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For President-Elect in 1888, General John A. Logan, OF ILLINOIS

GRAINFIELD is to have a furniture store. A BANK is about to be established at Grainfield.

J. H. WOODEN has abandoned the editorial helm of the Lane County Herald.

FRANK MOORE, son of W. P. R. Moore, of Dodge City, was killed on Friday of week before last by falling from the roof of a building at Los Angeles, Cal.

MOTHER BICKERDYKE, we have heard, attended the Grand Army campfire in the northern part of Russell county on the 15th inst.

THE Webster Eagle must be in one dickens of a fix. The Plainville Press declares that "it is on the fence, politically, and don't know which way to flew."

MRS. MARY E. HOLMES, of Bunker Hill, Russell county, has been adjudged insane by a coroner's jury, and she will be conveyed to the insane asylum.

TWO WEEKS ago Wednesday, near Pearllet, Meade county, in this state, Everett Wood murdered Henry Widmer by striking him over the head with a pitchfork. Wood was twenty-two years old, and Widmer, twenty. Wood was on a load of hay. Widmer dared him down. Wood accepted.

J. B. BEAL is credited with saying four years ago that any one that would "lariat the town and brand it could have it." John is now putting up houses to rent, and we don't believe he ever said it.

THE Sunset mills at Dodge City, the Times asserts, manufacture about 15,000 pounds of flour daily. Wa-Keeneey is missing many a soft financial take by not having a good flouring mill. Right here, we want to say that the right man can do well to build a mill here this fall. In fact, he can get some help toward its erection.

PROF. BICKERDYKE, of Bunker Hill, Russell county, is a son of Mother Bickerdyke, the famous friend of the soldiers. She came all the way from San Francisco, Cal., to attend the re-union at Topeka. The professor went to Topeka to see his mother, and the Russell Record of last week stated that she would accompany him to Bunker Hill, and remain in that community two or three months.

THE Garden City Sentinel has pumped Buffalo Jones. The pump seems to have been sunk in something of a gas well. It brought forth the news that Jones went to Garden City in 1879 with \$800; that he has made property since then so as to admit of his realizing \$80,000 on recent sales, and that he holds today \$240,000 worth of property. Jones is a sort of second Jay Gould, it appears. He isn't smart to hurt, either.

THE Ford County Text Book Committee, we glean from the Dodge Times, have adopted a uniform system of books for use in the schools of Ford county. McGuffey's Revised Readers, White's Arithmetic, Reed & Kellogg's Grammar, Harper's Geographies, McGuffey's Revised spelling book are named by the committee. The committee was to meet again last week to complete the list of school books to be used.

THAT scholarly gentleman, Dr. Wm. Bishop, of Salina, is traveling in Europe. Last week's Salina Journal contains an article from his pen, which relates chiefly to the "Universal Exhibition" now in progress at Antwerp. Referring to its magnitude, the doctor says: "It is hardly universal, though it may be very appropriately named 'international'; for it embraces every nationality in Europe and two or three in the American continent. The exhibition covers ground to the extent of about 70 acres." We infer that the Universal Exhibition is some such an affair to the Eastern continent as the "World's Fair" at New Orleans is to the West.

CONFESSES THE CORN.

Col. Prouty, of the Dodge City Courier, like Col. Caldwell, of the Beloit Courier, is so nearly round in every direction as to render the turning of a somersault a very easy thing, indeed. That is, we should, indeed, judge so. But, as the saying goes, we'll be switched if it isn't hard to tell how Prouty has set down so quietly on his own teaching and his various schemes looking to the eternal ranging of these western plains by the cattle. He is as quiet now as a clam, and we expect to see him, by next spring, a regular agricultural boomer. (Wa-Keeneey World.)

IT DON'T LOOK SO.

Topeka is headquarters for a Liberatorian association. At its meeting in that city on the 8th inst., this association whereas and resolved, in effect, that the United States is the land for the national greatness of the white man, that Africa is the land for the national greatness of the negro, and that "we, as a colony, leave here March 1, 1886, and those that can't meet this date to leave the fall following."

These negroes are not acquainted with Africa's conditions or with nature's laws, or they would never have such whereas as these published. Africa, we mean, can not support a civilization better than she now possesses unless her climate is improved. It is by failing to catch sight of these underlying principles that the theory of civilization becomes to many people an unsolvable puzzle.

