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HODGEMAN COUNTY'S new post-office is named Hatchell.

A NEW post-office by the name of Rotate has been established in Rawlins county.

THE new opera hall at Hays City is to be opened one of these days by a masquerade on roller skates.

ABOUT eighty teachers, the *Courier* says, will be necessary to supply the demand in Norton county this fall.

PHILIP EBERHART was drowned a short time ago in the Hackberry, in Cheyenne county. He was a Russian.

A SUBSTANTIAL floral hall and some good sheds are among the improvements which are being made on the fair ground at Hays City.

B. C. DECKER, of Sheridan county, the *Centinel* hears, is a loser to the amount of \$700 by the failure of the firm of Price, Marmaduke & Co., of St. Louis.

THE two countries in which there is the greatest land boom are Kansas and Buenos Ayres. [McPherson Freeman.] Well, don't "a formerly of Kansas man" lead the Buenos Ayres boom? We enquire for information!

HARTLAND is in Hamilton county, down on the Santa Fe. J. B. Hays, the section foreman at that place, on Monday of last week was arrested for the murder of Martin Dingas, in Kentucky, seven years ago. They left with him for Kentucky that night.

THE Republican primaries for placing in nomination a county ticket and the Democratic caucuses for naming delegates to the county convention will be held throughout Norton county on the same day and at the same places. The day is to be October 3.

THE jury in the case of Ed. Slaton, who was on preliminary trial on the charge of having purchased liquor at Logan on a false statement, disagreed. The defendant was released on paying the costs, which amounted to about sixty dollars, the *Phillipsburg Herald* says.

N. C. TERRILL'S Millbrook *Herald*, a new scheme resubstant upon Terrill's being appointed postmaster at that place, has been received. The *Times* says the *Herald* is printed at the *Reville* office in Hill City. The *Herald* is Democratic in politics and six-column folio in dimensions.

TWO HUNDRED and fifty citizens have petitioned Governor Martin to organize that robust child of destiny known as Thomas county. W. G. Porter has, therefore, been appointed by the governor to take the census in order to determine whether there are 1,500 householders in the county.

THE sparkling editorial pen points are not confined entirely to western Kansas. The Burlington (Coffey county) *Independent* tells of a man seven feet and three inches high passing through that place a few days ago, on the way to Kansas county, Kansas, to take a claim, and grow up with the country! Ha! ha! ha!

"UNCLE S. S. TIPTON," according to the *Waverly News*, "has brought in a peck of delicious pairs" to the editor of that paper "to be turned on subscription." Now, although we are not interested further in this transaction than to hope that our quill-pushing brother has not been worsted, our curiosity gets the better of us so far as to make us wonder what that peck of pairs consisted of.

NATHANIEL C. TERRILL is the new Democratic postmaster at Millbrook. This opens the way for a Fountain full of Republicanism to manifest himself in 1888. Terrill has been one thing and another politically. What he has been at any given time depended on two things: First, what he wanted to accomplish; second, what he regarded as the surest way to accomplish it. If we were giving advice to the Cleveland Dem. administration, we would declare it impossible to have made a worse nomination than that of N. C. Terrill. This fact is known to so many people in Graham county, and even in Trego, that any specifications would be ludicrously superfluous.

FONETIK FUS.

OPPOSED. Bro. Tilton, of the *World*, Wa-Keeneey, is an ardent supporter of Phonetic spelling. He asks: "Brother journalists of the United States, but especially of Kansas, will you assist us in the agitation of this great question?"

It is folly. Language is a Historical Science, subject to change through slow growth, not through arbitrary rules. A Roman emperor, after having used the singular verb for the plural, decreed that there be no plural verb. Wordforms come in time. No council ordered the possessive *us* into *mr.* Chatterton, who palmed off his own verses for those of the ancient Whately monk, "gave himself away" (modern) by using the recent neuter possessive *its*. Words have a long history. The fonetiks of a convention are bothhouse mushrooms. [Norton *Champion*.]

"It is folly?" Are not you hasty, Brother Conway? And does not the reason for your haste lie in the fact of your feeling the force of your own acquaintance with the English language rather than in any great interest which you have regarding the relations of others to this language? Tooke says: "The first aim of language was to communicate our thoughts; the second, to do it with despatch."

