

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

—Beautiful weather.
 —Move the windmill.
 —Christmas to-morrow.
 —Hardware at N. D. Bean's.
 —Literary is largely attended.
 —Rainy Sunday and Monday.
 —Every thing at the Red Front.
 —Nails at N. D. BEAN'S.
 —Wagon stock at N. D. BEAN'S.
 —Fresh canned goods at Donelan's.
 —All kinds of nails at I. H. Bullers'.
 —Rev. Crouse is back from Smith county.
 —Chas. Hovey has returned from Seward.
 —Nails, locks, hinges, etc. at I. H. Bullers'.
 —Goodsoe loans money on chattel security.
 —Mrs. McHugh has returned from the east.
 —New side walk in front of the CAT office.
 —"Expert" cooking stoves at I. H. Bullers'.
 —Holiday goods of all kinds at the post office.
 —Legal papers of all kinds kept at the post office.
 —Work on Martin's store is progressing finely.
 —If you want candies or nuts go to the post office.
 —Fine line of cigars and tobacco at the post office.
 —Some improvements in the interior of the bank.
 —Col. G. W. Eiser was here the first of the week.
 —Remember Donelan carries the best brands of flour.
 —Dr. Dunn was down to Oberlin the first of the week.
 —Trial bottle of cough syrup free at Smith & Walker's.
 —Ed. Little's wife has gone to Minneapolis, Kansas.
 —Who is in favor of a barn yard in the center of town?
 —Climax, Four X and Queen of the west flour at Donelan's.
 —Frank Sollenberger is boring a well for Nathan Byars.
 —Don't buy an overcoat until you see Donelan's new stock.
 —Second hand school books for sale at Smith & Walker's.
 —The postoffice building is now ornamented with an awning.
 —Remember the CAT office can do you first class Job printing.
 —John A. Walker is having a well bored at his residence house.
 —P. R. Lewis has gone to Dakota to be gone over the holidays.
 —Frank Pingree has a few desirable claims for sale very cheap.
 —Will Stratton and wife started Monday for Whatchear, Iowa.
 —Send the CAT a year to your friend for a Christmas present.
 —Dan Bowers is here from Seward, Neb. Dan is a brother of Joe.
 —If you want to start a contest call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.
 —A few more pieces of land wanted by H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.
 —J. B. McGonigal was down to Kansas City the last of the week.
 —Harness, saddles and whips at N. D. BEAN'S.
 —Joe Bowers and Maj. Davis are having their holiday toot at Seward.
 —Cooking stoves and heaters at N. D. BEAN'S.
 —Oberlin and Colby hacks are loaded with land lookers every day.
 —If you want to prove up on your land, call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.
 —Rock Spring, Wyoming, coal; the best coal in the market, at Smith & Co's.
 —For law, land, loan or real estate business call on Wilcoxson & Vancleave.
 —Wilcoxson & Vancleave will make out your land papers, and guarantee satisfaction.
 —Railroad, school, and all kinds of wild and deeded lands for sale by H. E. Weld.
 —I have some splendid seed corn for sale. Seed warranted good.
 A. B. JARDINE.
 —Leave your order for a No. 1 set of hand-made harness at
 N. D. BEAN'S.

—Tinware neatly and promptly repaired at N. D. BEAN'S.
 —H. E. Weld buys and sells all kinds of wild and improved lands.
 —Fine stock gents' furnishing goods will be opened at Donelan's.
 —You ought to see the fine large mirrors at the Red Front furniture store.
 —The Buffalo Park Pioneer is doing some good advertising for Gove county.
 —W. H. Copeland has gone to Missouri to be absent until the first of February.
 —Christmas in a sod house will be a novelty to a good many settlers in this county.
 —See M. Donelan for clothing. He is bound to run down his stock before invoicing.
 —Call on I. H. Bullers and get an "Expert," the most wonderful baking stove ever invented.
 —I have more town lots than anyone. Remember the place opposite the CAT office.
 —All kinds of legal and land office papers promptly and accurately prepared by H. E. Weld.
 —G. W. Goodsoe will make your papers for the land office, and furnish money to prove up.
 HAY FOR SALE—100 tons of millet and wild hay for sale. Enquire of S. K. Ellsworth, Colby. 44
 —If you want to sell your deeded land or school land Frank Pingree has a customer for you.
 —Major Pearman was here the first of the week. The Major is getting up a map of the Northwest.
 —The work of transcribing the records from Sheridan county is being done as rapidly as possible.
 —A. L. Tomblin, one of the proprietors of the Thomas County Bank, was here a few days this week.
 —Everybody knows the good qualities of Rock Spring, Wyoming, coal. For sale by Little & Co., Colby.
 Legal advice would not save the "boodle" for Brooks, so he got his man Friday to steal the returns.
 —If you want a good horse, set of harness and double wagon, enquire of Frank Pingree, opposite THE CAT.
 —Settlers wishing government land in St John Co. Kansas, will do well to call on Beymer & Lewis, at Monument.
 Solomon in all his glory is left in the shade as to magnificence and splendor. The Palace Store is ahead.
 The visible supply of wheat in the United States has increased to over 53,000,000 bushels, and the market is unsteady and lower.
 —Miss Bradley, a teacher in the Oberlin schools, is improving the holiday vacation by building on her homestead in this county.
 —MONEY: If you need funds with which to make final proof or wish to secure a loan on your farm, call on or address, H. E. Weld, Colby, Kans.
 The eastern States are enjoying cold and disagreeable weather, while the weather in Kansas is as mild and beautiful as June. Come to Kansas.
 —If you want any blacksmithing done give H. B. Vance a call next door to the CAT office. He is an excellent workman and his prices are reasonable.
 —John Bruce has the frame raised for Martin's new drug store. Mr. Bruce is a good workman, and it will pay you to figure with him before contracting your work.
 —Copies of the CAT can now be purchased at the postoffice and at Smith & Walker's. They are also authorized to receive subscriptions and receipt for the same.
 —Holiday goods at the Red Front furniture store. Everybody call and see the elegant clock shelves, paper holders, comb cases, towel racks, and all sorts of fancy brackets.
 Colby's long felt want of a shoe shop has been supplied by W. H. Moyer, from Oberlin. He is located next door to the furniture store, and is prepared to do first-class work.
 The Howell Lumber Co. are having erected sheds for lumber, coal and lime and a neat and commodious office. They are putting in better improvements here than they have at any town in the west.
 —Final proof can now be made before the Probate Judge of Thomas county, Kansas, at Colby. W. G. Porter will make out your papers and attend to the business promptly and satisfactorily. 40tf

