

New Departure THE PIONEER

STILL ON DECK.

Oct. 15th,

I will display on my shelves
a new and elegant stock of

Clothing,

Gents' Furnishing Goods,
Underwear, Etc., Etc.

I have selected my goods carefully
to meet the demands of the people,
and can and will sell at such prices
that no one

Need go cold

Of Course

I still keep on hand the

CHOICEST GROCERIES,

Best Brands of FLOUR, Etc.

The Old Pioneer

ON THE CORNER,

M. DONELAN, Prop.

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

John A. Logan refused to accept
the Republican nomination for Presi-
dent of the Senate.

The Chicago & Rock Island Rail-
road Company are looking through
the west for an opening through to
Denver.

Because there has been some ille-
gality in land business in some parts
of the west Sparks charges all the set-
tlers with being dishonest by refus-
ing to grand land patents.

Commissioner Sparks is getting a
great many newspaper notices these
times that are not on the over compli-
mentary order. The west almost
unanimously votes Sparks a crank.

Missouri has 4,741 miles of rail-
road in operation; Kansas has 4,102.
Missouri, as a state, is sixty-four years
old. Kansas is twenty-four—Leav-
enworth Times.

Congress convened last Monday.
Carlisle was elected Speaker of the
House, and Sherman President of the
Senate. Sherman is now vice-presi-
dent and would become acting Presi-
dent should Cleveland die.

Governor Martin has issued a pro-
clamation calling a special session of
the legislature to convene on the 19th
of January. Thomas county has one
ax to grind in the shape of detaching
Sherman county from Shetidan and
having it attached to Thomas.

A new town site has been located
on deeded land in the center of Sher-
man county, Kansas. We are not in-
formed just who the projectors are,
but hear it rumored that parties in the
employ of the B. & M. are interested.
The new town is called Leonard.—
Oberlin Herald.

The following is a land decision in
1884, the Central Pacific Railway be-
ing plaintiff and Wiggins et al, defend-
ants:

A settler does not lose his right un-
der his pre-emption claim by a com-
mutation of a homestead entry, and
he may therefore, if the proof is suf-
ficient, include 160 acres in a home-
stead entry.

Copp's Land Laws, Vol. 2, P. 937.

This is in direct opposition to the
decision of Sparks. Which is correct,
the new Commissioner or the old Sec-
retary of the interior?

Commissioner Sparks refuses to
issue a land patent. Settlers who
endure the hardships of frontier life
to earn themselves homes, live in sod
houses on dirt floors, and burn buf-
falo fuel, all for the sake of a farm
and a home, are refused the title
which has been promised them, and
are liable to lose their land on mere
technicalities. Of course the poor
homesteader should be investigated,
but nothing is said or done about one-
fourth of the entire public domain
that has been given to the railroad
corporations, and the greater part il-
legally.

The Attorney General has written
the Sheridan county officials to stop
the sale of Thomas county school
lands in Sheridan county. If they
will not stop the sale at his request,
he has notified County Attorney Por-
ter to stop the sale by legal means.
The injunction had been served before
the Attorney's letter was received,
and now beyond the possibility of a
doubt, Thomas county school lands
will be sold at Colby, by the Treasurer
of Thomas county. The Attorney
General will probably notify the offi-
cials of Sheridan county to stop the
sale of Sherman county land, as a pe-
tition signed by a large number of
Sherman county men has been sent
him, alleging fraud in the manner in
which the land was brought into mar-
ket.

Every year, every local paper gives
from one hundred to five thousand
dollars in free lines, for the sole ben-
efit of the vicinity in which it is locat-
ed. No other agency can or will do
this. The local editor, in proportion
to his means, does more for his town
than any other ten men, and in all
fairness, man with man, he ought to
be supported, not because you may
happen to like or admire his writing,
but because the local paper is the best
investment a community can make.
It may not be brilliant, or crowded
with great thoughts, but financially,
and yet on moral questions, you will
find the majority of the local papers
on the right side of the question. To-
day the editors of the local papers do
the most work for the least money of

anyone upon the earth. Subscribe
for and support by advertising in lo-
cal papers, not for charity, but as an
investment.—Western Empire.

Kansas, at the date of the last re-
port of the railroad commissioners,
had 4,102 miles of railroad traversing
the state. Since that time no less than
six new railroad charters have been
filed, aggregating an additional mileage
of in the neighborhood of 3,000 to
3,500 miles, one of the new roads
alone having, with its various branch-
es, nearly 2,400 miles, making over
7,000 miles of railroad, including the
roads in contemplation, against 930
miles in 1870 and 3,351 miles in 1880.
The area of the state is 52,288,000
acres, having in 1870 38,802 farms,
while in 1880 there were 138,561
farms under cultivation, an increase
of 99,759 farms in ten years, and an
increase in railroads during the same
period of 2,421 miles.

