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The draft forger at Hays plead guilty, and Judge Pratt has sentenced him to the penitentiary for one year.

In a somewhat lengthy notice which the *Commonwealth* of Tuesday gives Sam Rades's new directory of Topeka, the population of the place is not stated. Can it be that the population has been growing the wrong way for the past year or two?

The seventeenth annual commencement of the State Agricultural college, at Manhattan, will begin June 7 and end June 10. The annual address will be delivered by Rev. A. D. Mayo, of Boston, under the unique, but suggestive, head, "American Brains in American Hands." The number of the graduating class is not stated.

We have received a nicely-worded invitation to attend the commencement exercises of the state university, at Lawrence, to be held from June 4 to June 10, inclusive. The graduating classes are: Senior collegiate, 19; normal, 9; law, 7. The oration before the literary societies will be delivered by Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, secretary of state.

It seems that the observance of Decoration day in western Kansas will be a reality at every point where a Grand Army Post is organized. In cases where the bulk of the boys and the citizens generally wish to join a big crowd at some other point, a small squad of old soldiers will probably be left behind to see that proper services are held.

Yost's mill at Hays City burned down Friday night of last week. The *Dem. Advocate* claims the loss is \$20,000. That paper says that he had let his insurance run out only a few days before the fire, and that the result of twenty years' labor was swept away in an hour. Mr. Yost had arranged to build a new mill near his elevator, and to move the machinery there from the old mill.

EX-SENATOR ED. G. ROSS has been appointed governor of New Mexico Territory. Ross was one of the Republican senators who saved Andrew Johnson from being unseated as president. Mr. Ross has been living in New Mexico for several years. He is a Democrat now. Some of our citizens may remember of having seen him at Wa-Keeneey when he was here in 1873. He then edited the *Lawrence Standard*.

"OFFENSIVE PARTISAN" depends strictly on the wish of the president for its meaning. The statute, beyond giving the senate the chance to checkmate the president in the choice of a particular appointee, is not in his way the strength of a straw. It is impossible for the senate to restore any official whom the president has deposed. There is nothing in this which is difficult to understand.

THAT industriously-edited exchange of ours, the *Lenora Leader*, has been enlarged from a 6-column folio to a 5-column quarto, and has been vastly improved otherwise. Mr. Wright is too industrious and fearless in his newspaper work to be in any danger of failing in business. The course of such men is onward and upward. *Lenora* owes him a great deal, and she ought to begin to pay, at least, some interest on the indebtedness by showing her appreciation of the marked improvement in his *Leader*.

FORWARD, across the deep, wide gulf which has separated him and us on the question of what constitutes Republicanism in Kansas, Geo. Martin, of the Junction *Union*, has been able, for these many years, to look in the face of the world and behold a personal friend. But lo! the scene changes. According to his own voluntary statement, he received a friendly note from ex-Governor St. John the other day. Good bye, George. In looking around for somebody to consort with, you have marched a long way beyond the lines of political virginity!

KANSAS PATENTS.

S. A. Haseltine & Bro., patent solicitors, Springfield, Missouri, send the *World* the following list of patents which were issued to citizens of Kansas during the past week:

G. Bull, Winfield, bedstead.
W. H. H. Campbell, Wichita, hand and foot power.
A. B. Cooper, Boardis, wagon end-gate.

CLIMATIC CHANGES.

There has been a great deal of talk, both scientific and unscientific, about the climatic changes taking place in western Kansas, and considerable of it has been somewhat mythical. But according to the old saying, "the proof of the pudding is the eating," and the man, who, years ago stuck his "stakes" on the western plains, and has continued to stay, has certainly had substantial, as well as occasional, demonstration that there are miraculous climatic changes continually in operation.

The short curly buffalo grass gradually yields to the tall, flaunting blue stem which first makes its appearance in the buffalo wallows, then in the "draws," and finally spreads itself over the plateaus, forming a beautiful meadow of luxuriant herbage, high as a horse's sides. And such a meadow, too,—the mower can run for miles without meeting an obstruction, and the surface is as level as a floor.

Of course, it takes several years to produce this transformation, but it is sure to come in time. Every acre of blue stem grass, every field of corn, every furrow plowed, modifies the climate and produces more rainfall. Portions of the state that were considered drouthy a few years ago, are now supplied with such an abundance of rainfall that blue grass covers the lawns, young forests set by the hands of men variegate the landscape with rich foliage, and the thrifty orchards, decked with their fragrant blossoms, remind one of the delicate lines of Brownie in speaking of her childhood's home:

"Green the land is where my daily Steps in jocund childhood played;
Dimpled close with hill and valley,
Dappled very close with shade;
With summer snows of apple blossoms,
Running up from glade to glade."

