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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Many subscribers have responded with cheerfulness to our invitation to settle up before Jan. 1, 1887. Taking in money from them, and attending to other urgent work, have kept us too busy to send out statements of account. For those from whom we do not hear within the next very few days, we shall start the statements on the way. Look out. Be ready.

WA-KEENEY IN THE WEST.
 Sam H. Kelley, Esq., late of Wa-Keeneey, has taken charge of the *News* at Scott City. Mr. Kelley is a young man of culture and fine address. He found the *News* a Republican journal. We missed his salutatory, and from the last weeks issue of his paper we can not make out that it has any politics. The inducement may be strong to cater to the caprice of the Democratic powers just now. We do not know that Mr. Kelley intends to do so, but we do know that he can not afford to adopt this policy. As far as western Kansas is concerned, nature has cast her in a Republican mold. Whether a journalist aspires to political position or not, is not a question in point. It is worth very much to know he is on the right side of affairs generally.

AN INSANE MAN.

His Insanity Caused by Land Troubles at Wa-Keeneey.
 LaCrosse Chieftain, 9.
 Bud Swisher, an old settler, of Brookdale township, was, Thursday last, tried before the probate judge, for insanity, and was adjudged insane. He will be taken to the asylum as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be arranged. Mr. Swisher has suffered with asthma for several years, and about two years ago became insane, but recovered his reason after an illness of a few weeks. At the time, his demented condition was supposed to have been caused by an overdose of medicine he was taking for the asthma. A few days ago he was compelled to go to Wa-Keeneey to defend a contest filed against his claim, and he returned home to his wife and two children in a pitiful condition, and it is supposed that the excitement and trouble of the contest caused his insanity. He was an honest, sober, industrious citizen, and his present condition is very sad, indeed.

Christmas Festivities.

We acknowledge the receipt of a fantastically-printed invitation, which reads: "The Cleveland. Yourself and Ladies are requested to attend the opening of 'The Cleveland' on Friday, December 24th, 1886. P. C. Washburn, Manager. Wa-Keeneey, Kan., Dec. 10th, 1886. Cards admitting gent and ladies to ball and supper room, \$500." An elaborate ball-program card, with a sharpened pencil attached, accompanied the invitation. Above the printed matter on the invitation card is a handsome monogram, formed of the letters W. C. L. B., which stand for W. C. L. Beard, who has had the Oakes House fitted anew, and the name changed.

Literary Meeting.

The meeting of the literary society, called by the president for Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, was only meagerly attended; and in view of this fact, after some discussion on the part of the society, it was thought best not to elect officers until the next meeting. The president of the society hereby respectfully asks that the program committee of last winter prepare and publish a program for the next meeting of the society, to be held in Opera Hall Friday evening, Jan. 7, 1887, commencing at 7:30. After the exercises of the evening, an election of officers will immediately follow.

C. W. BARRETT, President.

—Mr. J. B. Hogan went down to Ellsworth on the train which left Wa-Keeneey at 7:02 Tuesday morning, went south of Ellsworth over twenty miles, into Rice county, and got back to Ellsworth in time to take the evening "cannon ball" for home, reaching here at or near the regulation 9:28 P. M. J. B. is a roamer, of the breed which builds up western communities.

TREGO COUNTY TRACINGS.

Served up by the "World's" Rustling Reporters.

COLLYER CAWINGS.

U. P. RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Fast Mail	6:57 A.M.	9:56 P.M.
Day Passenger	1:38 P.M.	1:38 P.M.
Freight	3:40 P.M.	11:25 A.M.

