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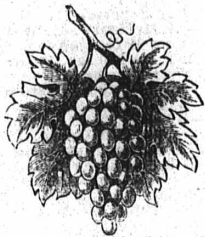
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THUGS AND ASSASSINS.

BY JAS. HANWAY

As the term Thugs is frequently used to designate a certain class of people who infest our large commercial cities, it may afford some interest to the reader to learn from whence the term has originated.

A Thug, according to Webster, is one of an association of robbers and murderers in India. We have therefore borrowed the word from the Hindoos, and apply it to that rough, reckless class of persons who disregard the law, or the rights of individuals, and resort to force and violence, to carry out their purposes.

The Thugs of India, are a secret political organization, consisting of many thousands of persons, scattered over a vast extent of country, extending from the Himalaya mountains, from whence the waters of the Ganges flow, to the Indian ocean. This order has existed for many ages, its organization has flourished under Hindoo, Mahomedan and British rulers, and it is only comparatively within a few years, that this formidable organization has been understood.

The Thugs are a fraternity of robbers and murderers, their victims are mostly travelers. They put them to death under certain ancient and solemn forms peculiar to their tenets, and always exercising a great degree of caution, to prevent their acts from becoming known. In murdering, they believe that they gratify the sanguinary deity whom they worship. Superstition has assumed strange phases in different ages of the world, and it would seem on reflection, that no extensive organization could exist and flourish for any length of time, without the moral law being the foundation of its action—but in the organization of the Thugs, (or Thuggee as the profession is called in India,) we find that murder and robbery is not considered a crime, but is looked upon as a rite or religious ceremony, and one of the duties of life.

ASSASSIN.

There is in some respects, a resemblance between the Ancient Assassins and the more Modern Thugs of India, therefore a few words in this connection may afford some interest.

The word Assassin, in common use at this day, denotes one who kills by surprise or secret assault. The origin of this expression dates back to the wild exploits of the Crusaders, at the time they were endeavoring to regain the Holy Land from the Turks.

The term of "Assassin" has been derived from a chief Hassan Sahah, or as we find some writers have it Cheik Elchassin who was elected by a class of brigands who inhabited the caverns and passes near the road which led to Damascus.

The word Cheik, or Sheikh as some spell it, signified old, or older, and according to ancient custom, the old man became chief. The Crusaders, however, not understanding the meaning of the appellation of the head of the Assassins, named him "The old man of the mountain."

These Assassins or Ismaelites, whose name has now spread over all Europe, is synonymous with murderer. Like the Thugs, they were a secret society, bound together by a religious faith. They were so devoted to their chief, and so extremely fanatical in their belief, that whatever he commanded them to do, was done, without hesitation. The reward promised was a paradise of unalloyed pleasure. Several of the most prominent Crusaders, as the Count of Montserrat and other leaders of this "Holy war," were robbed and murdered on the highway by these bands of assassins—it is not surprising that this formidable organization should be clothed with fiction and romance, after the events had passed over.

After the death of the first chief of the

Assassins, other leaders succeeded to the title of chief, for it was one hundred and fifty years before this political and religious organization was broken up. It is recorded that the grandson of the celebrated Chingis Khan took possession of one hundred castles of the Ismaelites or assassins, and there fell upward of twelve thousand, who were killed without any trial; each victim being forced to kneel, and his head struck off.

Such was the retaliatory vengeance which awaited them.

The Assassins did not rob like the Thugs, but they struck down their victim in obedience to one whom they believed to be a messenger of God. Murder in such cases was a meritorious act, and if he fell a victim himself, he was rewarded by earning a paradise of pleasure beyond the grave.

If we can rely on what history has recorded of Hassan Sahah, he was certainly a remarkable man. He appears to have dissented from the Orthodox belief of the Mohammedans, and of course might be termed an heretic, or a teacher of heresy. In the year 1090, he contrived to make himself master of an important fortress, located in the mountainous regions of the country. Here he ruled for thirty-four years. During this time it is said he had never been seen out of the castle of Alamoot, and only twice had he been known to leave his chamber. Yet from his voluntary solitude, he issued rules and orders which governed his followers. At his word his followers were ready to lay down their lives, and to undertake the most dangerous enterprises, and to dispatch the victim this chief had marked out as the object of his displeasure.

Six centuries have passed away since the overthrow of this organization, but it still affords a remarkable historical epoch in human history, and illustrates the deplorable results of ignorance and blind infatuation, controlled by a superstitious reverence.

The Assassins still exist as a religious sect, both in Syria and Persia, as a speculative heresy, with the followers of Mahomet.

