

Nine mails leave Olathe daily. More school houses are needed at Fredonia. Employment of all kinds is good at Fredonia. Big building boom is now going on at Kingman. A secular union has been organized at Wichita. An occupation tax is being discussed at Harper. A \$10,000 school house is being talked of at Columbus. A fire at Burton, Harvey county, caused a loss of \$125. The small-pox scare at Great Bend has passed away. Two \$12,000 school houses are to be built at Abilene. Six hundred dollars has been raised for a library at Peabody. Bootblacks are reported so numerous in Topeka as to be a nuisance. The school house at Osage City was burglarized the other night. An attempt is being made to organize a militia company at Newton. It is thought that the population of Montgomery county is 25,000. There has been 869 houses erected in Wichita since the last census. Common drunks are reported numerous at Atwood, Rawlins county. More postoffices are wanted in Rawlins county, says the Atwood Citizen. An Olathe man has buried a son, a wife and a mother within less than a week. The Chief of Police of Dodge City is attempting to drive the gamblers out of that city. Kingman wants more hotels. There is not enough there at present to supply the demand. The city of Pittsburg, Crawford county, has ten councilmen—one to every 200 people. There have been 37,007 money orders sent out of Olathe since it was made a money order office. The city council of Osage City have purchased a grader for the use of the street commissioner. Building is being extensively carried on at Independence. The population of the city is now 4,240. It is said that there is a scheme on foot to organize Rawlins and Cheyenne into three counties. The increase in the population of Coffey county is about 2,000 since the last reports were made a year ago. The first advertisement for a circus and menagerie, ever published in Medicine Lodge appeared the other day. David J. Sarnes was killed at Dodge City by J. W. Mather or his brother Dave. The trouble was over a game of cards. The Santa Fe depot at Sedgwick City was robbed. The thieves received 40 cents for two hours work at blowing open the safe. A mountain lion was killed in Sherman county near the State line last week. It measured eleven feet and weighed 213 pounds. Abilene Gazette: Harry Morley has a curiosity in the chicken line, a full fledged, well developed, genuine, no humping, three-legged chicken. Earl F. Brial was fatally shot by himself at Wellington while handling a loaded revolver. The body of the deceased man was shipped East for burial. Topeka Mail: The new directory reveals the fact that there are 119 men in Topeka named Smith. The Smiths are about 2 per cent of the population. John Gordon, a youth 18 years of age, committed suicide at Yates Center, shooting himself through the head. Poor health has been ascribed as the cause. Measles are prevalent to an alarming extent in Cherokee county. Near Columbus three children in one family died in a period of three days and were all buried in one grave. Kansas paid over \$3,000,000 to school teachers as salaries last year. It possesses over 9100 school houses, and has 401,816 people attending them. A large army of growing children to be supported. The locomotive which went through the bridge on the Wichita road, over the Ninescaw river during the floods two weeks ago, was recovered a short time ago. It was found seventeen feet below the bed of the river. The fifteenth semi-annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 27 and 28, 1885, at Oswego, Labette county, in response to an invitation of the Labette County Horticultural Society. An explosion in the drug store of Purdy & Hickman at Sterling proved providential. A fire started and in some way reached the powder, which exploded, causing the plastering to fall. This put out the fire, thereby avoiding a general conflagration. Charles Thomas, a young man aged twenty years died from injuries he received from a fall at the Garnett skating rink. He lingered there six hours in great pain when he passed away. He was a strong, robust young man, and gave promise of a long life of usefulness and was also a quiet industrious youth and had many friends. Oswego Democrat: The Dickerman school house, six miles west of Oswego, was destroyed by fire. No one in the neighborhood knew of the fire until the next morning, although the light of the burning building was seen in this city. The loss is about \$1,000; insurance \$500. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary. Fort Scott Monitor: William Hunter employed at the lime-kiln while getting down from the top of the kiln, the upper rung of the ladder on which he was descending, broke and he fell to the ground, a distance of twenty-five feet. Fortunately striking on a projecting board about half way down, it broke the fall, and no doubt, saved his life. He sustained a bruised foot and a severe shaking up.