Africa, to illustrate our views in the premise, is like Col. Ingersoll says Cuba is. He declares that, if a northern man of excellent understanding and thrifty ways takes up his residence on that island, his boys will be seen on the way to a cook fight with their hair sticking out through the crown of their hats, and a cock under each of their arms. It's in the climate!

TWO STRONG Democratic journals in Kansas, the Topeka Journal and the 11worth Standard, declare in favor of the restoration of capital punishment in this state. We fear that this is a backward step. It is, then, of course, a Democratic move.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

WA-KEENEY, JAN., October 6, 1885. The board county commissioners of Trego county held their regular quarterly session on October 5 and 6, with all the members of the board present.

RECEIPTS. General revenue 1884 taxes \$ 868 67 " delinquent taxes 67 43 Sale of state school lands 7,821 52 Interest on school lands 320 89 State second semi-annual apportionment 400 95 State auditor for normal fund 50 County superintendent for normal fund 66 10 J. Groff, fines collected 78 75 F. W. Martin, fines collected 6 County Attorney, from Bruce Furbeck 45 Cash on hand June 29, 1885 17,892 57 27,612 88

DISBURSEMENTS. School districts 1,086 67 City of Wa-Keeneey 81 20 Wa-Keeneey township 45 84 State Treasurer on sale school land 12,842 90 State treasurer on taxes 545 08

County superintendent orders on state school fund 3,119 31 County superintendent orders on normal fund 150 45 County warrants paid 2,272 78 Balance cash on hand 8,069 15 27,612 88

My ledger this day shows the following balances and the several funds to which they belong: Trego county school districts. No. 1 142 89 " 2 8 26 " 3 3 48 " 4 128 60 " 5 34 12 " 6 15 13 " 7 27 51 " 8 59 11 " 9 56 38 " 10 16 71 " 11 9 60 " 12 80 13 " 13 3 48 " 14 66 84 " 15 18 70 " 16 11 40 " 17 23 74 " 18 76 38 " 19 18 33 " 20 112 11 " 21 34 73 " 22 72 05 " 23 130 68 " 24 21

Grove districts. " 1 21 " 2 23 91 " 3 60 35 " 4 10 44 " 5 18 75 " 6 8 64 " 7 12 11 " 8 12 51 " 9 35 09 " 10 50 " 11 36 " 12 3 78 " 13 502 10 " 14 143 98 " 15 1605 39 84,069 15

Dated at Wa-Keeneey, this 29th September, 1885.

JAMES KELLY, County Treasurer. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October, 1885. GEORGE PINKHAM, County Clerk.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Quarter begins July 1, 1885; ends September 30, 1885. Trego County, Kansas.

- I. School visitation: 1. District schools visited this quarter, giving number of each district, Nos. 1 and 15. 2. Total number of visits. 3. Average length of time spent in actual school inspection, one-half day. 4. Number of written reports of such visits made to the district board, one. II. Number of consultations with district boards, five. 1. At the time the district was visited, one. 2. In my office, four. III. Number of days office has been kept open at county seat, 28. IV. Number of examinations of district clerks' records, 5. 1. Number found kept as required by law, 4. 2. Number found incorrectly kept, 1. V. Number of examinations of district treasurers' records, 5. 1. Number found kept as required by law, 4. 2. Number found incorrectly kept, 1. VI. Number of teachers' meetings attended, 1, as follows: 1. Where held, Wa-Keeneey. 2. Date of each, during Institute. VII. Number of lectures delivered, 2. 1. Before teachers' associations, 2. 2. In school-district meetings, — VIII. Is the office supplied with record books suitable, or the records required by the existing law? Yes.

To the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Topeka, Kansas: I hereby certify the above to be a correct statement of the work of this office, in the matters herein reported, for the quarter ending this day. Dated at Wa-Keeneey, this 28th day of September, 1885.