The Manitoba Difficulty.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Governor Austin and Mayor Brackett, of Minneapolis, have had two interviews with the President, at Long Branch, regarding the Manitoba affair, and explained the whole matter from beginning to end, dwelling especially upon the cruelty which prisoners are treated by the Manitoba authorities. They also sought to impress upon the President the necessity for speedy action, as they feared the people of Minnesota, unless something was done at once, would take the settlement of the case into their own hands. The President gave the Governor and Mayor to understand that, unless the matter was disposed of within a reasonable time, a demand in unmistakable terms would be made on the British government, and would be followed by further action. The President then asked the Governor and Mayor to reduce their statements to writing, which they did, and the paper was forwarded to-day to Secretary Fish, who will be visited to-day by its authors.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Governor Austin and the Mayor of Minneapolis to-day had another interview with Secretary Fish relative to the Manitoba difficulty. All that the President said to them was that the subject should receive the prompt attention of the government, and he would see the rights of American citizens protected, but it was too early to give more than indefinite assurance. The Secretary of State was charged with the conduct of such affairs and would doubtless place him in possession of all the facts at the earliest moment.

Five hundred painters are on a strike in New York City. The occasion of the strike was the attempt of the employees to return to the ten hour system.

A terrible disaster occurred on the Potomac River on the 8th inst.—the burning of the steamer Wauwasset, by which forty or fifty lives are reported lost. This steamer will be remembered by visitors to Washington as having run as a ferry boat for several years between Washington and Alexandria. At the time of her destruction, she was running between Washington and Fredericksburg. The particulars of the disaster state that just before reaching the Chaleston landing on the Virginia side of the Potomac, five miles below Aquia creek, at that time being about a third of a mile from the shore, the fire was discovered in the hold and the hose was attached but before the men could reach it the conflagration became general. The fire had been smouldering it is supposed for some hours, and upon opening the hatches it burst forth with great fury. In an instant the wildest confusion prevailed on the vessel, the passengers becoming panic stricken with fear, very few having presence of mind sufficient to take care of themselves. The steamer was at once headed for shore and in a few minutes ran aground about two hundred yards from the Virginia side. At this time the flames had spread with fearful rapidity, and in the excitement many jumped overboard, several jumped into the water before the steamer struck bottom.

The Ledger says a valuable mare, belonging to Mr. John R. Wood was killed by lightning at Longton, on Friday night last.

Two Irish regiments of the British army, stationed near Dublin, got into a fight on the 11th, and several men were killed and wounded.

SUIT EXTRAORDINARY

R. B. Taylor, Esq., of the Wyandotte Gazette, Arrested for Libel.

Our neighboring town of Wyandotte was thrown into a fever of excitement yesterday by the arrest of R. B. Taylor, Esq., editor of the Gazette, charged with defaming the character of Hon. S. A. Cobb, M. C. from Kansas. The matter out of which this grew seems to be about as follows: The Wilson County Free Press published an item to the effect that charges had been circulated implicating Col. Cobb in lobbying through the back pay bill, and it asked if the charges be true. This seems to have originated with the Wyandotte Gazette, and that paper takes up the inquiry in the Free Press, and in reply asserts that Col. Cobb did lobby for that bill. It also charges that Col. Cobb's only commission in the army was that of a captain in an unorganized Indiana regiment, in connection with which he managed to draw several months' pay without doing duty; that he afterward was commissariat for eighteen months, during which time he robbed the government, of about nineteen thousand dollars; that as attorney for John Speer, he attempted to bribe Capt. Mathews, one of the jurors; and that in the last congressional contest he showed himself to be a drunken vulgar man, to whom ladies could not listen, and at Augusta they were compelled to leave the place where he was speaking.

AGAINST HORSE RACING.

We have never thought that horse-racing was the best part of an agricultural fair, but as these are generally private or corporation affairs we have supposed they had a right to do what they pleased with the money. But when the public funds are paid out of the State Treasury as premiums for horse racing the case is different. People who do not believe in racing have a right to object. It is with pleasure that we notice the farmers are taking notice of this matter. Among the Patrons of Husbandry there is a strong feeling arising in this matter. The State Grange lately passed resolutions condemning the practice of horse racing at State Fairs.

The Patrons are right. Taxes are paid by people conscientiously opposed to racing. It is also doubted by many whether the State has a right to sustain an agricultural fair, racing or no racing.

FARMERS MOVEMENT IN VIRGINIA.

A Virginia correspondent of the Prairie Farmer relates the following rather unpromising condition of things in that State. Is it not quite as true of other States as well as Virginia? How far are we from it in Kansas?

In this noble old State the farmer is beginning to see that he is preyed upon for the benefit of moneyed men and corporate monopolies. For instance, all property employed in farming has to pay one-half of one per cent. tax, while persons and companies dealing in money either pay no tax, or pay on their net income only. "Commercial circles" are incorporated, when it is well known their purpose is to destroy competition in other places than that selected by them, at which one of the members composing the ring or circle does all the bidding for all the buyers. If a new buyer begins to bid he is buttonholed and made to see that it is to his interest not to bid but to let the ring buy for him. The stamp tax and tax on tobacco, the repeal of which was resisted by the manufacturers of Virginia, and elsewhere, preventing the small dealer from competing with the large dealer, and centers this trade in the ring. This is true of other manufacturers.

These rings are continually lobbying around our legislatures for some law in their interests. They are always on the alert at the primary meetings of the people to fix up conventions in their interest. Our railroad companies are great political machines, and try to elect and corrupt every officer of the government to their especial interests. In these scuffles, the farmers and the laborers are generally oppressed.

