

COUNTRY

Illinois District.

We are having splendid weather at this writing—clear, calm and cool.

We had our first frost Monday morning. Boards and damp straw were white. Vegetables not injured any. Frost last year, October 17th.

The ground was so wet for eight or ten days that all field work was stopped.

The drills started again last Thursday and Friday.

Most of the farmers will finish drilling this week if the weather continues favorable.

Mrs. Chenoweth has furnished several hot house plants for the school room at Rome. The geranium that stands in the front window is very fine.

The wheat on some of the first fields sowed is so rank that the ground cannot be seen from the road.

Mr. Franklin is the first to pasture his wheat in this locality.

Taylor Short started one of his machines Monday. The stalks were so wet they had not threshed for several weeks. John Shoar is helping him.

George Hinkle finished threshing part of Ed Hall's wheat Saturday. Monday pulled to—Moore's on Meridian.

Perhaps Postmaster General Smith can inform the people in his speech next Monday why the Kentucky Vindicator, a Prohibition paper with over 2,000 paid subscribers, is not allowed second class mail privileges. Is it because this paper is showing up the rottenness of the U. S. government in Manila?

SEPTEMBER WEATHER.	
Average for the month	74 1/2
6, 7, 8 Highest	89
Average of the warmest day	85
29 Lowest	44
Average coldest day	55
11 Days rain fell	11
Depth of rainfall	7.78
27, 28 Greatest rainfall in 24 hrs.	3.50
TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL FOR 8 YRS.	
Temperature.	Rainfall.
1893, 74 1/2	2.50
1894, 71	4.90
1895, 76 1/2	0.30
1896, 68 1/2	3.68
1897, 73	1.31
1898, 74 1/2	1.08
1899, 70 1/2	2.63
1900, 74 1/2	2.78

The past September has been slightly above the average temperature and over double the average rainfall. The average rainfall has been 3.02. During the eight years there have been three that averaged near the same, and one, higher; four, lower.

Cleardale.

The recent heavy rains have given wheat a good start.

Our farmers are thinking of shucking and cribbing their corn. Rather early we think.

George Peterson is to take a contract to drill wheat for Shan Wright.

John Haas of Oklahoma started home Monday after a week's visit among relatives of our neighborhood.

Ben Hardy and wife are to take a bridal tour in Oklahoma soon.

We are glad to note the fact that Ashton has commenced building elevators.

Potatoes are sprouting and many are digging their fall crop.

Ben Hardy and wife were given quite a pleasant surprise in the shape of a charivari. By the way the boys were sweating we surmise they almost earned their treat, although it was a good one.

Mrs. Ruth Long's sister from Wichita is visiting with her at present.

Wheat at our berg (Dalton) sold 2c over test for soft and test for hard.

Quite a few of our people are patronizing the country huxter from Wellington.

Flour has advanced to \$1.00 per sack. Now keep up with the wheat market.

Our phone is now in working order and we could save many steps by patronizing it.

Mayfield.

We had quite a frost Monday morning.

Mrs. H. Stremme is on the sick list. Quite a number from here attended the Wichita carnival last Wednesday.

Guess Mayfield is going to have another elevator before long. Ham Deer is going to build one.

Rev. Black, the U. P. preacher from south of town, filled the pulpit at the C. P. church Sunday night. Rev. Black is a good speaker.

Our school is progressing nicely with Prof. Felters as principal.

Mable Gilbert took up her school at Pleasant Valley Monday morning.

Tom Threlfall and wife who have been visiting in Illinois for several weeks returned home Monday night.

Caldwell.

Senator Simons is on the sick list.

Representative Dinsmore got looted and Judge Ridings went south. Caldwell Republicans are off this week. Bart Fletcher says.

The Fusion ticket never was stronger in our part of the county than it is today. We are gaining ground steadily.

Frank Logan had a colt shot in the hip with a .22 calibre rifle by some hunters. Hunters had better give this locality a wide berth now or they will find what the law says.

Hurray for Bryan. Briedenthal and Duval.

