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THE Headlight reports several cases of whooping cough in Ellis.

HAYS has the Sisters' school, and the Star Sentinel claims that the midge vocalists are coming.

ELLIS sportsmen are represented by the Headlight as having killed a great many prairie chickens since September 1.

DEMOCRACY in Ness county is catching on, too. On October 10 it will hold a convention to nominate a county ticket.

THE Hays Dem. Advocate boasts of possessing a 39-pound cabbage head. It was raised by Andrew Olson, on the Saline.

MISS LILLY BOWEN, of Ellis, the Headlight says, had the misfortune to sprain a foot about two weeks ago, and she has to use crutches.

A YOUNG man named John Kirth fell from a building in Beloit the other day, and received injuries from which he perhaps will never recover fully.

MRS. CON HENLEY, the Hays Dem. Advocate tells, was rendered unconscious for several hours, Friday of last week, by falling from a horse which she was riding.

THERE is a Hays City ordinance against the discharge of firearms. The Sentinel complains of its frequent violation. The Wa-Keeneey ordinance on this subject is pretty carefully respected.

It has a tendency to make us feel rather pleased to read this from that old journalistic wheelhorse, Brother Jameson, of the Golden Belt, at Grinnell: "Our chief ambition at present is to publish a paper equal in every respect to the Wa-Keeneey World."

THE Reporter produces figures to show that the building and other improvements in Ellsworth within the past two years aggregate \$250,000. It would hardly surprise the writer to be able two years hence to make a showing of the same character for Wa-Keeneey.

THE Grinnell and Dighton stage, we perceive by the Grinnell Golden Belt, is a magnificent outfit. That paper understands that the facilities for carrying passengers will soon be improved by harnessing a prairie dog to a wheelbarrow and running it on this line.

W. H. BELL has been ousted as postmaster at Ellis. His place has been filled by Geo. W. Kinney. Mr. Bell's only crime consists in being a Republican. The Headlight speaks highly of the purity and efficiency of his record as postmaster for the period of eight and one-half years.

"GOING SOMEWHERE" WALRUFF is running his brewery at Lawrence. County Attorney French has filed a petition in the district for a perpetual injunction to restrain the further manufacture of beer in Walruff's building, on the ground that such manufacturing is a nuisance.

CAL. BASCOM says that the frequent removals of late, of Republican office holders, suits him to a T, and that the only fault he finds with the Maria Hairpin Cleveland administration is that it doesn't fire every Republican, and put in a Democrat instanter. (Ellis Headlight) Cal Bascom is our kind of a Republican.

WELL, we have caught it. It is an Eagle. It is called the Webster Eagle, because it is published at Webster. Webster is in the western part of Bonk county. Hugh K. Lightfoot makes the Eagle scream. He used to push the Enterprise at Logan, and later helped Wm. Bissell fly the Phillipsburg Herald. The Eagle is independent in politics.

On the 29th ult. the Prohibition party of Ness county met in convention at Ness City, and placed a part of a ticket in the field. G. G. Ellis was nominated for sheriff, H. C. Haydock for clerk, J. M. Broadbent for treasurer, Lewis Helgeson for register of deeds, W. F. Cook for coroner, and Silas Bondurant for commissioner of the second district. No nomination for surveyor was made. The Prohib. party in that county is weak. It does not expect to elect anything or prevent any other party from doing so.

PLENTY OF ROOM YET.

A noted statistician, Edward Atkinson, insists that there is an abundance of room yet in this world. The 1,400,000,000 persons supposed to be on the globe could all find easy standing room within the limits of a field ten miles square, and by the aid of a telephone could be addressed at one time by a single speaker. In a field twenty miles square they could all be comfortably seated. Then take the land of the globe suitable for growing wheat; not more than one twentieth is under cultivation. The average crop of wheat in the United States and Canada alone would give one person in every twenty of the population of the globe a barrel of flour in each year, with enough to spare for seed. We can raise grain enough on a small part of the territory of the United States to feed the whole world. If, therefore, there is hunger anywhere it is not the fault of God or nature, but because of the incompetency or want of management on the part of those who direct the affairs of mankind. (Democrat's Monthly for September.)

We offer the above comments as a sort of balm of Gilead to the people who fret continually, to the injury of their own health and their neighbors' serenity of temper, about all the land being taken up in a few years. There is a large class of people in the United States who fear that their children will find land too valuable to be able to purchase a home. This class of people has been in existence for very many years.