Two miles east of this place there
is a homestead, with quite a strip of
breaking on it. The ground has
never been cultivated since breaking,
and, to-day, there is a fine stand of
a far different variety from the native
grass. The cattle on range, will break
for this strip of grass as soon as they
are turned out on the morning. Tues-
day, a gentleman from Kentucky in
passing over this tract of land, stop-
ped and examined it carefully, and
pronounced it blue grass. If his
judgement is correct, and we have no
reason to doubt it, there will be a rad-
ical change in the pasturage of this
country in the future. And not only
this, but if blue grass is a product
that will thrive in this country, there
will be no limit to advance of real es-
tate. We hope our citizens will go
and examine this piece of pasturage
and satisfy themselves as to its vari-
ety.—Buffalo Park Pioneer.

The railroad news this week is of
no little importance to this communi-
ty. The report which reaches us
from the south is from a source of
undoubted reliability. A road from
Cleveland will be commenced at once
and run north to Colby and Atwood.
The right of way has been bought
and the lines established. This will
cut off the intentions of the B. & M.,
if they ever had any, of running
southwest. The territory is already
occupied and their country to the
north threatened with an invasion
from an unfriendly line, which plain-
ly necessitates the immediate exten-
sion of the branch west from Oberlin
on the line as surveyed early in the
fall. With the Kansas Pacific from
the south and the Missouri Pacific
from the southeast and east, both
headed towards this county, the only
recourse the B. & M. can have—un-
less it desires to be burdened with a
bankrupt road—is to move west. We
do not believe, knowing the indomit-
able energy of this road, that she will
lay quiet and see her territory wrested
from her grasp. Atwood and Raw-
lins county may rest quietly. She
will have, unless all signs fail, more
than one railroad within her borders
in less than a year.—Atwood Demo-
crat.

J. R. COLBY,

---Notary :-: Public---

All business in this line promptly attended.

BEAN

Is on deck with the
Latest Novelties in

HARDWARE, WATCH

For his adv. next week.

Commissioners' Proceedings.

COLBY, Thomas Co., Dec. 4, 1885.

County commissioners met pursuant to ad-
journment.

Members present, Frank Pingree, chairman,
H. T. Heming and M. W. Witham, commis-
sioners, and James N. Pike, county clerk.

Moved and seconded to reject petition of
Samuel Lee for exposure to sale, etc., of
school land presented at last meeting.

Moved and carried that we approve petitions
of C. A. Smith and Samuel Lee for exposure
to sale.

The following bills were allowed as election
expenses:

I W Crumley,	\$2.00
Ira Jennings,	2.00
H Gurwell,	2.00
J W Ellsworth,	4.90
W H Archer,	2.00
A J Grice,	4.90

The following bonds for township officers
were approved:

Joseph M Leal as treasurer of Morgan twp.
W H Archer as justice of the peace of Ro-
vohl township.

A B Richardson, justice of the peace of Bar-
ret township.

John D Hughes as treasurer of Hale town-
ship.

J W Ellsworth as justice of the peace of
Wendell township.

Wm C Hydon as justice of the peace of
Hale township.

James M Stewardson justice of the peace
for Randall township.

Wm H Summers as treasurer of Wendell
township.

M Clark, justice of the peace of Barret
township.

G A Boyd, constable of Barret township.

B Gurwell, clerk of Wendell township.

H B Herring, clerk of Barret township.

Ira Jennings, trustee of Randall township.

J C Passell, treasurer of Rovohl township.

L W Crumley, clerk of Rovohl township.

Moved and carried that contract for furnis-
ing coal for Thomas county be let to A. B.
Jardine, to be Colorado coal, to be delivered
at county coal house in Colby, for which he is
to receive \$11.50 per ton in county warrants.
County Attorney is instructed to draw con-
tract, Dec. 5th 1885.

Moved and carried to adjourn until the next
regular meeting in January, 1886.

FRANK PINGREE,

Attest: JAMES N. PIKE, Chairman.

County Clerk.

N. J. ADAMS

RED FRONT

Furniture Store!

Keeps a full line of Bedsteads, Bed
Springs, Mattresses, Rocking
Chairs, Kitchen Safes, Wash
Stands and everything belonging to the

Furniture Trade.

Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes
ordered on short notice. No pains
will be spared to accommodate the
public.

Remember the Red Front.

N. J. ADAMS, Prop.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 4035.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans.
Dec. 4, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim
and that said proof will be made before Pro-
bate Judge of Thomas county, Kansas, at
Colby, Kansas, on January 23d, 1886, viz: Wil-
liam C Hydon, H E No 237, for the ne qr sec.
17, town 6 south, range 36 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon, and cultiva-
tion of said land, viz: Andrew Parker, R T
Heming, F W Ladd and G. A. Boyd, all of
Quickville, Kansas.

W G Porter. A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
40-45d10

Notice No. 4278.