Leavenworth Standard: An unknown man who appears to be of Irish birth, about forty years of age, was fished out of Five Mile creek, where he had evidently jumped in with the intention of taking his life. He was taken to jail, where he will be confined to await an investigation as to his sanity. No information as to the cause of the rash act could be gleaned from him, as he stolidly kept his mouth shut and would not answer questions. The most destructive cyclone that ever passed through Western Kansas visited the eastern part of Books county the other day. Twenty buildings were destroyed. One life lost as far as heard from, and twenty-two injured. Stock of all kinds was killed. It commenced five miles east of Plainville, and extended twenty miles northeast, and was a quarter of a mile wide, taking every building in its way. The city of Stockton was visited at the same time with wind and hail. Three hundred and twenty-one lights of glass were broken. The Coldwater Star relates a story of the robbery of a citizen of that place named Bouville. He had just "proved up" a claim in that section and sold it, and by invitation from a couple of men, rode in a buggy with them to Harper. While on the road the men offered Bouville some liquor, which he lightly partook of but it seems the drugged liquor failed to have the desired effect, so when they reached a lively station in Harper, the two men brutally and cowardly assaulted and robbed Bouville and while he was insensible, they threw him into the buggy and after driving him four or five miles into the country, they left him all alone and penniless.

"Mothers Should Note This." Under this caption an old physician writes to a Cincinnati medical journal, that in view of the fact that people living at a distance from cities are frequently obliged to resort to cough mixtures already put up for use, they should provide themselves with only such remedies as are known to be free from opiates, poisons and narcotics; thus avoiding not only danger, but even fatal results. He recommends the recently discovered Red Star Cough Cure which analysis and tests by various Boards of Health proved to be purely vegetable as well as prompt, effective and entirely harmless.

FARM AND FARMING.

Various Items Appertaining to the Kansas Farms and Farming. Corn is in demand at Hiawatha. Lawrence claims to be the fruit center of the State. Very little corn has as yet been planted in Cherokee county. They are shipping tomatoes out in Jewell county for \$6 per bushel and cucumbers for \$4. Olathe Republican: The wheat is doing very well—that in the bin better than that in the field. Burrton Monitor: Some corn was planted last week. This week probably two-thirds of the crop will be in. Rye is headed out and looks well. Osborne Farmer: The frost last week killed many fruit blossoms, and as a consequence, cherries and plums will be rather scarce this year. Independence Tribune: G. W. Smelser has left us specimens of clover 16 inches, blue grass 27 inches and orchard grass 33 inches high. And yet it has been said that tame grasses are a failure in Kansas. Speaking of Orchard Hill farm near Lawrence the Herald-Tribune says: Year before last the profit on the apple product, over all expenses of work and shipment, was \$500. Larned Optic: a sample was shown us of rye a few days ago that was almost completely headed out, notwithstanding we are having one of the most backward Springs ever known in this part of the country. Seneca Tribune: Peter Palmer, a prominent farmer and fruit grower, has fifty acres of orchard bearing and set out thirty-five acres more this Spring. He does not think the late cold weather injured any of the fruit. Peabody Gazette: Owing to the prevailing idea that tame grass is difficult to raise, the crop is not sufficient to supply the hay-consumers—the live-stock interests of the State. They have wonderfully developed in the last few years. Nortonville News: There has been a good prospect for a cherry crop until the present extremely cool weather, which it is feared will greatly injure it. A cool, northeast wind this season of the year is said to be very damaging to stone fruit. Osborne News: Martin Monier expresses the opinion that his stand of wheat this Spring is relatively about 80 per cent, as good as last year, and from all inquiries we can make we believe that this is a fair average the county over. Dodge City Cowboy: Alfalfa is a big paying crop, and one that will never be a failure in this country after fairly getting a start. The farmer who intends to plant to small grain, forty acres of land, will do well to put in but twenty acres, and twenty to alfalfa. The latter will bring the biggest returns. Peabody Gazette: This has been a splendid season for transplanting trees, and we are glad to note so many thrifty-looking trees all over town that have been put out this Spring, especially the rows of beautiful maple, catalpas and elms, that grace the borders of many of our streets. Newton Kansan: The fruit prospects continue to improve hereabouts, and everything points to an immense crop this year. The few slight frosts last week seemed to do no damage, and the young plums, peaches, apricots, apples and berries of all kinds are coming in in good shape. Abilene Gazette: A. J. Sterling, of Banner township, reports the wheat crop a failure. He says that wheat that looked all right and bid fair for a good crop a few weeks ago is now dead. This seems to be the sentiment of quite a number of our neighboring townships and we are made to believe the crop will be very light. Our advice to those farmers that still have last year's crop on hand, is to hold it for one dollar. Winfield Courier: The peaches this year are numerous twins, triplets, etc. They have a queer way of growing to-

gether in knots of from two to five. Our pomologist is stumped for an explanation. A tree was examined the other day on one little two foot branch of which were sixty-four nicely formed peaches, forty-one of which were knotted together in numbers from two to five. This is unusually prolific profligence even for Cowley county.

