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**How it Works.**  
 We give the following as a sample of letters now pouring in upon us. Go thou, and do likewise.  
 Norton Co., Kan., May 27, '89.  
 Editor Spirit of Kansas:  
 Dear Sir:—I received a sample copy of your paper, and seeing that it represents our state as well as any paper I ever saw, and that it is in the interests of the farmers and the Farmers' Alliance, I put your offer before our alliance to send to the first ten members of any alliance six months for twenty-five cents. I got eleven subscribers at once, as herein enclosed with the money.  
 M. D. G.

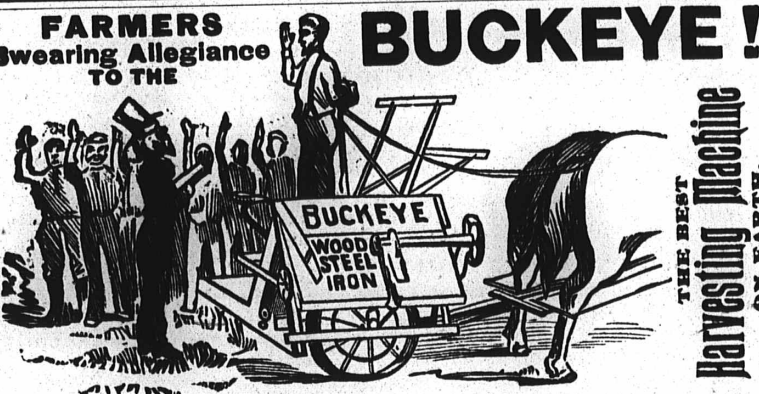
Topeka was the scene of a terrible crime and speedy retribution, on Tuesday of this week. Early in the morning a burglar broke into the house of A. T. Rodgers, a prominent merchant tailor of Topeka. A struggle ensued and the burglar overcame, but not until he had fatally shot Mr. Rodgers, and probably mortally wounded Mrs. Rodgers. After receiving these wounds they overcame the man and with the aid of the hired girl, wrenched away his revolver. He was then allowed to escape, but was captured during the forenoon, and taken to jail.  
 All day an immense crowd thronged the streets and at night it was increased to an irresistible force, from ten to fifteen thousand. They broke into the jail, secured the prisoner, and carried him to the corner of Sixth and Kansas Avenue. Here the noose was adjusted, the rope thrown over an electric light pole, and a second later Nat Oliphant, the murderer, was hanging by the neck. Twenty minutes later the body was cut down and taken to Undertaker Stoker's rooms.  
 That we will have the state fair next fall is now certain. The fair association has given these exhibitions at an annual loss of nearly \$2,000 and not unnaturally they declined to undertake it this year without an assurance that both ends would meet. The enterprising people of Topeka have given that assurance generously, and steps will be taken in good time to have such a fair as has not been seen for years. All signs unite in proclaiming 1889 the banner crop year for Kansas.

There are now nine sugar factories in this state: Fort Scott, Topeka, Conway Springs, Attica, Medicine Lodge, Meade Center, Arkalon, Liberal, Ness City. All will be in operation this fall and in shape to take care of all the cane raised by the farmers in their respective localities. The plant at Ness City, will be the largest of all. The city and the three adjacent townships voted \$30,000 bonds in aid of the enterprise. The plant is to be completed by September 1. It will cost \$98,500 and is guaranteed to handle 300 tons of cane per day, though its real capacity will be 340 tons. There will be seven sixteen foot boilers and an eighteen coil, triple effect, Yaryan evaporator. Also an eight foot strike pan of improved pattern, combining all advantages of previously designed pans. There will be two sets of cutting apparatus and two cane carriers, where there is usually but one. The works will be lighted by 125 incandescent lamps, having a dynamo and engine complete as any electric light plant in the country. The mill will be provided with a stand pipe eighty feet high and in short will lack nothing necessary to make it a perfect success. The leaves, etc., will be placed in a pile and a large number of cattle and hogs will be fed in connection with the general business of the establishment.  
 The Edwin Alden Co., Advertising Agents, have moved their Cincinnati office to 248 Race St., and made additions to their facilities already great in conducting the advertising business.