All this magic occurs in a country which only a few years ago was called a desert. The scientific causes of this wonderful phenomenon we will not attempt to explain, but this much we do know, that the *absolute fact* exists. Already settlement has pushed itself in the northern tier of counties to the Colorado line, and in the coming years it will continue to insinuate westward until the shadows of the eternal mountains will cast their twilight gloaming over the fertile fields of happy rural homes.—*Phillipsburg Herald*.

Every sentence of the *Herald's* article is logical. We concede that the writer has a splendid knowledge of his subject. At the same time, the article is not without its misleading features with strangers. Suppose, for instance, that a new investigator of the agricultural situation in western Kansas reads the *Herald*, and then looks through Phillips county. In all probability he would ask, "Is it true that the face of this country was recently covered with buffalo grass?" On receiving the answer, "Yes," he would naturally conclude that western Kansas would do to trust for farming, and, as land is assuming a comparatively high valuation in Phillips county, he would go west further—perhaps southwest. Now, if he could come west—southwest from there, if you please—with his eyes open, the coming would be a splendid business move for him. He would come to secure a section or two of land, open up just enough of it to raise feed for his stock, and then place live stock on his land as fast as he could afford to do so. After having done this, the stranger would find that he had made no mistake in starting.

We concede that the change that has already taken place in Phillips county is in store for these more westerly and southwesterly counties, but it is off at least a number of years yet, and he who, as present, persists in straight farming, in the sense of ignoring stock growing, simply shows how impervious to reason a monumental jackass can be. As fast as the buffalo grass is extinguished in any broad area of the New West, we concede the fitness of that area for the purposes of general agriculture. But we do not admit that general agriculture should be followed as the basis of industries in every place where farm products grow well. Nobody, save perhaps now and then a freshly-imported fellow who mistakes his profuse wealth of self conceit for brains, presumes to believe that there would be any money out here, taking one year with another, in raising grain for the market, even if each farmer could dictate the extent of his own yield.

If this language may be called vituperative, we want the *Herald* to understand that none of it is meant for that paper. Its article is timely and excellent—only we think the modifications with which we have followed it should be placed before new settlers who would like to make a sensible start as far west as the one hundredth meridian.

Finally—for this time—the *World* is no believer in the rainfall increasing

materially from year to year in western Kansas. Enough rain falls every year to produce crops. The trouble is in the lack of proper distribution through the crop season. This, we claim, will be corrected, to a great extent, at least, when the very texture of the earth's surface is changed by the substitution of the roots of the taller grasses for those of the buffalo grass. Then the rains will sink into the earth. Now they do not to any considerable extent where the buffalo-grass sod exists. Then the local conditions will assist in producing local showers. Now they do not. Then the hot winds will be unknown—if not completely, then comparatively. Their origin is local. Origin is necessary to existence.

Wa-Keeneey Waifs.

G. D. B. in *Commonwealth*.
WA-KEENEY KAN., May 22, 1884.
The United States land office here is full of business, a great many contests causing a crowded condition of the office continually. The town itself is doing well in way of growth and business.
Miss Bristol, one of the widely known firm of Bristol Sisters, of Topeka, is just now here, supplying this city with flowering plants. She tells me she has been out on this missionary labor for two months past, since her last visit here. Very many hearts will be blessed by this work by these enterprising ladies. Sweet flowers spring up in many, many of the cities of Kansas as the result of their enterprise.

Stock and Agricultural Conditions.

In Sunday's *Leavenworth Times* appears an exhaustive report of the crop, fruit and stock condition of the various counties in this state. The news from Trego county is so conservative, and, as we believe, correct, that we reproduce it:
The acreage planted will average an increase of at least 50 per cent. The leading cereals are wheat and rye; all the grain looks well; some few pieces of wheat were injured by the hard winter; have not had any trouble with insects. Few hogs are raised; cattle about 14,000 head, an increase of 3,000 head over last year; sheep about 30,000 head, increase of about 3,000; loss from disease very small; during the past winter loss from freezing was pretty heavy. During the past year we have had about one hundred and fifty new settlers; since January 1, about five hundred. The country is too new to have bearing fruit trees; a general feeling of confidence exists and a rapid rising in value. We have one chalk mine being worked in the county, but not extensively.

DISTRICT COURT DOCKET.

Cases to Be Tried at the Term Beginning Monday, June 1, 1885.