Strong City Democrat: Some corn planted early in this county is coming up nicely, while other fields in the same neighborhood remain with last year's stocks not yet broken and nothing done towards plowing. Farmers of Kansas all have their own ideas about early work and early planting, but we always notice that those who are farthest along with their work in the early Spring, are the most successful in the long run. The season has been unusually wet, and some allowance must be made for the backward condition of farm work generally, but at the same time neglect to do work at the right time has occasioned the detention of seeding in many instances. Gardens are looking splendid, and promise to bring forth an abundance of all kinds of vegetables.

CHURCHES.

And Various Items Concerning Them. The Disciples will dedicate fifty new church houses in this State next year. Rev. R. H. Loe has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church of Abilene. The Presbyterian church of McPherson netted \$22 the other evening by a lecture. The Ladies Relief Corps netted \$100 from their entertainment last evening.

Osborne Farmer: A new parsonage has been erected by the Evangelical association of Kill creek. Garnett Plaindealer: The United Presbyterian church has ordered a new bell; weight 1,000 pounds; cost \$250.00. A Baptist church situated eight miles west of Sedgwick City was dedicated a few Sundays ago. Rev. D. B. Ray of St. Louis, preaching the sermon, \$1,000 was raised for the debt. Marion Record: The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church held their second public service last Sunday night. The sum of \$820 was raised. Lawrence Herald-Tribune: The ladies connected with the Mission Sunday school of this city have made over 400 yards of goods into clothing for the poor children attending that school. The Baptist missionary at Roxbury, McPherson county, says: The church work is improving, the members doing all they can. Have organized a Baptist Sunday school, which is growing rapidly. Rev. Mr. Gable of the Baptist church of Elk City says: "Last Sunday I baptized here, will baptize four at the Friendship Church eight miles west of Independence the fourth Sunday."

Complaint is made at Wichita that rowdies interrupt the services of several churches there. The Eagle advises that they be promptly and severely dealt with by proper authorities. Russell Record: The Congregational church has remodeled, newly plastered and papered, and services will be held therein next Sunday. The interior of the church presents a beautiful appearance. Long Island (Phillips county) Argus: The Methodist brethren are making a strong effort to build a parsonage, and the Argus sincerely hopes that our citizens will take a hold of the matter and see that the desired parsonage is forthcoming. Eldorado Republican: Walnut Valley Chapel on Rosalia circuit, United Brethren church, was dedicated a few Sundays ago. Rev. R. W. Parks, of Sedgwick, Harvey county, officiating. This is a neat house \$2,330, erected at a cost of about eight hundred dollars. Nearly four hundred dollars was raised when the house was dedicated. North Topeka Mail: The North Congregational church is under-going thorough repairs and by next Sunday will show many improvements. Hand-some new and comfortable pews have been placed in the church and the exterior thoroughly painted. Rev. J. F. Bacon has been working indefatigably to have the church look well and has done much with his own hands. Topeka Tribune: The A. M. E. Church on the north side is prospering nicely under the pastoral care of Rev. Rector. A live S. S. has been organized, and every meeting is filled with the desired spiritual blessing. The number has increased to double the former number. God's blessing is being poured out abundantly; and pastor and members are greatly encouraged. Council Grove Republican: The A. M. E. Church had a festival last week, and \$43.15 were the gross receipts. Expenses, \$12.20, net proceeds, \$31.95. The money will be spent in paying the minister's salary, and for improvements about the church. The congregation have recently seated the church with comfortable chairs and painted the outside of the building.

WOMEN'S WORK.

What the Ladies of the State are Doing and Items of Interest to Them. A well known young lady of Cherokee county is accused of stealing \$250 from her uncle. Two little girls of Jacob Divens, living near Radical City, Montgomery county, were fatally poisoned last week by eating the ends of matches while their parents were away from home. Kirwin Republican: Kirwin has as many pretty girls as any town in Northwest Kansas, and why some of our young men persist in going to Concordia and other towns to spend Sunday is more than we can tell. Emporia Republican: The Ladies' society of the First Congregational church held a meeting last evening. Mrs. Perley made the pleasing announcement that a little over \$2,000 has been raised and paid on that church by the ladies of that society alone. Mrs. Eliza Aurt, of Emporia, has been fined \$5 and costs for entering one of the public school rooms of that city and giving the teacher a piece of her mind. The irate Eliza addressed the teacher, a mod-

est and decorous young lady, in language unbecoming a matron and a good citizen. The court adjudged her guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined her a above stated.