It would be inferred from your writing, Friend Conway, that nothing akin to the fonetik theory ever had a lodgment in the language of any people. You are not unaware that no silent vowels are known to the Latin tongue. What is true of the Latin vowel, the advocates of fonetik spelling would apply to the English tongue. Is there any thing illogical in this view? If the principle is good as to vowels, why is it bad as to consonants? Furthermore, has not there been a decided tendency toward brevity in spelling, even in the English language, within the past two hundred years? Has not this brevity increased in momentum? Has not the orthography been vastly improved? Language may be a historical science. It is the means for conveying a knowledge of historical science and all other sciences. Just why its words should be spelled in so outlandish a manner, we are too obtuse to see. Language, we are aware, has its growth. It has its decay. Its growth, for instance, is contributed to largely by the vulgarisms of people who possess no knowledge whatever concerning the genius of one of the many national languages of the earth.

"Bullwhacker" may never obtain a place among the words in good use. Again, it may. Its fate depends on whether the people and the press bring it into general use. Now, what we are after is information on this point: If bullwhacker shall be adopted as a good word, will it have to be spelled "bullwhacker?" In other words, what principle of any language will be violated in any manner if one l and the e are omitted? We mean to ask whether Tooke's words which we have quoted are not true. Much language—very much—is expressed in writing. Is not the long spelling a miserable incumbrance on despatch? The language of the eye, the language of the deaf and dumb—every language of which man is cognizant, except the spoken and written language of some of the nations, have a directness, and consequent force, which should put to shame the long spelling advocates. And there is this further point to note in this connection: Long spelling detracts, in a large measure, from directness and force in speaking, for the plain reason that the pronunciation is embarrassed greatly on the part of those who are not well educated.

"Words," we admit, "have a long history." We would like to be shown the sense—if such a showing be possible—in the miserably long spelling history with which many of them have been burdened. Indeed, the names of words shape their history. Long spelling does not modify that history beyond making them difficult to learn, understand and remember! "The fonetiks of a convention" have been "bothhouse mushrooms." We admitted as much in the article to which Mr. Conway refers, and gave the conclusive reason for the fact, that a fonetik dictionary is an indispensable foundation stone for the respectability of the system.

APPROVED. Bro. Tilton, of the *Wa-Keeneey World*, has a splendid article in his last *World* in favor of the phonetic or short method of spelling, and calls upon editors throughout the country to assist him in bringing the

matter before the public. We second the motion, and would recommend that a convention be called to meet in the city of Topeka, at the time of the National Association of Teachers, next July, to take some formal steps in the matter. What say you, brother editors?—[*Leona Leader*.] This is a sensible suggestion. But between now and the meeting of the teachers much work will have to be done if the subject of fonetiks is to receive just recognition at their hands. Our good friend of the *Champion* may be said to speak for the teachers. They, as a rule, are for long spelling. They dread reform. A la Chaucer is good enough spelling for them. But let the question be agitated in good season, and then let the editors of Kansas attend the meeting of the association, and request an interchange of views. If the principle of fonetiks is an error, let it be learned once for all.

WHO WILL GO?

We are in receipt of the third annual premium list of the Western Kansas Agricultural Fair, which is to be held at Hays City next week, beginning Tuesday and lasting four days. This premium list is a portion of a pamphlet of some thirty pages, purporting to be issued from Freese's Printing House at that place. The portion of the pamphlet which is not taken up by the premium list and rules is liberally patronized by Hays City business men. The workmanship of the pamphlet, as a work of art, would not take high rank. Mr. Freese has not the conveniences for doing first-class work of this kind, and but precious few country printing offices have. But the pamphlet is clean, and reflects credit on Freese's energy. Of the fair itself, we can say that quite liberal premiums are offered, and the diploma system is to be given a test. In the afternoon of Friday there is to be a magnificent display of Japanese fireworks, without extra charge. We hope that Trego county will be represented at this fair. Our people have some good live stock, and we are sure that in the lines of grain and vegetables Ellis county could be crowded closely by the elegance of our competition. Who will go?

THE TWO SIDES.

In the sense of having to part with congenial journalistic company, we are sorry that the *Kirwin Republican* has suspended publication. A. G. McBride, the founder of the paper, is a regularly-ordained newspaper ruster. We know not how to speak in higher terms of any one. W. H. McBride, his brother, as well as A. G. himself, is a lawyer, and a good one. He did good work on the *Republican*, and we dislike to see high-minded, fearless men like he desert the craft. It never has been, and can not be, too well represented by such men. The suspension of the *Republican*, we are glad to know, is the result of the increased demand for the legal services of the McBride boys, and not because the paper was not paying. Indeed, they will continue the job printing department.