**FARMERS IN COUNCIL.**  
 The Douglas County Farmers' Institute was held at the residence of President Cowles Saturday, who gave the welcome address. He first referred to this spot, where three years ago the "Blue Mound Farmers Club" was organized, it being the first farmers club in the county, and lately merged into the present institute. It might be inferred from his address that it pays to hold picnic meetings occasionally at farm houses, as there is a general rustling both in the house and around the premises, to put things in order. He was followed by Dr. Leary, in response, who thought that farm education was as necessary as any other learning, as there are a thousand and one obstructions thrown across the pathway of the husbandman. He must learn how to keep out of debt as well as lift an iron-clad mortgage and remove it from the hold on the farm; and these lessons are taught in farmers' clubs. At the close of this address the meeting adjourned for dinner. The dinner will never be excelled. Strawberries in quantities of a bushel down, were in sight of every man's place at the table, with every form of cake.  
 The subject of "chess in wheat," was laid over as Prof. Snow could not be present.  
 "Hard Times and its Remedy," by Gov. Robinson, every farmer in the State should read. The subjects was thoroughly ventilated by half a dozen or more rousing speeches.  
 Gov. Robinson spoke from a non-political standpoint.  
 Wm. Mendenhall, of North Lawrence, thought something was wrong, but could not well see the remedy, nor where it would come from.  
 A. F. Allen of Vinland, said none of us were in the light; there was something far hidden from the masses, and a united effort to enlighten every citizen would have a good effect. We have a right to oppose trusts even though we may foster them.  
 W. L. Tuttle saw light in the distance beyond the dark curtain, which will soon illuminate the masses. The doctor prescribes for his patient, but relies more upon the cheerful nature and disposition of the patient than the prescription he deals out. We have listened to the politician long enough; if we continue to follow them we will be enslaved year by year, as time rolls on. Let us have a united strength from the masses in the direction of reform.  
 Dr. Leary thought we should not despise the day of small things, but commence at home in the family circle to educate those who will follow on when we are gone. Educate the boys and girls to be honest from the beginning and like Solomon of old, they may not depart therefrom.  
 President Cowles said the subject of hard times and its remedy must be met first as well as last. He gave as one of the chief causes of this state of affairs our advanced civilization, or in other words, we were living beyond our means of support. Our civilization demands more than we can afford; our farms are not of a character to support extensive machinery to reduce labor, while at the same time we must produce more than twice as much to keep pace with the age of progress. To illustrate: one dollar fifty years ago was worth more than five at the present time, as it takes more steam to pull the improved style of machinery. He believes a division of salaries and a cut in expenditures would be a partial remedy for many ailments.  
 E. A. Colman thought it took every farmer to be a fool, and vice versa. When a man starts out in the world, if he has no sense, he immediately turns farmer, as there is plenty of room on the farm to act the genuine fool. Mr. Colman was no fool, consequently he knew whereof he spake. He believed in educating the farmer, as there was no occupation on earth where education was so needful; every department in farm life needs a system of a thorough education. He was wrongly educated sixty or more years ago; when quite a young man he took to the habit of chewing tobacco, and when at a small village south of here he educated himself to leave off that filthy habit of all habits. He made an eloquent appeal to the young men present to not do as he had done all through life, but to observe temperate habits by the non use of tobacco.  
 During the delivery of this address every man, woman and child gave an attentive audience and all were waked up. Mr. Colman joined the institute, and will hereafter be a temperate farmer as well as an attentive fruit grower.

The saddest story ever told in America, is that of the great flood that overtook West Pennsylvania last Saturday. No such disaster has before occurred on this continent. The drowning, crushing and burning of 5000 to 10,000 people, no one can even yet tell how many men, women and children, and the entire washing away of towns and cities, some nearly as large as Topeka, was a catastrophe never before known. More people have perished in battle, but that is expected. In war men are prepared to die. In this case old men and children, men, women, persons of all ages, sexes and conditions, were hurled into the surging vortex indiscriminately, without mercy and without warning. Millionaires, who escaped, were made murrers and beggars at once. Great industries were ruined. Perhaps those whose lives were taken were blessed above those who were left. The details of the terrible affair can only be learned from the largest of the great city dailies, and then only from the issues of several days. Our entire paper would only suffice to give a meagre description of the calamity. Probably the most revolting feature of all was the robbery of the dead. The fingers and ears of women were cut off to secure valuable jewels. Even fingers of little infants were cut off and stuffed into pockets to wait for some to take off the gold rings. That such fiends were hung and shot without ceremony, when discovered, is not discredit to our humanity or our civilization. The story of the floods throughout a great portion of the east would have been sensational enough at best, but the Johnstown horror made so much more destructive by the bursting of the greatest reservoir in the country, made all other minor disasters seem insignificant.

Judge Brewer of the United States circuit court is seriously ill at Leavenworth with an attack of typhoid fever, brought on by overwork. All visitors and friends are denied admission to his residence, and it is said his condition is dangerous in the extreme.  
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