Atchison Globe: Mrs. Hunt, who was buried the other day, was a remarkable woman in one respect—she was not afraid of death and looked forward to it with the utmost calmness. She named the persons she desired to act as pall bearers, mentioned those whom she would like to have attend her funeral, and paid the undertaker in advance for his services. She desired that she should be buried three or four feet from her husband, so that a good foundation could be secured for a common monument.

FOR COUNTRY STORE KEEPERS.

It has probably escaped the observation of many general storekeepers, who have been accustomed to carry drugs and medicines to a considerable extent as a part of their stock, that the law of the last legislature relating to the practice of pharmacy included provisions applicable to their business in this line, as well as to the persons carrying on the drug business exclusively. They should look into this matter before they unwittingly lay themselves liable to some of the penalties of the law. The act referred to, together with the amended Prohibitory law, and one or two other statutes, is embodied in a neat pamphlet published by Geo. W. Crane & Co., of Topeka, and mailed to any address for 25 cents.

"THE BOYS IN BLUE"

Items Gleaned from Various Sources, of Interest to the G. A. R. of Kansas. The Woman's Relief Corps, of Burlington, have further perfected their organization. Republic City News: Jacob Beck, of this city, has been appointed G. A. R. Inspector for the county. Major Morrill, congressman from the First district of this State, has succeeded in obtaining pensions for eleven old soldiers and their widows. Larned Optic: We learn that Rev. S. C. Rhinehart of Brown's Grove, has lately received a pension of \$3,800. He is a member of the G. A. R. post here. The Senior Vice Commander of the Grand Army for this State Thomas McCarty has been appointed postmaster at Larned. The Post, at Sterling, passed a resolution of thanks for donations of trees for "old soldiers' plat" at the cemetery for the burial of comrades of the Grand Army. Topeka Commonwealth: A delegation of Sons of Veterans, accompanied Major-General L. J. Webb to Kansas City yesterday, where he went to muster in a new camp of that order. Westmoreland Recorder: Assistant Inspector of the G. A. R., F. M. Tuttle, is going the rounds of the Posts of this county. As far as he has reached he finds them in excellent condition. The council of administration has voted unanimously to hold a grand reunion in Topeka on September 29 and 30, and October 1, provided Topeka will furnish the necessary facilities for camp, etc. Cheney Journal: Assistant-inspector Jesse A. Ask of the G. A. R. department of Kansas was in Cheney and inspected the post. The G. A. R. of Cheney is preparing for a rally and camp fire to be held in about two weeks. Junction City Republican: The sword carried by Major Smith, who was killed at the battle of the Little Blue, October 19, 1864, is now in the possession of William Lockstone, who was a member of the major's regiment—2d Colorado cavalry. The sword will probably become the property of the G. A. R. post of this city. Lawrence Journal: Last evening the G. A. R. had a very pleasant dance in their hall. About seventy-five were present and the evening was very pleasantly spent. The G. A. R. people seem to have the faculty of enjoying themselves and whenever they have any kind of an engagement you may be assured that those who attend will have a good time. Columbus Border-Star: The supper given by the Relief Corps of the G. A. R. last week was a financial and social success. The ladies did all in their power to insure a pleasant time and they succeeded. Entertainments, where cold formality is laid aside, are generally whole-souled successes.

The Weight of the Sun.

An astronomer gives us an idea of the relative weight of the sun and the earth as follows: "Let us, to start with, weigh the sun. Suppose we have a balance gigantic enough for the purpose, and the sun is resting on one of the scales. Now put the earth in the opposite scale. You might as well weigh your head against one of the towers of East river bridge. Pile a hundred thousand earths into the balance, and the sun does not stir. There lies the colossal immovable. But get together another hundred thousand, and stack them up in the pan against the sun. Three hundred thousand worlds piled up on one side of the balance and still the sun keeps them up. It would take thirty thousand more or 333,000 earths, to make the beam even against a single sun, and six sextillions is the number representing the weight of the earth in tons, a mass which is shooting through the space at the rate of eighteen miles in a second.