Mrs. Noble Prentiss of Kansas City, is in Wellington in the interest of the history of Kansas which her husband, the late Noble Prentiss, chief editorial writer of the Kansas City Star, wrote and was adopted by the state text book commission. The Prentiss club of Wellington, was named after Mrs. Prentiss, who is a noted club woman, and a number of the members of the club called on her at the Arlington hotel last night and spent the evening with her. Mrs. Prentiss will deliver an address on the subject, "Kansas in History," before the Harvey county teachers' association at Newton next Saturday.

JAPAN'S ARMY AND NAVY.

Recent Military Progress of These People Exceeds That of Other Nations.

Since her war with China, Japan has made more progress as a military and naval power than almost any other nation in the world. Of the \$22,500,000 war indemnity she received from China she has spent \$29,000,000 on her army and more than \$50,000,000 on her navy. At the beginning of that war Japan's army of a peace footing consisted of 69,000 officers and men. This has since been increased to 145,000 on a peace footing and \$40,000 on a war footing, relates the Little Chronicle. Since the war with China she has added four first-class battleships, six first-class cruisers and a large flotilla of torpedo boats. Besides these she has nine second-class cruisers, five third-class cruisers, ten coast defense vessels, two first-class and 15 second-class gunboats, four dispatch boats and a torpedo depot ship. The Japanese navy is now larger than the Russian navy. The naval and military officers are as carefully trained as those of European nations. Japanese naval students are to be found at Annapolis, in this country, and in all the best naval schools of Europe. Her new warships are among the best that float. Two of the new battleships are exact copies of the great English battleship the Royal Sovereign, and our own cruiser Charleston was modeled after the Japanese cruiser Naniwa.

CLEOPATRA USED COSMETICS.

The World's Most Beautiful Woman Used Artificial Aids to Comeliness.

When Cleopatra made captive the heart of Mark Anthony, the victor of Philippi, she was 24 years old. At this age women of the orient begin to show signs of a decline of their physical charms. The fact that the star-eyed Egyptian was then in the height of her beauty warrants the assertion that she wisely used whatever cosmetic art was known at that time to improve her personal appearance. And even if she had not employed the salves, etc, there is certainly one thing she would not have failed to do, and that is to darken her eyebrows. All the women of the orient darken their eyebrows and eyelashes to-day, just the same as they did thousands of years ago. Proof of this was found in the graves which contained not exactly eyebrow pencils, but tiny boxes filled with a black paste and small wooden implements for applying the same. This was used not alone by the women, but by the men also, says a London exchange.

Even manuring was known in those ancient days, because we are told by the best authorities that Paris had most shining nails and darkened both his eyelashes and his brows. It would be an easy matter to ridicule all the various ingredients of these slaves, but it would be injustice to do so, because some of them have been used ever since through all these centuries and have thoroughly proven their efficacy.

WOMEN'S PAY IN RUSSIA.

Those Who Work for a Living Get Small Remuneration for Their Services.

"Can women practice law in Russia?" The question was asked of Miss Alice Serber, the woman lawyer, by a writer in Success. Miss Serber replied:

"O, no! the great majority of the men of my native land would be horrified at the idea. The women of Russia who desire or are forced to work for their living can become dressmakers at a dollar and a half to two dollars a week; they can be school teachers at a little more. None of the professions is open to them, except medicine, and for this they must have a certain high status in society, and must have large means to defray the great expenses of the women's course at the university. There is a considerable number of women doctors in Russia, but most of them studied and obtained their diplomas in Switzerland, where the attitude toward ambitious women is much more liberal than in the domains of the czar. A woman servant in Russia is doing well to receive \$20 a year for her services. The wives and daughters of the peasants work harder than the men. They bear nearly an equal share in the labor of the fields, and in addition have all their household duties to attend to."

Windom glacier, at Taku inlet, in Alaska, which for more than a century has been immovable, or "dead," has slipped into the Arctic ocean. Between it and the sea extended a wide, crescent-shaped sandbar, formed by the glacier's moraine. Two or three weeks ago a section of this glacier, extending half a mile along its face, several hundred feet wide and 500 feet deep, was moved bodily nearly a mile out to sea. It cut straight through the sandbar, leaving a deep, wide channel. When it reached the deep water the glacier tumbled over and divided into a number of immense bergs, which are now floating about. Investigation of the cause of this upheaval of nature has been made by George Garside, an engineer of Juneau. He found that the river, rushing seaward beneath Windom glacier, had become choked and backed up for miles in a mountain canyon. Its pressure finally became so great that it broke loose, cracked the glacial section off and forced it seaward.

