nation is in the hands of the people rather than in the hands of the politicians. Politicians are followers, not leaders, they merely seek to bal-

ance themselves upon the crest of the wave of popular opinion, and the skill displayed in doing this is sometimes astonishing.

No parent has a right to let his child grow up in ignorance. The education which enabled his grandfather to succeed will not suffice for him. More arduous duties await him. The child of to-day has superior advantages, but he must make good use of them, for "to whom much is given much will be required."

THE HERD LAW.

An Open Question on Which all are Invited to Give Their Views.

EDITOR GLOBE-REPUBLICAN:—In your issue of the 20th ultimo, appears a communication signed "Occasional," in which among other things he says: "Many of our best and most substantial citizens intend to seek homes elsewhere ere long. Kansas is the land of their choice, but they find the restrictive stock law an unsurmountable obstacle in the path to prosperity, etc." advocating that fenced farms and free range would hold them. Now, Mr. Editor, I always was and will be, opposed to monopolies of any kind; especially so against a one-horse monopoly. Where a few men who scarcely had ground enough to bury them on where they came from, and are now clamoring for the whole earth to run a few head of cattle on, and are howling for free range, when in fact they have all the range they need providing they herd and take care of their stock. They cry "fenced farms and free range." Why don't they fence their own farms and herd their cattle? The reason is they would be in the same fix as the man who wanted to buy a pocketbook, after he had bought and paid for it he had no money to put in it; just so with these people. If they sell their cattle and buy posts and wire and erect a fence they have no stock to put inside. Yet they would compel the farmers and other stock men to fence their claims at an expense of about three hundred and fifty dollars per quarter section and pay taxes on the same. So these self-constituted cattle barons who own a dozen or two cows and calves—which when tied together by the tails in bunches of a half-dozen are worth about twenty-five dollars a bunch—could let them roam over creation and break down the fences, eat up the crops and destroy the feed in stacks, because they are too lazy to herd and take care of their stock. If stock is not worth taking care of it is not worth keeping. The fact is they want other people to pay the taxes on the land and fences and eat up the farmers' grass and crops, and herd them besides. It is surprising that these magnanimous citizens do not die of enlargement of the heart, when they ask of their equally financially embarrassed neighbors what they themselves cannot do.

The sooner we get rid of such a selfish and unreasonable class of citizens the better for the community at large. Free range would cause more trouble and more law suits than all the cattle in the county. For the benefit of these free rangers I will quote from a copy before me, a charge to the jury by Judge Strang, which not only is good law but common sense as well. The jury were unable to determine one point, viz: Whether a person was liable for damages, Ford county then not being a herd law county. The judge gave the following instruction:

"Gentlemen of the Jury: I instruct you, that this is not a herd law county, and if the stock of one person accidentally trespasses upon the lands of another he is not liable for damages done. But if one, knowing that his cattle have trespassed upon the lands and crops of another and he does not take care of them, but permits them to trespass upon such land and crops, he is guilty of negligence and the trespass becomes wanton. He is liable for the damages so done.

(Signed) J. C. STRANG, Judge.

In the above case the defendant was mulcted in the sum of \$295.00, costs and damages. My advice is, let well-enough alone. There is room for all, only be reasonable, and do not demand the whole world for you will not get it. I have tried it under free range when some of the settlers would gather up five or six hundred head of cattle to herd during the year, getting twenty cents a head per month for taking care of them, but instead of herding them they turned them loose on the settlers, eating every settler out of crop and feed from the Arkansas river to the Pawnee and from Spearville to Cimarron. No wire, nor board fence would keep the starving cattle from your crops or stacks. I have now tried it under the herd law. I say let us retain the herd law by all means.

JAMES E. ZERBE.

The re-submissionists are collecting "straws," but sweet cider will be the hardest drink they will ever sip through the straws.

Chair Cars to Pueblo.

The "Santa Fe Route" is now running free reclining-chair cars between Kansas City and Denver on daily trains leaving Kansas City at 11:20 a. m., and Denver at 1:20 p. m. These cars are entirely new, and have been built expressly for this train. are fitted with all the modern appliances for both convenience and safety, and are unequaled by any cars run between these points heretofore. No line can offer you better accommodations than the old reliable "Santa Fe Route." For any information desired regarding rates, through car accommodations, time of arrival and departure of trains, etc., call on any agent of the Santa Fe, or address,
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Irrigation in Kansas.