We believe, with *Democrat's Monthly*, that there is no danger of all the land being taken—not even one-half of the desirable land—for many generations to come. Very few portions of our own United States are settled thickly. The history of our civilization points irresistibly to the conclusion that, as the necessities, or, rather, the imaginary necessities, have pushed civilization westward from the Atlantic coast, agriculture makes inroads on the desert country, and subjects it to her own requirements. Moreover, New England, partly owing to her young men catching the "western fever," and partly on account of her defective soil, has been partially depopulated. In our judgment, the time is coming when that region will be settled thickly, and we hardly doubt that emigration from the West will play a part in the change. It is well to possess land, but it is folly to fret because it can not be obtained today. There will be some to-morrow, and it will be for sale for money or the right class of grit!

GOOD FOR GRIFFIN.

A Union soldier has no rights as a Union soldier; the Union soldier business in politics has played out. (Free Press.)

The Union soldier dodge has been played in politics about as long as it can be successfully. (Kansas Workman.)

We cannot agree with the spirit of the above extracts. It is true that the fact of having been a Union soldier does not entitle a man to an office; but, so long as a veteran lives, we hope that in all contests, "where kissing goes by favor," and other things are equal, the old soldier will win. (Manhattan Nationalist.)

ONLY ONE.

Information reaches us in a roundabout way that Hon. W. S. Tilton, editor of the *Wa-Keeneey World*, will be a candidate for congress when the time rolls around to elect a congressman in this district. Mr. Tilton possesses in an eminent degree all the qualifications necessary to fill that high office with credit to himself, and his constituents. Bright, energetic, quick to see and prompt to act, his judgment has been relied upon in most of the questions of importance that have arisen in the district for many years past, and has seldom or never been at fault. Stranger things have happened than that he should be the strongest candidate before the next congressional convention. (Gaylord Herald.)

Only one stranger thing, perhaps. That was when the Republicans of Kansas elected an opposed-to-the-war Democrat for governor.

CLEVELAND is out of the woods!

STIRRING THEM UP.

Something has been decidedly wrong with the mails on the route between Wa-Keeneey and Denver for several weeks. Letters have been sent from this place to the land office at Wa-Keeneey which never reached their destination; two letters were mailed to us from the post-office at Cleveland which have never reached us, and a letter was mailed to us at Grinnell on the 31st ult. and reached us on the 3d inst. We hear of many other complaints of the non-arrival of mail matter. Something is very much out of joint, and the matter needs looking into. (Grinnell Golden Belt.)

Some of those route agents require stirring up occasionally, and we are glad to see you after them, friend Jameson.

GIVE HIM YOUR EXPERIENCE.

To the Kansas City Live-Stock Indicator.

Last winter I fed my cattle and horses about twenty acres of sorghum, the first I had ever fed. I had sown it broadcast, a little over a bushel of seed per acre, and it yielded well and seemed to be good food, stock relishing it and doing well on it. Other food was given in connection with it, such as shocked corn, hay and straw, and the cattle are still doing well with this exception, that too many of the cows fail to come in heat. Now, can some of the readers of the *Indicator* tell me whether or not the sorghum is likely to have produced this state of things? I have 55 acres of sorghum this year, and really don't know what is best to do about feeding much of it. I shall be glad to hear through the columns of the *Indicator* of the experience of those who have fed sorghum to breeding stock for a number of years. I harvested mine with a reaper and set it up like corn, cutting part of it before it was near ripe, and part of it when about ripe.

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Ackley, Kansas.
The *World* is glad to see this question raised in so plain a manner. Very many men in western Kansas have a deep interest in its solution. There are men in this section of Kansas who have declared that they will have nothing more to do with sorghum as stock feed. There are others who are yet pronounced in its praise. Mr. Armstrong makes plain what has heretofore seemed to us to be true, that, in order to produce good results, sorghum must not be fed to cattle for any considerable time, without other feeding being used.

The views of old settlers in western Kansas on this important subject will be recorded with delight in the *World*. Send in your communications, and do not fail to note Mr. Armstrong's special suspicion against sorghum, if you are in possession of any information or opinion on this point.

HIS BREEZE ACCOUNTED FOR.