Complaint has come from several localities of parties shooting through school houses. This is wanton and malicious and dangerous destruction of public property for which the fine is very heavy. Some one will have to pay as they should if it is continued.

A Millerton girl has been in Wellington for two days buying her wedding outfit.

OUR SALES for the past few days have been unprecedented. Every article in some lines having been closed out, but there are many good bargains left for the remaining three days of this week.

This BIG STORE Never Does Things by Halves

A=19 CENT

Don't give this sale The marble heart.

Bargains in School Supplies for 19c

- 6 blackboard erasers 19c
- 6 bottles Carter's ink for 19c
- 3 boxes school crayon for 19c
- 25 lead pencils for 19c
- 80 sheets legal cap paper 19c
- 3 doz. pens for 19c
- 5 doz. pen holders for 19c
- 5 Dewey 5 cent tablets for 19c
- 15 Sunshine 2 cent tablets 19c
- 6 brass edge oak rules for 19c
- 12 carpenter lead pencils 19c

Hardware Department

- 29c dish pan, 10 qt 19c
- 29c pocket knife 19c
- Best Butcher knife 19c
- 4 boxes Diamond axle grease 19c
- Double zinc wash board 19c
- 6 inch alligator wrench 19c
- Best 44c Buggy whip 19c
- 5 lbs nails 19c
- Our leader tablespoon 1 set 19c

SALE

Specials for Saturday

- 14 yards Comfort Calico and 5 Cotton Bats for 79c
- Men's Heavy, double-sewed Work Shirts Regular 49c for 39c

REMNANTS

During our big sale we have gathered hundreds of Remnants. On Saturday One-Fourth off.

Grocery Department

We lay all profits aside in this department.

We pay 18c for Batter and 13c for Eggs. We are not only paying you the highest market price for your produce but you can buy more goods at this store for one dollar than at any other concern in Southern Kansas. Glance down the list and you will agree with us.

- Cream and High Patent Flour } 85c Sk
- 17 lbs Granulated Sugar 98c
- 1 gal can N. Y. apples 19c
- 2 boxes imported sardines 19c
- 4 lb Japan or Imperial tea 19c
- 1 can Van Houton's cocoa 19c
- 1 can grated pineapple 19c
- 2 cans apple butter 19c
- 1 can 23c peaches 19c
- 2 cans peas 19c
- 1 can 23c cherries 19c
- 5 boxes sardines 19c
- 3 packages Velvet starch 19c
- 2 cans 12c corn 19c
- 2 cans 18c Ox heart cherries 19c

The Big Racket Store

Lichty Bros. WELLINGTON, KANSAS

McBRIDE IN A NEW ROLE.

The District Judge Adjourns Court to Unite Four Hearing Hearings.

W. T. McBride, judge of the district court, performed his first marriage ceremony this morning and was soon called upon to repeat the performance.

It all came about through the absence of Probate Judge Staffebach, who is attending a political meeting at Argonia. W. H. Bennett and Miss Ona Johnson, both of South Haven, applied for a marriage license, and, having secured this necessary document, inquired for the probate judge to perform the ceremony.

They were told that the judge was out of town, but someone suggested that Judge McBride could do it. This was a happy thought. The court had just declared a recess and the jurors were standing around in the hall stretching their legs and smoking. Judge McBride was made acquainted with the emergency and he consented.

Hastily brushing his clothing he went into the probate judge's office and performed the ceremony without a hitch.

Court resumed business, and a few minutes afterward, Charlie Arpsinger and Miss Flora Aker of Portland applied for a marriage license and asked for someone to marry them. A messenger was sent into the district court room and whispered a few words into Judge McBride's ear. He smiled and declared a recess of five minutes. The jury was taken into the probate court to act as witnesses, and Judge McBride performed the ceremony that a few more hearts beat as one.

This was Judge McBride's first experience at marrying couples, but he acted like an old hand at the business. Contrary to the usual custom, he declined to charge anything for his services.