BEN C. RICH, County Superintendent, Trego County. The examiners of the county treasurer's books and funds submitted the following: To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Trego County, State of Kansas: We, F. H. Conger, probate judge in and for Trego county, state of Kansas, and C. C. Bestor, appointed to examine the books and accounts of the county treasurer, would respectfully report that we have examined the books and accounts this 30th day of September, 1885, and find a cash balance in the hands of the county treasurer of eight thousand and sixty-nine dollars and fifteen cents, (\$8,069.15), which agrees with the books and accounts examined by us this day. F. H. CONGER, Probate Judge. C. C. BESTOR, County Clerk.

ble of Wa-Keeneey township, was read and accepted. A petition was presented, asking for the appointment of A. C. Frick as constable, to fill such vacancy, and on motion he was so appointed; and Mr. Frick, having filed his bond as constable, the board approved the same.

The officers of school district No. 12, having appealed from the decision of the county superintendent in detaching some of the territory from said school district and attaching the same to school district No. 19, the board listened to the arguments for and against such change of boundaries, and having been duly advised in the premises, the board sustained the superintendent's action.

A petition for the location of a road was presented to the board, signed by D. J. Wilson and eleven others. The place of beginning of said road is the southwest corner of section thirty-four, in township thirteen south of range twenty-two west, running thence east on the township line eight miles to the Ellis county line, and there terminating. The board, finding the petition to be a legal one, the signatures thereto genuine, the petitioners, householders of Trego county, and residing in the vicinity of the proposed road, and that a proper bond had been given, it was therefore ordered that John Kelley, W. F. Barber and Henry Houghs, who are disinterested householders of said county, be, and are hereby appointed, viewers of said road as petitioned for, and that said viewers shall meet at the place of beginning of said proposed road on the 10th day of November, 1885, and proceed to discharge their duties. It was further ordered that the survey of said road be dispensed with.

The commissioners now took no consideration the petition of Edward Chalk for the establishment of a road commencing at the southeast corner of the city of Wa-Keeneey, running thence due south to the Smoky Hill river. The report of the viewers was admitted the establishment of said road, and the board, believing said report an unjust one, that a large number of the residents along said proposed road demanded its location, and being advised that the viewers had not the opportunity to consult with said residents, as to the necessity of the location of said road, it was ordered that said petition be referred to the viewers for their further consideration.

County warrants to the amount of \$2,272.78, which were redeemed by the county treasurer in the last quarter, were examined by the county board, cancelled, and the county instructed to give the proper credit. After allowing the claims following the board adjourned to October 8.

- CLAIMS ALLOWED. J. M. Welch, county commissioner's services \$ 39 00 W. F. King, county commissioner's services 39 00 A. W. Harrison, county commissioner's services 39 00 J. F. Keeneey, rent county office 50 00 Geo. Baker, sheriff's fees 27 56 F. H. Conger, probate judge 77 00 C. B. Hamilton & Co. books and stationery 73 89 Geo. Platz, assessing 3 00 Geo. Plukham, county clerk 224 25 Geo. W. Crane, Dassel's Digest 11 50 A. E. Sizer, carpenter work 2 25 C. C. Bestor, examining county treasury 4 00 James Kelly, treasurer's salary 220 75 A. B. Jones, M. D., medical attention pauper 10 00 Wm. Blue, cleaning offices 1 00 John A. Nelson, county attorney's salary 100 00 Annie L. Fuson, associate examiner 3 00 Kelly & Walker, stove probate judge's office 10 00 Geo. Baker, sheriff's fees probate court 8 00 W. S. Tilton, county printing 95 33 Ben C. Rich, county superintendent's salary 128 85 Geo. McCready, lessee 4 60 H. R. Wilcox, M. D., medical attention on poor 7 34 Annie L. Fuson, associate examiner 9 00 Mrs. J. B. Young, associate examiner 9 00 Marshall & Ufford, clothing for pauper 5 70 Joshua Groff, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 18 50 Robt. Burns, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 Peter C. Wolter, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 Gust Johnson, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 W. F. Hosier, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 Peter Huddleston, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 Patrick McMahon, inquest of Eliza Hubbard 1 00 H. C. Bryant, road viewer 4 00 Thomas Caddick, road viewer 4 00 S. T. Bartlett, road viewer 4 00 Joshua Groff, J. P., State vs. Evans 1 90 Geo. Baker, sheriff, State vs. Evans 8 00 James Kelly, taxes refunded 11 80 James Kelly, cash advanced pauper 10 00 1,264 16

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