ACTION OF WISCONSIN STATE GRANGE.

Not many days since a delegate meeting of the Dodge County (Wisconsin) Patrons of Husbandry issued a call for a Grange convention at Milwaukee, to talk over the propriety of nominating a State ticket at the next election. On Tuesday of last week the State Grange issued the following manifesto on the subject.

WORTHY PATRONS: It has recently come to the notice of the State Grange that certain movements are being made to commit the order to a direction of political action during the coming State election. A convention has also been called by what purports to be the Dodge county council of Granges to meet in Milwaukee on the 21st of August, avowedly for political purposes. The State Grange considers this action very unwise, and counsels all their patrons to beware of the machinations of those who desire to thus violate one of the fundamental principles of the Order by casting it into the turmoil of political strife. We hereby caution all Grangers against taking any notice whatever of the above mentioned, as it is entirely unauthorized by any proper authority. By order of the State Grange.

JAMES BRAINARD.

The last number of the Lincoln County News publishes the following call:

ORGANIZE.

Farmers of Lincoln county, you are requested to meet at the school house in Lincoln Center, on Saturday the 10th day of August, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking the necessary steps towards organizing a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry in every township in the county. It is hoped that every township will be well represented.

Lincoln Center, August 4th, 1873.

The great stock sale of Andrew Wilson, to take place at Kingsville on the 30th inst., is attracting very extended notice, not only from the press of Kansas, but the east also. It is regarded as a new departure in the stock business of this State. The fact that we are then to have so extensive a sale and exhibition of blooded stock, as good as can be found anywhere, east or west, is a source of surprise to many in the east, who have not kept up with the enterprise of our State in that direction. The sale will doubtless be largely attended, and will be well worth a visit.

The first Grange in Howard county was organized at Longton, by Deputy Peacock, of Independence, on the 4th inst. So says the Ledger.

The Spirit of Kansas.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AUGUST 16, 1873.

Patrons' Department.

The Spirit of Kansas is the official paper of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry in the State of Kansas. It will aim to represent and promote the interests of that Order, and of Agriculture in general, in Kansas and the West.

Members of the Order who desire to aid in the dissemination of its principles, and contribute to the accomplishment of its purposes, can do so in no more effective way than to aid in the circulation of The Spirit of Kansas as generally as possible among the people, and especially among the farmers of the State.

CHESTNUT GRANGE No. 210, OTTAWA, KANSAS, July 25th, 1873, S. W. Spurgeon.

Dear Sir: Will you please give me some information on the following question. Should the Secretary and Treasurers Reports be made out in advance? For instance, if a Grange be organized on the 30th day of June, should it report on or before the 3rd day of July for the quarter ending September.

Fraternal Yours, J. B. SHIVELY, Stanton, Miami Co.

[ANSWER.] The quarterly report of Secretary and Treasurer of Subordinate Granges, should be made out and sent to Secretary, and Treasurer of State Grange in time to reach them against the end of quarter reported.

G. W. SPURGEON, Secretary Kansas State Grange.

DEPUTIES. In order to meet the call for immediate organization, the work of the old deputies (except John J. Kippis) will be recognized until new ones are appointed. G. W. SPURGEON, Sec. Kansas State Grange.

AT HOME. During the past week it has been our privilege, as the preachers say, to visit Riley Co., in the interest of the Patrons. We found that this county and those surrounding it had not yet been touched with the contagion, but everywhere else the farmers were dissatisfied with the club arrangement, and were ready to listen to the Grange talk. Ten miles north of Manhattan, at the new R. R. town of Stockdale, we opened a fine Grange, the first in Riley Co. A few days afterwards, we opened another, five miles east of M., in Potawatamie Co., the first also for that county.

The ice being broken, and our visit becoming known, we found opportunity to talk with many farmers from all directions who mostly resolved to agitate this plan of organization in their respective localities, but as they were just now busily engaged in hay harvest, and threshing out the wheat crop, it was deemed best to defer farther organization for a couple of weeks, when we expect to return and put the work in good running order. In no place in Kansas have we found finer farms and farm surroundings, than in the vicinity of Manhattan, and we have traveled into and through thirty counties since February. The wheat and corn crops, considering the average, are simply puerous, and but for the freight embargo, might be profitable. The chief topic of conversation appeared to be the new arrangements in and around the Agricultural College, and we heard whisperings of former financial operations which it might not be pleasant to see in print, and so being a Granger ourselves, we shall for the present leave them in the form of a whisper. Strange it is that nothing of a public nature can be touched in Kansas, without having about it the taint of corruption, either real or imaginary.

Who knows anything about an organization called the "Order of American Farmers and Mechanics," said to be similar to the Patrons of Husbandry, only not so exclusive? It is said to exist in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. They call their local organizations "Castles." According to the papers, a State Castle was organized at Lincoln, Nebraska, last week. Who will give the anxious public some of the particulars concerning this new Order? We have heard it intimated that if such an organization exists that it is a political dodge to "head off" the Patrons of Husbandry, should they see fit to enter the political arena. [Patrie Farmer.