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COLLYER, TREGO Co., Dec. 15.
 Heavy winds.
 Winter plowing.
 Nearing vacation.
 That blizzard scare.
 A Sabbath without preaching.
 Our pipes must be closed out. Wheeler Bros. 406-4f
 No session of the literary last week, owing to the storm.
 Mrs. L. A. Fisher and child returned from Oakley last Saturday.
 Never were pipes so cheap as at Wheeler Bros. 406-4f
 School will close on Friday, Dec. 17, for the two-weeks holiday vacation.
 Go to Siebert's market for salt and smoked meats. 304
 The *Collyer Wild Cat* will be read at the literary Saturday evening, Dec. 18th. Attend and see the fun.
 Smoke only from a pipe that has been bought at Wheeler Bros. 406-4f
 Geo. Dryer, of the firm of Beal & Dryer, of Grainfield, attended the Jones-Birkeland wedding last week.
 Go to Hollington & Son for Rock Spring and eastern coal. 404
 Capt. Bruner arrived on Wednesday's day train. He has been traveling extensively, but will rest from business here awhile.
 Fresh pork sausage at Siebert's market, Collyer, Kans. 403-4f
 A few country people came in to church Sunday morning, but were disappointed, as Rev. Weller failed to keep his appointment.
 Price the pipes. Buy your pipes at Wheeler Bros. 406-4f
 Wm. Spicer was up from Wa-Keeneey last Saturday. He complains of too much business down that way. No wonder; men usually know a good tailor when they find one.
 Hollington & Son are exclusive agents for Rock Spring and Leavenworth coal. 4
 Wagon loads of fence posts were being drawn home last week from town by G. W. Kessler. They will be used in fencing his property, so that herding his cattle will be no longer necessary.
 A large and choice stock of ladies and gentlemen's underwear at Kansas City prices, at Mills & Arnold's, Collyer. 405-4f
 A gentle rain began falling Friday night, indicating that our pleasant weather was over, and we might expect messengers of winter to arrive shortly. The patter on the roof and window pane was truly pleasant to hear.
 You can buy cheap of Wheeler Bros they must be out of the building they are in before the first of February. 406
 A certain young gentleman, who has for years defied the power of Cupid, started to the wedding last week, so absorbed in thought that some distance was traveled before he remembered that his toilet was incomplete, and he was obliged to return to his room to finish it. Let the young ladies take courage; the bulwarks in such a case are not invincible.
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 Siebert pays the highest market price for hides and furs, and in cash, at the Collyer meat market. 404
 That "experience is a good teacher" was shown last Saturday by the haste with which the country residents transacted their business in town and returned home—all because a cold drizzling rain threatened another blizzard, which, however, did not visit us, but passed by. Even the Grand Army "boys and girls" concluded it would be impolitic to hold the joint session previously announced.
 Rich Hill coal, as good as Rock Spring and cheaper, also Ft. Scott coal, at Mills & Arnold's, Collyer. 405-4f.
 The *Quinter Guide* argues poorly, indeed. If the food for cattle around Collyer is so scarce that our stock men are obliged to kill their stock and sell the bones, why the invitation to send them to Quinter to be fattened? Where our farmers have had from five to eight years' experience in raising and gathering feed for winter use, those of Quinter have had scarcely one, on these prairies, and but six miles difference in location is not apt to develop a decided change in the fertility of the soil. Besides, our facilities for shipping in large quantities of

feed on short notice far excel the present ones of our sister town. There's money in selling bones, our people know.

Wheeler Bros. are selling cashmere dress goods way down; almost giving them away. 406-4f

The editor of the *Quinter Guide* seems to have been greatly annoyed by rumors that Collyer is spreading reports detrimental to the interests of the town of Quinter. After declaring such statements to be falsehoods, he proceeds to compare the towns of Collyer and Quinter as follows: "Collyer is fourteen years old and has not got over fourteen buildings, while Quinter is not one year old yet, and has about three times the number of buildings Collyer has." Where the editor received such information, it would be hard to tell. The present town site of Collyer was surveyed during the winter of 1878 and 1879, therefore Collyer is but eight years old this winter. As to the number of our buildings, either his eyesight or his knowledge of arithmetic was defective. You will need to be able to count as high as thirty, at least, Mr. Editor, before you try to number the buildings of our town. You certainly were never here, or you could not truthfully say our town is dead. On the contrary, it has an extensive cash trade, and while we have lacked an enterprising head, such as Quinter has in the firm of Baker & Sons, to push the interests of our town, we have successfully survived the drouthy years, and the superior advantages of our location are now attracting much attention, and we welcome all, and will give them an opportunity to prove their merit. Collyer has suffered from one thing, which most of our people denounce with as much spirit as could the editor of the *Guide*, viz., the practice of a few of discouraging new settlers and new investors. These few have made their money here, and could they have their way, would be the only business men in the place, with the surrounding country inhabited only by cattlemen. But the influence of said few is on the wane, and our entire community should not be condemned for their faults. W. C.

—Mr. Chas. A. Cooper, a formerly-of-Wa-Keeneey man, now lives at Clifton, in this state. He writes to us that he is a candidate for doorkeeper or assistant doorkeeper of the Kansas house of representatives this winter. We feel friendly toward Mr. Cooper, and those who know him will certainly be ready to concede that his bulky form could do ample justice in the matter of holding a door in its place.

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