U. S. Land Office, Oberlin, Kans.
November 12, 1885.

Complaint having been entered at this office
by James G Collins against Francis Collins or
Francis Collins for abandoning his H E No 11551
dated January 14, 1879, upon the sw qr
section 22, township 8 south, range 34 west,
view to the cancellation of said entry: con-
stant alleges that the said Francis Collins or
Francis Collins did not build upon nor improve
said tract since making said entry up to June
14, 1880, nor since, or cultivate said land; the
said parties are hereby summoned to appear
at this office on the 23d day of January, 1886,
at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish
testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
Keys & Emahizer. 40-45d10

NOTICE No. 4182.

U. S. Land Office Oberlin, Kans.
Oct. 19, 1885.

Complaint having been entered at this office
by W M Morehead against Frank T Barber for
abandoning his homestead entry No. 12965
dated Oct. 16th, 1879, upon the se qr section
1, township 6 south, range 34 west, in Thomas
county, Kansas with a view to the cancellation
of said entry.

The said parties are hereby summoned to
appear at this office on the 15th day of Jan.
1886, 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish
testimony concerning said alleged abandon-
ment.

Christmas Comes But Once a Year

J. W. ALLEN & SONS,

Are receiving their immense stock of Holiday
Goods. Watch for their ad. next week.

To old and young it brings good cheer.

CENTRAL DRUG STORE

MAKES A SPECIALTY OF

Pure Drugs and Medicines

Everything in our line of the best obtainable.
When you are in need of paints, oils, per-
fumes, stationery and all kinds of fancy no-
tions. Don't forget to give our house a call

M. T. ROWLAND, Prop.

DR. J. W. WELD, Manager.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 4019.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans.
Dec. 3th, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim
and that said proof will be made before Pro-
bate Judge, Thomas county, Kansas, at
Colby, Kansas, on January 23d, 1886, viz: Wil-
liam C Hydon, H E No 237, for the ne qr sec.
17, town 6 south, range 36 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon, and cultiva-
tion of said land, viz: W H Klingery, N. J.
Adams, Andrew Greep and R B Elliott, all of
Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
40-45d10

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 4044.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans.
Dec. 3, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim
and that said proof will be made before Pro-
bate Judge, Thomas county, Kansas, at
Colby, Kan., on Jan. 23d, 1886, viz: Andrew
Parker, D. S. No. 2012, for the nw qr section 33,
town 6 s, range 36 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon, and cultiva-
tion of said land, viz: W H Klingery, N. J.
Adams, Andrew Greep and R B Elliott, all of
Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
WG Porter. 40-45d10

NOTICE No. 4182.

U. S. Land Office Oberlin, Kans.
Oct. 19, 1885.

Complaint having been entered at this office
by W M Morehead against Frank T Barber for
abandoning his homestead entry No. 12965
dated Oct. 16th, 1879, upon the se qr section
1, township 6 south, range 34 west, in Thomas
county, Kansas with a view to the cancellation
of said entry.

The said parties are hereby summoned to
appear at this office on the 15th day of Jan.
1886, 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish
testimony concerning said alleged abandon-
ment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
Keys & Emahizer. 40-45d10

Notice No. 4302.

U. S. Land Office Oberlin, Kans.
Nov 17, 1885.

Complaint having been entered at this office
by F M Wisdom against Walter Figit
for abandoning his Homestead entry
No. 2367, dated April 18, 1885, upon se qr sec
9, town 7 south, range 34 west, in Thomas
county, Kansas with a view to the cancel-
lation of said entry, contestant alleging that
he is not an actual resident on the land and
no house upon the same.

The said parties are hereby summoned to
appear at this office on the 15th day of Jan.
1886, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish
testimony concerning said alleged abandon-
ment.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
S S Vansickel. 40-45d10

Notice for Publication No. 4026

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans.
Dec. 5, 1885

Notice is hereby given that the following
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim, and
that said proof will be made before Pro-
bate Judge Thomas county, Kan., at Colby,
Kans., on January 23, 1886, viz: Alexander
Scott, D. S. No. 2560, for the sw qr section 18,
town 7 south, range 32 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon, and cultiva-
tion of said land, viz: James Nottingham, J W
Hutchinson, W G Porter and Ralf Achen, all
of Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
WG Porter. 40-45d10

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION No. 4045.

Land Office at Oberlin, Kans.
Dec. 8, 1885.

Notice is hereby given that the following
named settler has filed notice of his intention
to make final proof in support of his claim
and that said proof will be made before Pro-
bate Judge Thomas county, Kan., at Colby,
Kans., on January 23, 1886, viz: Alexander
Scott, D. S. No. 2560, for the sw qr section 18,
town 7 south, range 32 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove
his continuous residence upon, and cultiva-
tion of said land, viz: James Nottingham, J W
Hutchinson, W G Porter and Ralf Achen, all
of Colby, Kansas.

A. L. PATCHIN, Register.
WG Porter. 40-45d10