It would be cowardly in the extreme to allow the "stealers" to go unpunished. They are in a tight place and now is the time to squeeze.
 —Stevens would not give up the papers that he came in possession of by mistake and plainly addressed to another party. Draw your conclusions of Stevens.
 Wm. Hydon has taken editorial charge of the Kirwin Chief, and Borin, of the Oberlin Eye is proprietor. Wm. is a first class newspaper man and will fill Dr. Jenkins' boots nicely.
 —From the Cap Sheaf we conclude that Grainfield is on the boom. Grainfield deserves a boom. There is not a town in the west that has more right down good people as inhabitants than Grainfield.
 It is rumored that the Lincoln Land Company are the real owners of the half interest in the town of Coly that was sold last week. We do not know what authority there is for the rumor, but it is certainly believed by many.
 State Superintendent Lawhead was in the western part of the State last week. Mr. Lawhead has made an excellent State Superintendent, is looking pretty sharply after the school land frauds, and will be supported for re-election by the western portion of the State.
 County Attorney Porter deserves credit for his untiring energy in righting the school land matter for Thomas county. He went into the battle to win and the victory is one of which he may well feel proud. The treasurer of Sheridan had ex-Judge Nellis, of Hays City, employed.
 —The Thomas county, Kansas, CAT, says: "John Bean, with his bride, is expected back next week. The boys are going to give him a reception." We thought Johnny was acting queer when he was back here recently, but thought perhaps it was the Kansas climate.—Blade.
 Judge Horton has written to the Colby drug stores that unless they continue to report to him, he will do something dreadful to them. M. L. Lacey is probate Judge of Thomas county and not Judge Horton. The Sheridan county officers have got so used to taking fees that they grasp at everything and send in a bill for a possible balance.
 It seems as though there were enough land lawyers in Oberlin, but there is certainly room for McBride, the Kirwin land lawyer, who has started just across the road from the U. S. land office. He has been actively engaged in the land practice for twelve years and has done an immense amount of contesting. Go in and see him when you go to Oberlin.
 —Brooks stated before Judge Pratt that he was innocent of any attempted fraud, etc. This playing of the "innocent" on the part of the old sinner is extremely ridiculous. Brooks is a grand old fraud and at the bottom of the whole deal. Draw a picture of Fagan, the Jew, from reading Dickens' "Oliver Twist," and you have the self-righteous old fraud sized up to a nicety.
 The public well in the center of the street is a nuisance and a disgrace to the town. The windmill should be moved away entirely, a good pump put down, with a fence around the well, and no stock allowed to be watered at the place. The stock well can be placed in Carp Lake, which would accommodate all. The scene around the town well resembles a barn yard scene.
 CARSON, Iowa, Dec. 9, '85.
 MR. EDITOR.—Some kind friend is sending me the CAT, but I don't know how long it will last. You will oblige me by continuing it until you see me, as I will be out there in about two or three weeks. It is a big advertisement for the country.
 E. P. HOGUE.
 Better known in Colby as "Dad."
 The Wa-Keeney World is acting the critic for the western part of Kansas, and the role of fault-finder seems to be his calibre. The smallest technicality does not fail to meet the eye of Tilton, and calls forth some sarcastic remarks. Since Tilton was presidential elector he is conceited enough to imagine he is the western half of Kansas. When the returns are counted for Auditor next fall, the "nigger" will feel highly gratified at his unanimous support.

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COAL! COAL! COAL!
 We have our coal house well filled with the well known Cherokee Nut and Lump coal, which we will sell at bottom prices. Call and see us just north of the CAT office.
 SMITH & Co.
 If there is any of the various vices of man damnable it is gambling. The citizens of any and every community should unite their force to suppress it and the people of Oakley should nip it in the bud. We have it from good authority that several men from Colby euchred others at this place out of their cash at a game of poker recently.—Oakley Opinion.
 —Programme for the literary society Tuesday evening, Dec. 29.
 Recitation, Miss Annie Maris.
 " Miss Annie Colby.
 " Miss Jessie Walker.
 Declamation, Ella Hutchinson.
 " May Donelan.
 Select Reading, Miss Laura Well.
 " J. D. Bean.
 " E. A. Hall.
 Oration, Will Kenly.
 " Ed. Teal.
 " E. A. Crouse.
 " C. W. Roe.
 Essay, J. B. Vancleave.
 " Jennie Walker.
 Song, Miss Hutchinson.
 Debate: Resolved that the U. S. Republic will be changed to some other form of government before the end of 20th century. Affirmative: W. F. Sager, J. B. Vancleave, I. H. Bullers. Negative: W. S. Wilcoxson, Geo. Achen, E. A. Crouse.
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