PERRY, AUG. 5. This town is doing a sweltering business about these hot days, and this is how it happens. Near the village are the two best stone quarries in the State. One is owned by the K. P. R. W. and the other by Orlando Darling, and both are being worked quite extensively. Mr. Darling is fast transferring one of Jefferson county's hills to the bed of the Kaw, at Lawrence; and everybody will some day say dam.

Again, the Canton, Ohio, bridge company are busily engaged in putting two of their iron structures across the Grasshopper near Perry, and of course all these laborers must eat and drink, and dance, and so business naturally gravitates to Perry, and the Perrites are perfectly happy. So much so that they have actually organized a steamboat company to navigate the Kaw from Lawrence to Topeka, and close down by the shore of the Grasshopper, in a cool, shady place, is being laid the keel of the second steamer of the Dew Drop line, the first being nearly finished at Lawrence. If this enterprise does not succeed in reducing fares and freights, then competition is an exploded idea. The builder of this Perry steamer says it will draw only four inches of water when launched, and he apprehends no difficulty in towing freight barges between the two cities. I have spoken for a first passage for the entire Spirit crew and want you all to be ready the first rainy day after steam is up.

By pre-arrangement I organized Round Mound Grange this P. M. The location is four miles north of Perry, where they have made a most determined effort to fight it out on the union principle, but without the success they deserved. This Grange starts out with the full number, and I am of the opinion it will be among the foremost in activity.

Y. Brown, Master, Medina, D. B. Barker, Sec., Osawatie.

Organization of the State Grange of California.

The last number of the Pacific Rural Press, gives considerable space to the proceedings of the convention of Subordinate Granges, which met at Napa City on the 15th ult., to organize a State Grange for California. From these proceedings, we learn that there were thirty-five Subordinate Granges in the State, and all but six were represented in the convention. The Press doubts whether the order has made more rapid progress in any other State in the Union, than it has done in California, since the organization of the first Local Grange. The men who composed the convention, were not men of one idea, or men who thought all other interests must give way to theirs; but men who were willing that all who labored for an honest livelihood should have an honorable and competent living, and in seeking to protect their own rights, would guard with jealous care the rights of every other calling which tends to elevate or improve the State or Nation. They do, however, object to being compelled to pay tribute to any class of men, who act merely as go-betweens, when such service can just as well be performed by themselves.

The declaration of principles and plan of operations adopted by the convention, as an expression of its views on the nature and character of the work they were called to engage in, is sound in theory and practicable in operation. One thing is quite observable in the declaration—that is, the greater prominence given to the establishment of co-operative systems of trade, as reliable and effectual remedy than any we have seen proposed. If our California brethren will but keep to their programme and push this part of their work as ability shall enable them—and they have already taken one important step in that direction in opening a bank, from which farmers obtain loans when wanted at reasonable rates—it requires no prophetic vision to foretell that the Patrons of California, will soon lead their fellow-workers in all the other States in the great social, industrial and commercial reforms which are so soon destined to supersede the present systems of business. [Patrie Farmer.

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.—Mr. D. Stoolfire, of Rock creek township, probably has the best flock of Merino sheep to be found in this county. Erom eight hundred head this spring his clip averaged 6.8-4 pounds to the head, which he sold to parties in Zanesville, Ohio, delivering it at our depot, and he received in payment for the same, \$1,600 in cash. He gets thirty-two cents per pound and the parties he sells to transport it themselves and furnish sacks for baling. He raised four hundred lambs this season, and estimates his loss at about three per cent, to the hundred head. He estimates his sheep at \$3 per head, and figures up over seventy-five per cent. profit on the capital invested. So much for careful sheep husbandry. Mr. S. informs us that his profits would not only have been cut off, but the usefulness of his flock completely destroyed. Let sheep growers make a note of this.—[Burlington Patriot.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AUG. 12th, 1873.

The L. L. & G. R. R. Co. desires to exhibit the Agricultural, Horticultural and mineral products of the country along the line of its road, at the great Kansas City exposition, Sept. 15th, and also at the Kansas State Fair Sept. 22nd, 1873, and for this purpose invites the co-operation and assistance of farmers and others along the line of the road who are interested in the growth and prosperity of the country. Those who have good grains, grasses, seeds, fruits, or vegetables, or have in their possession interesting minerals, fossils &c., are earnestly solicited to contribute specimens for the exhibition.

The company will be at all the trouble and expense of collecting and forwarding the samples, and, if required, will pay for such as are accepted. Persons living convenient to the several stations along the line can leave their contributions with the station agent, with names, so that the proper credit may be given. Those who prefer to do so are requested to write to W. T. Hayes, special agt. at Lawrence. Give the locality and the article which it is desired to furnish.

