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According to the late census the population of Meade county is 1585.

The total vote on congressman in this district is Long, 31,449; Duval, 29,725; Long's majority 1,724.

Did the question ever occur to you, "What church would Jesus attend if he were living in Meade at the present time."

It is the man who makes the greatest profession who is liable to the most criticism. If you don't profess anything the world will not expect so much from you.

The Baker-Burton senatorial fight promises to occupy a goodly portion of the time of the next legislature. A dark horse will, no doubt, be sprung and leave them both wondering "where they are at."

France gave President Kruger a royal welcome when he arrived in that country last week. This will have a tendency to cause the British lion to vigorously twist his tail and pounce onto Mr. France at the slightest provocation.

If Jesus were to come upon earth at the present time and some of the church-members of this age should approach him and inform that they were his followers, he would look at them in astonishment and say, "Depart from me ye hypocrites and liars I know ye not. Go ye into the place prepared for you by the devil and his angels."

Hon. Claud Duval made an extraordinary strong race in this district for congress, considering the Great Bend muddle. Had there been no difficulty, there is not the slightest doubt that he would have defeated Mr. Long. We are for Claud Duval for Congress in 1902. There is no better man in this district for the position.

It is reported that Ellis Garten, formerly of the Cimarron Jacksonian, has made application for a dukedom under the new empire. He knew that if his Royal Highness the emperor, ever discovered that he was running a Democratic paper, that his chance to become a duke would melt away like a snow-ball in hades. This is the real reason Ellis sold his newspaper.

It is reported that the next legislature will enact a law prohibiting the name of any candidate for any particular office appearing on but one ticket on the ballot. This is a knock at fusion. Now, according to Tom McNeal, fusion is dead. He told us that his parents had taught him to always respect the dead and we expect him to instill these teachings of his early childhood into the other members of his party.

A county superintendent asked the teachers attending an institute if they took the local paper. Six out of about one hundred responded in the affirmative. The superintendent gave them a lecture saying, "you expect them to print, free of charge, notices of institutes, insert long programs of same, and full report of what you do and say on such occasions and thus expect them to advertise and your abilities in your chosen profession, thus assisting you to climb the ladder to a higher position and better salaries without a cent's patronage in return." Were I an editor I would throw into the waste basket any communication sent me by a society, the members of which are too stingy to take a paper, or if I inserted it to demand full advertising rates for every line published. There are others. The teachers are not alone jayhawking the printer-Printer.

Thanksgiving.

To-day is Thanksgiving Day. The day is not observed at this time as it was in the time of the Pilgrim Fathers and for a number of years afterward. In those good old times it was regarded as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to the Almighty Father for the several prosperous years that followed the famine times of the Pilgrims. In these latter days it seems to be regarded as a day of amusement. Instead of the prayer meetings and divine services throughout the day the time now is occupied by turkey-shoots, and all classes of sports and gaiety; and usually the day ends with a dance.

What the exact cause for this drifting away from the old customs is, we are not prepared to say. But we do know that it is so. In many instances the observance of the day is just the reverse of what it was in the old days. Instead of the fasting it has become a feast day, and everyone tries his utmost to ascertain the proportions of his gastronomic cavity.

Some will argue that men are not as religious or God-fearing people to-day as they were in those days, and in a great sense this is true. Man is gradually drifting away from all the old rites and customs and making things suit the present age. If you were to see a man going about in a sixteenth century costume, you would at once express the opinion that he ought to be in an asylum; or if you were to have sixteenth century laws for your government you would all declare you were serfs, and so it is with the observance of certain holidays. Their observance has changed as man has changed.

Cattle Stealing.

There is considerable cattle stealing going on in Meade and the surrounding counties and the stockmen do not seem to be able to prosecute these offenders of the law as vigorously as they should. While they know that their cattle are being stolen and have very good ideas in regard to who the parties are, it is almost impossible to get sufficient evidence to go into court and convict.

This is the problem that confronts the stockmen all over southwestern Kansas and portions of Oklahoma. They are all in favor of prosecutions, but don't seem to be able to get hold of the matter properly.

In the first place it is going to cost considerable money to the stock raisers personally to accomplish this end. It seems to us that private detectives from some detective agency should be employed; then some attorneys who have had experience in this particular line of work, and we think the matter could be worked out and sufficient evidence secured to secure a conviction. As we said before this will cost considerable money, and the stockmen should not hesitate to expend it in order to stop the thieves from preying upon their herds.

Enough cattle are stolen each year to employ the very best lawyers in Kansas or any other state. There is no use going into the district court with a case unless it is positive to result in a conviction, for if it fails it is sure to encourage other parties who may be inclined to capture a maverick occasionally and cause them to invade other herds and burn the brands a little to avoid detection. Too many men are always ready to tear up the earth when the matter is agitated, but when called upon to donate a few dollars to the cause they vanish and are as num as clams.

If the stockmen of this country ever expect to stop this infamous practice, they must put up enough money to successfully carry the matter through; they must employ experienced detectives, and lawyers who have had experience in these kind of cases. Otherwise, we see no prospect of ever stopping cattle stealing, for you can't expect to carry on these prosecutions without plenty of money and good legal talent.