Good News for Our Readers

Who have scrofula taints in their blood, and who has not? Scrofula in all its forms is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which thoroughly purifies the blood. This disease, which frequently appears in children, is greatly to be dreaded. It is most likely to affect the glands of the neck, which become enlarged, eruptions appear on the head and face, and the eyes are frequently affected. Upon its first appearance, perhaps in slight eruptions are plentiful, scrofula should be entirely eradicated from the system by a thorough course of Hood's Sarsaparilla to prevent all the painful and sickening consequences of running scrofula sores which drain the system, sap the strength and makes existence utterly wretched.

Boers Coming to America.

Hundreds of Boers with their families are fleeing from the country of their birth to begin life again in some other country. Most of these have America as their ultimate destination.

The refugees are not paupers in any sense. They are taking passage in French and German ships and are willing to pay for the best accommodations. Special trains are engaged to meet the ships at Marseilles and carry them through France to Holland, their motherland, which is their first stopping place in their search for new fortunes. But Holland is overcrowded and is only a temporary asylum. The name America is on every lip and little children bidding good-by to their playmates speak vaguely of America and their new home.

Two German ships left Lorenzo Marques last week carrying 1,200 Boers. They were closely followed by two French ships with 950 souls from the Transvaal, mostly women and children. All of these belonged to the better class of Boers and all were bound for Holland. They do not say where they will go afterward.

"To America?" is the question asked of them by those who are left behind. "Probably," is the invariable answer. "We do not know, but we think we should be happier in America than elsewhere and we may establish our homes there."

James H. Holmes is in Emporia from New York state, and will probably bring suit to recover a half section of land just north of Emporia. The land is supposed to belong to F. C. Newman. Holmes thinks it belongs to him. In 1855 he came to Lyon county, then Breckenridge county, and took a claim on a quarter section of that land. The adjoining quarter was taken by a young woman. In that year the two claim holders were married. The young couple needed money and borrowed some from a Massachusetts man, giving their farms as security to their note. The Massachusetts man died without ever calling for a settlement. In 1868, Mr.

and Mrs. Holmes moved away from Emporia, and this is the first time he has been back. In the meantime the heirs of the Massachusetts man assumed that the half section belonged to them, and handled it accordingly. It has been sold to different people. People have owned it who never heard of the man who preempted it. F. C. Newman was the last purchaser. Today Mr. Holmes stands ready to pay his debt of forty-three year ago. He insists that the land never has been regularly transferred to any other and will try to establish his claim. When Holmes went to Emporia he was 23 years old. It was he who with an ex team moved C. V. Eskridge to the new town and the end of the same year hauled the printing press and outfit from Quindaro for the Emporia News. Plumb, then not of age, was his editor, and

Jacob Stotler, formerly of Wellington, who came with the plant from Quindaro, was its foreman. In the following year Stotler became its editor. Railroad folders that advertise their routes to Pike's Peak, contain Mrs. Holmes' name as the first woman that ever stood at the top of Pike's Peak.

A Wellington girl is engaged to a man so far away that it takes eighteen days for a letter to reach him. When she asks him if he still loves her, and thinks of her often, she has to wait thirty-six days before she gets an answer.

If you want to work, here is a chance for a job: Bridge and Building Foreman Perry of the Santa Fe received a call this morning for bridge men to go to Denver.

A SENSATION IN GROCERIES

Maxey Bros. have recklessly cut prices on groceries. The economical housewife can save enough in her grocery bill today to buy a new wrapper by ordering her groceries of them. Here is a partial list of the cheap things you need:

- Cream and High Flour, per sack 85c
- Arbuckles Coffee, per pound 13c
- Lion Coffee, per pound 12c
- New Kraut, per quart 5c
- 3 pounds Standard Tomatoes 9c
- 2 pounds Standard Corn 8c
- Early June Peas, per can 8c
- Star Tobacco, per pound 45c
- Horseshoe Tobacco, per pound 44c
- Battle Axe, per plug 35c
- Yeast Foam, per package 3c
- 2 oz. Lemon Extract, per bottle 5c
- Nudavine Oat Flakes, 2 lb pkgs 5c
- Clothes Pins, per dozen 1c
- Stoneware, per gallon 7c
- Cranberries, per quart 8c
- Large can of Lye (10c size) 5c
- 3 packages Ralston's pancake flour 25c

Cash paid for country produce. **MAXEY BROS.**

6 PER CENT MONEY

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