Full credit will be given to each individual contributing to the exhibition, by placing the name and locality on the article furnished. This company made a display last year at Kansas City which was awarded a premium and was highly creditable to the country along its line. We intend this year to do better if possible, and as the interests of the R. R. Co. and the people are identical in this matter, it is earnestly hoped that all will take such an interest in it as will enable us to make a display which shall be creditable to all concerned, and shall present a just idea of the wealth and resources of South Kansas.

JOHN W. SCOTT, Land Commissioner, L. L. & G. R. R.

It is stated that about forty millions of dollars in gold coin have now been received at the Philadelphia Mint, and that the average loss to the government, owing partly to abrasion, put mainly to light weight, will reach \$280,000, or about three-fifths of one per cent. The condition of the old coin is such worse than was supposed, and a thorough overhauling of the specie in circulation will be found necessary. The recoinage of light gold coin is still in progress at the Philadelphia mint at an average rate of about two millions per month, and it is estimated that about twenty millions remain yet to pass through the mint.

A herd of 600 Texan cattle were driven through the southwestern part of our city on Sunday last, by Mr. Spade, who was taking them to Cass county, Mo. They were brought from Cowley county, Kansas, at which place they were kept last winter. They bore the mark of "well fed," which Kansas is noted for, and were in good condition for an eastern market. [Ottawa Journal

The grasshopper has become a burden on Iowa. He settles on the potatoes and the peas, and even the lima beans, and when he has consumed the later, he deliberately pulls up the poles and swallows them. He eats the rail fences, and barks of trees, and even digests grind-stones and water-mellons. He fills the balmy morning air with "countless millions" of wings, and makes a buzzing like to a moving army or a lady's tea party. The prospect is not encouraging.

MILK IN SICKNESS.—The London Milk Journal says, on the authority of Dr. Benjamin Clarke, that in the East India warm milk is used to a great extent as a specific for diarrhoea. A pint every four hours will check the most violent diarrhoea, stomach-ache, incipient cholera, and dysentery. The milk should never be boiled, but only heated sufficiently to be agreeably warm, not too hot to drink. Milk which has been boiled is unfit for use. This writer gives several instances to show the value of this substance in arresting these diseases among which is the following. The writer says: "It has never failed in six or twelve hours, and I have tried it, I should think, fifty times. I have also given it to a dying man who had subjected to dysentery eight months, latterly accompanied by one continual diarrhoea, and it acted on him like a charm. In two days his diarrhoea was gone, in three weeks he became a hale, fat man, and now nothing that may hereafter occur will ever shake his faith in hot milk.

Wealthy men are often credited with greater riches than they possess, and frequently after diligent inquiry into their resources, find that they have set too high a limit to their possessions. It therefore rarely happens that a man astonishes himself with his own wealth; yet a little on dit attributes a bit of this amazement to Mr. A. T. Stewart. It is probably generally known that Mr. Stewart took steamer for Europe last week. It is not generally known that before his departure he made his will. Prior to making this will it was thought advisable to prepare a schedule of his real and personal estate, with its valuation. Upon the completion of the schedule, much to the surprise of Mr. Stewart, and to the greater surprise of his friends, it was found that he was worth one hundred millions of dollars. That any American citizen should be possessed of so great wealth almost surpasses belief, but the truth of the foregoing statement is well authenticated.

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE.

ELECTED AT SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION. Master—Dudley W. Adams, Waukon, Iowa. Vice—Thomas Taylor, Columbia, S. C. Secretary—Thomas Thompson, Plainview, Minn. Treasurer—A. J. Vaughn, Barry Grove, Miss. Assistant Secretary—G. W. Thompson, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Gate-keeper—Rev. A. B. Grosh, Washington, D. C. Pomona—Mrs. O. H. Kelley, Corning, N. Y. Secretary—O. H. Kelley, Corning, N. Y. Gate-keeper—O. Dinwiddie, Orchard Grove, Lake county, Indiana.

OFFICERS OF THE KANSAS STATE GRANGE. Master—T. G. V. Bolling, Leavenworth City; Lecturer—John E. Hudson, Bourbon county; Secretary—John E. Hudson, Bourbon county; Treasurer—E. D. Smith, Jewell county; Assistant Secretary—Hanna, Franklin county; Chaplain—W. S. Angell, Cherokee county; Secretary—G. W. Spurgeon, Neosho county; Gate-keeper—C. W. Lawrence, Neosho county; Mrs. J. H. Morris, Lawrence, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Morris, Lawrence, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Morris, Lawrence, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Morris, Lawrence, Mo.

LIST OF DEPUTIES WHOSE COMMISSIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED BY OUR NEW MASTER OF THE STATE GRANGE. General Deputy, J. A. Cramer, Lawrence. Butler county—J. J. Sifton, Eldorado. Montgomery—T. W. Peacock, Independence. Leitch county—John Nelson, Jacksonville. Shawnee county—Alphus Palmer, Topeka. Franklin county—V. S. Hanna, Ottawa. Douglas county—T. E. Tabor, Lawrence. Union county—T. Thirley, Buffalo. Atchison county—J. C. Gannon, Burlington. Coffey county—J. C. Gannon, Burlington. Cherokee county—J. E. McDaniel, Columbus. Johnson county—E. A. Hodge, Marion Center. East half Bourbon county—C. W. Baker, Appleton. West half Bourbon county—R. A. Johnson, Hesper. Dickinson county—H. H. Harker, Dept. Solomon. Jefferson county, J. N. Insley, Oskaloosa.