- Geo. V. Deiterich vs. J. E. Biggs; D. Rathbone, plaintiff's att'y; Osborn & Monroe, defendant's att'ys; case continued from December term.
- Mitton H. Johnson vs. W. A. Nichol; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys; D. Rathbone, defendant's att'y; continued from December term.
- Indiana M. Cook vs. Louis Cook; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys.
- M. W. Beem vs. B. W. S. Huffaker; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys.
- James McKay vs. Chas. E. Dashiell and Upton Schaut; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys.
- Thomas Daly vs. Nancy Hull; Frank Danford, plaintiff's att'y.
- H. A. Clark, et al., vs. A. T. Greenwood; Nelson and Nellis & Reeder, plaintiff's att'ys; Osborn & Monroe, defendant's att'ys.
- A. J. Ayres, et al., vs. Board of County Commissioners, Trego co., Kan.; E. A. McMath, plaintiff's att'y; John Nelson and Nellis & Reeder, defendant's att'ys.
- J. B. Young vs. State of Kansas; petition to purchase school land; D. Rathbone, plaintiff's att'y; John Nelson, defendant's att'y; appeal from probate court.
- Union Pacific Crosby vs. State of Kansas; petition to purchase school land; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys; John Nelson, defendant's att'y; appeal from probate court.
- G. W. Kay vs. W. S. Kyle; Frank Danford, plaintiff's att'y; Osborn & Monroe, defendant's att'ys.
- C. W. Sweet vs. State of Kansas; petition to purchase school land; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys; J. B. Hutchinson, defendant's att'y; appeal from probate court.
- Assignment of Dade Johnson; Osborn & Monroe, plaintiff's att'ys.

ECHOES FROM THE "WORLD" JOB ROOM.

Envelopes for G. C. Stebbins.
Rev. J. Q. A. Weller has been indulging in some beautiful calling cards.
Dr. Wilcox's first thousand of those bills not being enough, he has ordered five hundred more.
"E. A. McMath, Attorney at Law," is the way the big red placards, which we have printed for him, read.
N. W. Powers is in the harness manufacturing and real estate business at Grainfield. He has had a lot of business cards printed.
The posters for Decoration Day have had an extensive circulation. They would not have been a bad job to come from a down-East printing house.
Among the really deserving of our business men who are getting along nicely is W. B. Kritchfield. He has had a new batch of letter heads printed.
A. F. Tosh, the jeweler, has had prepared, for being thrown to the breeze, 1000 more circulars. These wear the head, "The Commandments Revised."
Moore & Campbell, of Grainfield, have Decker's Hambletonian horse in charge. The fifty cloth posters which we have printed for them announce the conditions, terms, etc., in good shape.
"No boys allowed to loaf in this shop" is the way the placards of Keeler, the barber, read. Keeler is right, and when every business man adopts his style, in this particular, at least, the improvement in the boy society of this town will be plain.
W. S. Varnum has entered the practice of land attorney. Those who get a glance at his note heads and business cards will not find it difficult to perceive the fact. Mr. Varnum, as we have taken occasion to say, in effect, heretofore, is a gentleman of culture. We hope to see him succeed.

Last Saturday tickets were printed for use at an entertainment to be given last (Friday) night by the Buffalo Park Amateurs. The proceeds of the benefit are to go toward the equipment of the brass band about to be organized at that place. Mr. Drake, a young man of pleasant address, handed in the order for the printing.
We have turned out 500 big posters headed "A Gala Day for Wa-Keeneey." The attractions announced are: "On Thursday, June 11, 1885, glass-ball shooting match for prizes, at 10 a. m.; match game of base ball between the Buffalo and Wa-Keeneey base ball clubs, at 2:30 p. m.; grand promenade ball and concert, under the auspices of the Masons of Wa-Keeneey, in the evening; the Wallace brass band and orchestra will furnish music for the occasion; concert and supper, \$1.00; dance and supper, \$2.00.

—It would, perhaps, be difficult to run across a minister with a better class of appointments, extending over a larger area of country, than Rev. J. Q. A. Weller, of Buffalo Park, has. It is now so arranged that he preaches regularly at Buffalo Park, Wallace, Grainfield, Collyer, and frequently at other points. Mr. Weller has been out her with the rest of the old settlers for the past half dozen years. He is a gentleman of culture, and an eloquent speaker, and fully deserves the substantial recognition which he is now meeting. Perhaps no other minister in western Kansas is so well known, both at home and abroad, as Mr. Weller is.

—Notwithstanding his rush of work with a lot of land notices at the government land office, Mr. Wood, of the Ness City *Times*, took time to call at these headquarters last Monday. As a straight-out-from-the-shoulder striker, Mr. Wood takes high rank as a journalist. He is about to build a two-story stone building, and occupy the lower story for his office. We are glad he is able to do so. He deserves prosperity.

—Mr. Harrison Eaton, of Fairbury, Neb., had been out in Gove county, looking up a claim. In alighting from his wagon at Grinnell last Sunday evening, he, in some way that he can not explain, broke the fistula bone of one of his legs. This accident did not detain him from returning, according to previous program, by wagon, to Nebraska. He fled on his claim.
—A small rain shower fell Monday night.
—District court next Monday.

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