Now comes the other side of the case. We are glad that things have been shaped so that the publication of only one *Republican* paper will longer be attempted at Kirwin. The *Chief* will fill out the unexpired subscriptions of the *Republican*, and its able editor, Dr. Jenkins, will have the satisfaction of knowing that he once more treads paying ground. Long live the *Chief*!

WA-KEENEY BUSINESS MEN.

The business man who prints his own letter heads and envelopes with a rubber stamp may be economical, but he is not wise. Such dabbling don't set him off well in the minds of live business men with whom he may conduct a correspondence. Active, successful business men live on the principle that it is gilt-edge business policy to let a good job printer do the stamping on letter heads, note heads, business cards, envelopes, bill heads, statements and all this class of work. Next thing to the stamp-daub business, is a merchant sending to a distant place for his job printing when he can get as good or better work at as low prices in his home town. As far as we are concerned, Wa-Keeneey merchants will vote us no bore in the matter of bounding them for money. The most of them have been fairly liberal with us, and we have met them in a kindly spirit. To our certain knowledge, it is true of many towns where two or more papers are published that merchants are bothered to just about the point of persecution by

solicitations to advertise, and then by duns to pay up. We like advertisements, and know them to be necessary to the life of the business community and the welfare of the publisher. We perhaps have put up with less than our just share of them, because we have refused to approach the begging line.

We offer these remarks, not as an individual attack on anybody, but as food for the thought of such of our business men as recognize the material influence which a well-sustained newspaper exerts in the community where it is published. Every business or professional man (or woman) in Wa-Keeneey should advertise in the *World*. This fall season of prosperity to our people should witness a boom in this direction which will be the surprise of people from the East who gaze upon it!

It should be the aim of every business man to take a pride in being able to say that he does not patronize a foreign job office, because it is not necessary in any sense.

NOT PLAIN.

On the seventh instant this special dispatch was sent to the *Kansas City Journal* from Ness City: NESS CITY, KAN., Sept. 7.—In boring for water at Ness City, Ness county, Kas., after going through eight feet of sand rock, at a depth of 240 feet, they struck two feet of coal, and were not through the coal when night came on.

It is not plain to us why the Ness City papers of last week were silent on the subject of this great find. It may be that a lie is at large. It would afford us great pleasure to know that our sister city had struck coal at so short a distance beneath the surface. The whole of western Kansas is perhaps underlaid with coal, but we fear that few, if any, localities are destined to find it as near the surface as 240 feet.

JUST as we were about to give our friend, W. S. Tilton, of the *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD*, a big hoist for the office of Auditor of State, he says that he "is in no sense a candidate, and would not be under any consideration," and thus our good intentions are nipped in the bud. The *Herald* predicts that at no distant day, Mr. Tilton will be called upon to fill some important place by the party which he has served so faithfully for, Lo, these many years.—[*Phillipsburg Herald*.] Not this year, anyway! But we are almost sorry that our mismanagement of the campaign caused us to miss reading that handsome notice. It is no maudlin praise to say of the *Herald* boys that we not only appreciate very highly the warmth of their friendship for us, but they know how to couch their thoughts in elegant terms. Come to think of it, however, the notice which we have copied from their paper is one which gives to us even greater credit than we could ask.

AMONG the nicest endorsements which the editor of this paper has had for state auditor comes from the pen of that strong journalist—no pun meant—friend Sampson, of the *Salina Journal*. Were we a candidate for the position, we would view such a notice from as far east as Salina in the nature of an omen of success. Here it is: "Several newspapers have suggested Hon. W. S. Tilton, editor of the *Wa-Keeneey World*, as a suitable 'far west' candidate for State Auditor. We can all subscribe heartily to such a candidacy, for Mr. Tilton is an able, stalwart Republican, and a most worthy man in every respect."

THE *Alton Empire* has been changed in size from an eight-column folio to a seven-column quarto. Hulaniski, the editor, throws lots of vim into every issue of his paper. It may seem paradoxical, but truly, as he is familiarly called, issues the kind of a paper that a great many people are bound to have whether they want it or not. He is more rampant than we are, but that style of getting up a paper is to be commended in many particulars.

MR. P. W. SMITH, the genial and pushing secretary of that organization, sends us the following notice: "Dear Sir:—Please announce in your paper that one of the attractions of the Western Kansas Agricultural Fair association, at Hays City, Sept. 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1885, will be a herd of one hundred and seventy-five head of two-year-old high grade Polled Angus heifers."

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