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The railroad company appealed to a superior court, in which the decision of the first trial was overruled, on the ground that no one is responsible for accidents from remote, but only from immediate causes. The sparks from the locomotive did not fire the barn, but the grass, and it was the grass which fired the barn.
It was the duty, so the court decided, of the farmer to guard against the possibility of such accidents, by not leaving a train of litter to communicate the fire. While a party was liable for damages within reasonable limits, it was for the parties injured to show that they had taken reasonable precautions on their part to avoid the chance. The damages were therefore reduced to \$200, the value of the grass.

[From the Prairie Farmer.]
The Effects of Meteorological Extremes on Trees and Fruits in the West.
We have been long intending to describe at some length the effects of the remarkable years of 1871 and 1872 on our fruits and fruit trees in the West; but we more and more feel that we cannot do justice to the occasion.
The year 1871, as our readers will remember, closed with a severe drought that extended far into 1872. There was some intense heat and severe cold, but the marked feature of the year was drought, resulting in the death of newly-planted trees, in a diminished growth upon older ones, and the formation of an extraordinary number of peach buds.
The year 1872 followed with a continued drouth, great heat in the summer, and unprecedented cold in the past winter. Nearly all plants were more or less exhausted by a two year's drought and a heavy crop of fruit, and were in about the worst possible condition to endure even a moderate amount of cold.
Now for results. The apple trees were badly injured or killed, certainly as far south as Centralia. In Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, we hear of the death of even hardier varieties. In Eastern Kansas and Western Missouri of blight. In our own latitude (39) degrees, we do not find much blight, but a feeble growth for this year; the casting of enfeebled blossoms, and a general failure in holding fruit.
Peach trees that were old and bore heavy crops last year are pretty generally killed, as far south as Centralia, and there is no fruit to speak of north of Cobden, in Illinois. Young trees are generally recovering and making a tolerable growth.
Of pear trees we have less specific information, but believe they suffered less in many cases than apples or peaches. Being deeper rooted than the apple, and more enduring of cold than the peach, they were in a better condition to endure so long as the blight did not effect them. But the pear trees show weakened vitality in some instances by blight and in others by scarcity of fruit.
Cherry trees have been very badly injured upon our northern prairies; in many instances whole orchards of the Early Richmond have been destroyed and we know of few cases of their producing good crops.
The tender varieties of grape (Catawba, Diana, &c.) seem to have been killed or injured, and no varieties are quite unharmed.
Small fruits generally survived, but produced little or no fruit. Raspberries and blackberries were, perhaps, the most injured. Here the Kittatinny blackberry and the Purple Cane and Miami raspberries were least injured.
In all cases that we have noticed, especial culture or manuring in 1870 has gone far to save trees and keep them fruitful in 1873. It prevented exhaustion.

Of all the ships that ever floated there is none whose memory is so cherished by all Americans as the old frigate Constitution. Greater heroes never lived than those who trod her deck. Her flag was never struck. Many will remember when she had outlived her usefulness, it was proposed to condemn her as unseaworthy and to break up. But that stirring poem, "Old Ironsides," from the pen of Oliver Wendell Holmes, then a young man, aroused the patriotism of the country and saved her from that doom. She was thoroughly repaired, fitted with new rigging, and is still afloat at the navy yard near Philadelphia. Concerning this grand old ship, the Army and Navy Gazette makes the following suggestions, which will be received with favor everywhere: "Why not have her rigged and equipped, officered and manned, ready for action, and a national salute fired from her in honor of the Centennial anniversary?—Let her wooden walls be decorated with the names and portraits of Nicholson, Barry, Hull, Preble, Chauncey, Decatur, Rogers, Porter, Bainbridge, Stewart, Shubrick, Jones, MacDonough, Morris, Lawrence—those naval heroes who have honored her decks?"
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2,000	10	0	8	3	7	0
4,000	5	0	4	1	3	6
8,000	2	6	2	0	1	8
16,000	1	3	1	0	9	3
32,000	6	5	6	5	5	6
64,000	3	2	3	2	2	8
128,000	1	6	1	6	1	4
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1,024,000	2	0	2	0	2	0