Under the law enacted by the last session of the legislature the newly-elected county superintendents will not assume the duties of their office until the second Monday in May, 1901. The term of the present superintendents will expire on the second Monday in January. It will become the duty of the county commissioners in each county to appoint someone to act as superintendent from January 14 until May 13, 1901. Attorney General Godard has ruled that it was the duty of the present board of county commissioners to make the appointment rather than the new board which organizes on January 14, 1901.

Our Correspondents.

FOWLER.

The gentle zephyrs tried themselves last Saturday to see how clean they could sweep the streets of the city, and also removing old barrels, boxes, etc. from their resting places and introduced them into a merry race across the prairie.

Last Saturday night was the coldest night so far this fall, it registering 13 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Roundtree drove out on the west side Sunday to see how his cattle were doing.

From the looks of one of our young gentlemen some days past we would want to guess that there is something in the city in the barber line, and we are inclined to think it a lady barber from the frizzes and curls that adorned his manly brow.

Linn Frazier and family returned home last Thursday after an extended visit of eight or nine weeks. They visited in Kansas City and St. Louis, Ohio and Indiana. Linn's mother accompanied them back and intends staying with them this winter. Linn reports having killed 43 squirrels while on his trip. Their health being none too good in the east they were glad to get to their home in Meade county again where plenty of water and fresh air abound.

W. E. Green moved 110 head of cows and calves to the Mullen place last week and has been busy the past few days building corrals and making wind break.

Frank Nett took his departure for Liberal on horseback early Sunday morning.

T. V. Pinnick lost a fine calf last week from black leg. We would advise neighbor Pinnick not to feed so heavy for fear of losing more.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lough visited at Mr. Burford's Sunday. Elbert Frazier and the school marm took an extended buggy ride in the city delivery out to Mr. Bunyan's one night last week returning at an hour that was not so early, but both were at school in time the next morning.

The repairing of the M. E. Church was begun Tuesday and they expect before the week is over to have it finished in good shape ready for winter.

George Fowler and wife have moved down to Mr. Krises and George is going to run the ranch this winter. He has been quite busy the past few weeks building new sheds etc. for the cattle.

Miss Pearl Zollman took her departure for her home in Elk county last Thursday. She has been here some six months doing housework for Mrs. Dyer. During her stay here she had won the friendship of all the young people as well as old, and her many friends regret to see her go.

A coal famine has struck the burg and we predict that if it does not let up before long we will be compelled to go to the last resort, i. e. chips or freeze.

Henry Burford accompanied his sweetheart as far as Bucklin last Thursday, returning in the evening with a lost and forlorn look on his face. He has scarcely been in the city but we would judge from his looks and actions that he will be among the missing in the near future. The writer can sympathize with him for he has been along that road in days gone by.

It would take the people by surprise if the train from the east should come in on time, as it is usually from one to four hours late.

We understand that there will be a series of meetings held at the M. E. church next week at which the presiding elder, Rev. Martindale, will be present to help in the work. Everybody invited to attend.

Ellick Steel drove in from the east last week with a load of apples which he is selling around over the country.

CRACKERJACK.

ODEE ITEMS.

Martin Buck is fixing a well for Claus Cordes. He is drilling in the old well. The water is salty and he is now drilling to the second sheet of water.

George Buck was visiting at Gruemken's Sunday.

Martin Gruemken trapped a coyote the other day.

Martin Buck's boys trapped four lately.

Henry Wiebalk was helping Mr. Koster dig a well last week.

Martin Gruemken hauled some hay from H. F. Danks' for the Borger boys the first of the week.

John Borchers and H. Wiebalk were visiting at P. Eckhoff's last Sunday.

Herman Cordes was visiting at Henry Buck's Sunday.

Henry Borchers and B. H. Cordes vaccinated their calves last week. Mr. Cordes lost one of the calves the day after the vaccination.

Ben Cordes and H. Thonhoff are still batching. Mr. Brinck-

man has not yet returned.

Mr. Fletcher, the school teacher at Buck's, went home Saturday and returned Sunday.

Henry Koster visited at H. H. Eckhoff's Sunday.

Ed Kragh and a friend of his from Dodge are down in Oklahoma hunting and Ed is making improvements on his claim.

DUTCH.

EDUCATIONAL.

PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, DEC. 15, 1900, 2 P. M.

Opening Exercises. Song—Quartette. Recitation—B. E. Crane. Paper—Miss Botsford. "Language in primary grades"—Class drill—Jennie Kessler. "Imitation a means of correction"—General discussion. Recitation—Adda Petefish. Paper—Ruth Bennett. Roll-call. Adjournment.

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Leaders and Subjects.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

(Subjects same as Epworth League.) Dec. 2—Chas. Boyer. Dec. 9—Oliver Frame. Dec. 16—Mrs. Button. Dec. 23—Mrs. Fuhr. Dec. 30—Winnie Bonham.

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