Incidents of the Tamaul Fight.

Suddenly there was a great cry of alarm, rising loud above the din of the fatigue parties and the accompanying bustle of the great camp, and then hoarse cries from the officers: "Stand to your arms, men!" As the squares formed the eighteenth cavalry scouts came rushing in—crashing through our own lines—and then we saw and heard the leaping, roaring, fantastic yet terrible-looking wave of black forms, which we knew was the enemy in strong, in certain stampede of baggage animals—horses, camels, mules, in one struggling, screeching, helpless confused mass. The uproar was terrible. Meanwhile the enemy had leaped the zereba and captured the sandbag redoubt at the corner, hewing and slashing with their cross-billed swords, and stabbing right and left with their terrible spears. Colonel Hayshie was at-

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tacked by three Arabs, all of whom he shot dead, one actually falling against his horse. The scene inside the zereba was something terrible. A hand-to-hand combat raged everywhere; the Arab swordsmen were slashing and cutting at soldiers, camels and horses alike; the native infantry were inextricably mixed up with the flying stream of baggage-mules and camels; bullets were whistling from all points. At 10 o'clock the moon came out and shone brightly. A walk round the zereba by its light makes the battle-field even more gasty and impressive. Here within the zereba the ground is encumbered with dead and wounded camels and horses, and it is littered with clothing and portions of the kits of the dead and living. In the center of the zereba a few water barrels, arranged in line, form a rendezvous for the officers. All over the ground are patches of blood and brains. In one corner of the zereba lie the two rows of our dead. The bodies of the enemy lie thick over the plains in every imaginable attitude. Immediately beneath the zereba hedge they are most numerous—a proof of the desperate gallantry with which they came on, with spear and shield, knob-kerry and camel stick. But there were others still more brave, for from our zereba alone seventy or eighty bodies were dragged out into the plain by our men before nightfall.

Inter-State Sunday School Assembly. Kansas City, May 22.—A meeting was held here to-day for the furtherance of preparations for the seventh annual session of the inter-state Sunday school assembly, the Western Chautauqua, at Forest Park, Ottawa, Kansas, to be in convention from June 23d to July 3d, inclusive. The list of instructors and lecturers embraces many names of persons prominent in religious and educational work throughout the country, among them the Rev. Dr. L. L. Hurlburt, superintendent of the national assembly; J. H. Vincent, of New Jersey; O. H. Tiffany, of New York; O. S. Hanson, of Chicago; Prof. R. S. Holmes, of Auburn, N. Y.; Prof. Sherwin, the musical organizer; Miss Lucy J. Reder, of Chicago; and Gen'l. O. O. Howard, Gov. John A. Martin will preside at the reunion on Grand Army day, July 1st. Rates of one fare for the round trip have been obtained from the Southern Kansas railroad, one and one-third from the Missouri Pacific, and similar reductions are expected to be made by other roads. The dining hall on the grounds will be in charge of George H. Thomas Post G. A. R., of Ottawa, and the tents will be provided at a moderate cost for those who desire them, upon application to the general secretary, D. C. Hanes, of Ottawa, Kas.

The Punks. The punka is an institution which travelers in India admire, not so much for its beauty as for its usefulness. It is a cloth mounted in a frame from three to four feet wide, and the length of the room in which it is placed, suspended from the ceiling by two ropes or cords, one at either end. The punka is kept constantly moving back and forth, and serves the purpose of a fan. In India the motive power is a native boy on the roof, and he is called a punka wallah, walah being the Indian word for boy, and boys in India often being men of 40 years of age. In the dining room of a dwelling the punka hangs directly over the table and runs parallel to it, thus affording a grateful breeze to the assembled guests when in motion. The East Indian steamers have punkas in the dining rooms, which are worked by steam power from the engine room. In church a small punka hangs over every pew. The punka wallahs make a striking figure, turbaned and dressed in white, with a dozen of them in uniform motion with their dreamy, sleepy eyes gazing at their cords, while their English lords worship, form a subject for a painter's brush. The moving punkas usually distract.

Junction City Republican: Just as we go to press we received the information of the death of Herman Younkie. He was digging a well deeper for G. F. Baird and touched off a blast just before going to supper. After supper he went out and lowered himself into the well, and the air was so foul that it overcame him. The body was not taken from the well until about 7 o'clock next morning, the citizens there not deeming it safe to have any one lowered into the well.