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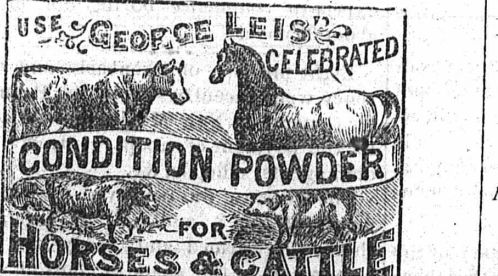
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ACCOMMODATION.—Leave Lawrence 7:45 p. m., Baldwin City 8:43 p. m., arriving Olathe 9:55 p. m.
GOING NORTH.
DAY EXPRESS.—Leave Parker 7:10 a. m., Coffeyville 7:55 a. m., Independence 7:25 a. m., Cherokee 8:11 a. m., Thayer 8:22 a. m., Chanute 9:24 a. m., Humboldt 9:55 a. m., Iola 10:16 a. m., Garnett 11:28 a. m., Ottawa 12:35 p. m., arriving Kansas City 4:10 p. m., Lawrence 2:05 p. m., and Leavenworth 3:40 p. m.
NIGHT EXPRESS.—Leave Parker 6:50 p. m., Coffeyville 7:05 p. m., Independence 6:30 p. m., Cherokee 8:05 p. m., Thayer 9:03 p. m., Chanute 9:52 p. m., Humboldt 10:25 p. m., Iola 10:55 p. m., Garnett 12:35 a. m., Ottawa 2:25 a. m., arriving Kansas City 5:30 a. m., Coffeyville 9:50 a. m., Leavenworth 5:50 a. m.
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LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AUGUST 16, 1873.

ABOUT CONVENTIONS.

A distinguished politician, for many years prominent in the political affairs of the State, and who, it is rumored, is quietly laying the wires for future political advancement, met a prominent Granger on the street a few days ago, when the following conversation ensued:

"Well—you Grangers are fixing things, I suppose, for the coming elections."

"Well, yes, we naturally feel an interest in the result of the elections, the same as other people. As to 'fixing things,' I don't know as I understand you."

"Why, you are going to hold a convention, I suppose, and make your own nominations for county and legislative office. That's what I think you ought to do. Make a square, stand up fight for your principles."

"Yes—we do propose to make a square-out fight for our principles, but not in that way. We shall doubtless take decisive action. In fact, outside of the Grange it will not be known what action we shall take till it is done. We don't propose to go into open convention to let you politicians come into and run for us."

"O, that will never do. We can help you a great deal, and you ought to hold public conventions so that we can all have a fair chance. Make a square, stand up fight. Let the world know what you are doing."

This talk about making a bold, outspoken fight is very attractive and plausible, and under the circumstances usually attending the inception and prosecution of a great public movement, it is the best way. But in this case, at least, is it the most successful way? What the Grangers want, and what the country needs, is that they shall succeed.

Are they as likely to do that by going into conventions and adopting the usual tactics of a political party, and thus making of themselves a distinctive political organization?

Remember that when they do that, they at once come into competition with men schooled in the arts of demagoguery—who have all their lives studied how to circumvent and control the popular will by seeming to conform to and obey it. It cannot be said to be a war of brains, but will be one of strategy, in which the politicians will have the advantage by reason of their superior skill and larger experience in the use of trickery and deception.

We are reminded, in this connection, of a call issued by what purports to have been a convention of Grangers and Farmers Union Men at Baldwin City, the other day, for another convention of Grangers, Union &c., to be held at the County Poor Farm, on the 29th inst, for the purpose of nominating county and other officers.

So far from its being any part of a Grange programme, it is understood that there were but three Grangers present and they unanimously repudiated the movement, and we are authorized by them to say that, as the case now stands, they decline to be connected any farther with it. There was perhaps a score, not more, of other persons present when that call was issued. Yet that meeting has since been heralded in starting capitals as a large and influential representative gathering of Grangers and other farmers, and as the initiation of a great political movement on their part.

Few Grangers, however, will be deceived by these representations. They understand too well the paternity of the project and who they are that propose to use the Grangers to draw their chestnuts out of the fire. The Grange movement is not yet ready to be converted into a bob for either a Republican or Democratic kite. The Grangers have a plan of their own for the correction of the evils of which they complain, and they propose to pursue it to success. They are sufficient unto themselves, and do not ask any assistance or instruction from played out politicians or self-selected candidates for office. What that plan is will be duly developed at the proper time. It will therefore be useless for over officious friends, outside or inside, to put themselves to the trouble of calling conventions in the hope of committing the Grangers to this or that policy, or this or that man for office.

"He that regardeth the winds shall not sow, and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." They will do the right thing at the right time, regardless of the factitious signs in the political firmament which ambitious and designing wire pullers may create.

THE COBB-TAYLOR LIBEL SUIT.

Hon. S. A. Cobb, representative from Kansas, has sued Mr. R. B. Taylor, editor of the Wyandotte Gazette, for libel—the suit being based on certain allegations made by Mr. Taylor, very seriously affecting Mr. Cobb's reputation for morality and personal honesty.

As the case is now submitted to the arbitrament of the courts, it is of course improper to discuss it through the public press. We must dissent, however, from the position of some of our cotemporaries, that the election of a man to office, should preclude the preferment of charges against him concerning his attendants which would not have been made if he had remained in private life. If that rule were to be established there would be little prospect of the public obtaining that knowledge so necessary for a proper judgment of the real character of public men—a knowledge of their antecedents. A man who has shown by his former life to be bad and untrustworthy, is capable of great mischief in public life, while he may be comparatively harmless in private life, and there be no special necessity for his exposure. If a man is bad in private life, he will be bad in public life, and whatever he has been, either privately or publicly, when he comes to be an official, and an agent of the public, is therefore public property. We dissent from the plea that the private character of a public man is not a proper subject for public criticism. We deem it quite as much so as his public acts, inasmuch as they are largely gauged and prompted thereby.