The *Scientific American*, for August 29, gave us a picture, and a description written by C. F. Holder, of one of the early settlers of the Smoky Hill Valley. It is the bat-like Pteranodon of a former age. They range from creatures as large as a snipe to monsters having a spread of wing twenty-five feet across. They all come from the bed of the old Cretaceous sea of the west, or the locality in Kansas that is known as the chalk deposit or bed. There probably could be seen hundreds of dragon-like pteranodons at the close of day rushing out of their dens or from the forests, and soaring about as do our bats of to-day! Such was their great size that, if they congregated in numbers, as we are led to suppose from the enormous quantities of their bones found, they must have fairly darkened the earth as they soared along. To Prof. Marsh, of Yale, is due almost the entire credit of the discovery of these gigantic creatures. We quote a paragraph from the *Scientific American*: "The first remains of pterodactyl found in this country were discovered by him in the autumn of 1879, near the Smoky Hill river, in western Kansas. These belong to a gigantic species, which he described as *Pteranodon occidentalis*. The geological horizon from which they were taken was the middle Cretaceous, or the same from which he took the now famous toothed birds. For several years he kept collectors at work in the locality, with such success that the Yale College museum now has the remains of over six hundred of these reptiles. All *Pteranodon*, and a single species of another genus, *Nyctodactylis*, was also found. In one of the large forms—*Pteranodon ingens*—the skull alone measured four feet in length, and the appearance of this toothless monster can well be imagined."

We always thought neighbor Tilton, of the *Wa-Keeneey World*, acted strange for a new comer. That twenty-five foot wing accounts for his breeze. (Junction City Union.)

Deacon Martin, it seems kind o' mean in you even to hint that you had any idea that we were a new comer. It pleases us, however, to note that you recognize our breeze. We settled in the upper Smoky valley about seven years ago to engage in the breeze business!

The *World* feels like saying a good word for the G. A. R. camp fire which is to be held at Ness City on Wednesday next. Comrades Barnd, McFarland and a few other men made the 28th of March camp fire a glowing success. They will cause this one to be even more remarkable for its large attendance and crowning interest. The efforts of these comrades have been seconded by the community at large. Senator Plumb and Congressman Peters will deliver addresses, and other gentlemen of prominence will be in attendance. It would afford us pleasure to witness the attendance of a large number of people from Wa-Keeneey and other portions of Trego county, for the reasons that a neighborly spirit should be cultivated between the people of that county and this, and that the camp fire will be full of pathetic interest alike to the young, middle-aged and old.

The *Gaylord Herald* pretends to have made the discovery that Hon. W. S. Tilton, of Wa-Keeneey, will be a candidate for congress next year. How is this, brother Tilton? (Stockton Record.) It perhaps is rather early, friend Chambers, to answer, "How is this?" *Sub rosa*, however, we will add that if we ever see a chance to go to congress, we will grab it. But the tone of Judge Headley's article don't meet our views with remarkable precision. It looks too much like he had caught the fourth-class-postmaster fever, and was going to allure us into attempting to control one of Cleveland's appointments in the case of our election to congress. This, we now give the judge notice, we shall not consent to do. We expect to be ready, at the proper time, to help oust Cleveland, but he can not have our consent, much less our persuasion, to nominate any Republican as postmaster.

Now, we see by the *Chief*, the Kirwin district has a principal and three assistants, and is taught in a stately ten-thousand-dollar building. "Twelve years ago," the same paper relates, "the school facilities of Kirwin consisted of a little log cabin with one room. Seats made of slabs and benches of rough, undressed cottonwood boards, answered the purpose of desk and chair. In those days there were no departments, primer and history were studied and recited in the one little room, and the number of names enrolled upon the register did not exceed twenty, all told."

It is in the *Herald* where we get the information that H. S. Light, of Phillipsburg, while out gunning for prairie chickens on Thursday of week before last, made the mistake of discharging a barrel of his gun through the palm of one of his hands. The hand, of course, was utterly ruined. The case is in several respects parallel with that of the destruction of young Shady's hand in this county last spring. Shady's father has become very prominent as standing with the head, if not as the head, of the several famous physicians who waited on General Grant during his protracted fatal illness.

GLORY thickens around our solid friend, Caldwell, of the *Beloit Courier*. Hardy had the time to sew on his shoulder straps as lieutenant colonel and aid de camp on the staff of the governor, before the chief executive appointed him a regent of the normal school at Emporia. Here is where the big briny tears start: Caldwell felt forced to resign his military situation in order to accept this common civic office. Oh! Caldwell, we thought you had more style.

The *Golden Belt* records the skipping out of Ernest Leach from Grinnell. Leach started a bakery there a few weeks ago. He made money until he turned his house into a loafers' resort and gambling den. The *Belt* tersely states a proposition which we endorse heartily: "A man who tolerates gambling in his place of business ought not to expect, and should not receive, the patronage of respectable people."

ED. SLATER, the *Herald* tells, bought liquor at Phillipsburg a few days ago on a false statement, and was arrested. He was taken before Justice Hickenlooper, waived examination, and gave a \$300 bond for his appearance last Monday for his preliminary examination.

PLENTY of stock feed should be put up.

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