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saw better broom corn than in this valley and the climate is adapted to its perfect curing. Of course, sorghum grows in profusion, but until the process of making sugar and molasses is better understood and mills established on a solid basis, my opinion is that sorghum better be let alone. If Claus Spreckles wants to make sugar from beets he can not do better than to establish a refinery in this valley. As the saying is, he could get beets until he could not rest. As I have explained in other correspondence, as there is now a reasonable certainty of obtaining water for irrigation, this country must build up and on a sound basis.

What I have said of the soil here is applicable to almost all of the region between Kinsley and the Colorado line. As one acre of land thoroughly irrigated will certainly raise more than any two acres left dependant upon natural rainfall, it will be seen that the time will come when western and southwestern Kansas will be more populous and richer than the eastern portion of the state.
JOHN CHRISTOPHER.

PRECIOUS MOTHER.

[In affectionate remembrance of our beloved mother, by James E. Zerbe.]

Gone thou art, oh, precious mother,
Yet thy children love thee still;
In our sorrowing hearts no other
Thy beloved place can fill.
Tenderly we smoothed the tresses,
From thy brow pure as the snow,
Bedewed with tears and caresses,
Dead—and, oh! we loved you so.

All the friends thy fond heart cherished
We will prize a hundred fold;
Till like thee, we, too, have perished,
And our hearts in death are cold.
E'en the paths thy feet have trodden,
To our own are hallowed ground;
Thy loving voice we'er forgotten,
Though we miss its welcome sound.

"God to all is kind and gracious,"
These thy dying words you said,
Are to us now doubly precious
Since you're numbered with the dead.

To us each memento's dearer,
And we miss thee every where;
Heaven's portals e'en seem nearer
Since, dear mother, thou art there.

Oh! precious mother, thou art gone
To that home of light and love,
May we meet at the Savior's throne
In that blessed world above.

Gone forever; sorrow only
In our future life can know,
Since you died and left us lonely
In this world of pain and woe.

Then sleep, precious mother, alone
In your deep and narrow bed;
Until we, too, are gathered home,
And are numbered with the dead.
Dodge City, Dec. 3, 1889.

Belle Items.

Windy weather.
Rev. Ridenour at the quail trap next Sunday.

Hiram Gilbert took in the sights of Jetmore on Saturday and Sunday last.

Ben Ferguson was the guest of Niles Wiseman last week.

Wm. Bratley is the new president of the Belle Center literary.

The Misses Chritton were guests of Mrs. Garner of Jetmore Saturday and Sunday.

Bud Shemelia plastered the Logan school house last week.

Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at Mr. Weavers.

Frank Evans, of Hodgeman county, is a regular star boarder at Pettillions.

O. H. Stineman has returned from the Zerbe district where he has been tearing up the earth on a timber claim.

The Sawlog Sunday school convention will be held at Holbrook, Hodgeman county, Jan. 4th. Some of our people will attend.

The Center Sunday school has united with that of Sawlog valley. Services at the latter place at 10 o'clock a. m.

The Belle Center people will give a grand entertainment at the school house. A Christmas tree and literary programme will be among the features. Come out and hang up your stockings.

Thomas and Geo. Branaman will prove up in January and move to Kingman county.

Alec Mullendore is working on the irrigating canal on the south side.

Miss Eunice Hall of Hodgeman county, was a visitor at the Belle literary Friday evening.

Mr. Parsons and wife, of Clay county, brother of Mr. J. H. Golden, came down for a long visit last week.

J. H. Mullendore the deposed J. P. is not going to turn over the books to his successor; he thinks he holds the office for life.

Bud Shemelia and H. J. Coy were out on an antelope and coyote chase Sunday. Two coyotes and six antelope were started but escaped by the skin of their teeth. On their way home the dogs succeeded in killing and bagging a small shepherd dog belonging to Mrs. Jane Hughes.
TRAVELER.

Receiver's Appointment.
Having been appointed receiver of the estate of Webster & Bond in the case of H. L. Siler, et. al. vs. O. A. Bond et. al, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to said firm to call and settle their accounts at once and thereby save trouble and expense.
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