If Mr Cobb is guilty of the things charged against him by Mr. Taylor, he is certainly not a trustworthy man or fit for the honest and proper discharge of public responsibilities. Whether true or not, however, these charges have now passed into the courts and out of the proper range of newspaper discussion.

NUMBER OF GRANGES.

The number of Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, in the several States, on the 31st day of July last, as shown by the report of the Secretary of the National Grange, was as follows:

Alabama,	21	Arkansas,	25
California,	35	Georgia,	65
Illinois,	557	Indiana,	255
Iowa,	1758	Kansas,	—380
Kentucky,	1	Louisiana,	11
Massachusetts,	1	Michigan,	38
Minnesota,	320	Mississippi,	180
Missouri,	474	Nebraska,	299
New Jersey,	3	New York,	8
North Carolina,	26	Ohio,	78
Oregon,	12	Pennsylvania,	7
South Carolina,	131	Tennessee,	58
Texas,	1	Vermont,	24
Virginia,	3	West Virginia,	2
Wisconsin,	187	Colorado,	2
Dakota,	10		

The above list includes only such as had been reported to the National Grange at that date. There were at the same time a large number of Granges the official report of whose organization had not then reached the National Secretary. Of these there were twenty-nine in Kansas, making the total number in this State 409. There were doubtless as many more in each of several other States, which would very largely increase the aggregate in the United States.

In addition to the above, there were 13 organized Granges in the State not reported to the State Grange, making the total number in Kansas, July 31st, 422.

In Canada there were then eight Granges, and the order is said to be growing quite rapidly there. They report to the National Grange at Washington.

The recent outbreak of political trouble in the Indian Territory threatens to be serious. A recent report from there says:

The Downing-Ross party have beaten the reformers, but Bell has obtained letters written by Ross and Jones to Washington showing treachery to the principles of the party. The full-bloods are indignant and aroused, and Ross and Jones must go to the brush to save their lives. I am informed that a death sentence has been passed by certain Indians upon Col. Boudinot, James Bell and others, of the progressive and reform party. There is no question but that anarchy and crime is largely on the increase, and that many of the best men in the Territory begin to believe their only safety lies in a strong central form of government under protection of the United States.

Prof. G. W. Hoss has resigned the presidency of the State Normal School, at Emporia, to take effect on the 1st of January. His health is the reason of the resignation.

The Kansas City Times says the Grangers are making arrangements to publish a Grange paper at Jefferson City, Mo. J. C. Carwin, former editor of the Tribune will have charge of it.

A Mrs. Shultz was fatally burned in Leavenworth on the 12th, by lighting a fire with coal oil.

It is somewhat amusing to see the frantic efforts which are being made by both the Republican and Democratic party to get possession of the Grangers. Very many, who a few months ago thought with the old gentleman in Noah's time, that "it wouldn't be much of a shower any way," have since concluded that they had better get into the boat, and are quite as anxious to class the Grangers with their parties as they once were officious in warning their partizan adherents against what they then called a disorganizing and ill-timed movement.

Our advice to the Grangers is to "paddle their own canoe"—have nothing to do with either of the old parties—or with any movement that has a party organization for its basis. The people are sick of parties. The very name has become distasteful, as standing for trickery and a synonym of corruption. The Grange movement involves ideas and purposes too broad and comprehensive to admit of being called or organized into a party. This is a movement of the people without reference to parties or partizan action, and will not be hampered by any party shibboleth.

Wire pulling demagogues are the very ones who profit by partizan organization, and it is for that reason that the politicians and those who would be if they could, are mainly the ones who are most strenuously urging that policy upon the Grangers. Too many of our friends do not stop to think that just what the politicians want is that the Grangers shall organize and go into the approaching elections as a party. They desire it because they are shrewd fellows and are used to handling organized parties. They well know that so long as the Grangers remain as they are, led only by their own instincts and conceptions of duty to their country and themselves and their knowledge of those seeking their suffrages—untrammelled by party pledges and party fealty which constrains men to support the action of party and party conventions independently of their own convictions of fitness, so long they are beyond the arts and devices of the demagogues, and safe.

Without organized party machinery to work upon, these fellows can do nothing—there is no place to get hold of, and that is the position we desire to see the Grangers continue to occupy. They are doing well enough as they are now going, and it is a good rule to "let well enough alone."

BAD SIGNS.

It's a bad sign to see a hale, hearty man idling about the streets and city lounging places, constantly bewailing his hard lot, and declaiming against the fates because they won't do better by him. It's a sign that he is too lazy to help himself.

It's a bad sign to see a man whom unforeseen misfortunes have overtaken, concede that fate is against him and wilt under the blow. It is a sign that he lacks endurance and pluck, and is unable to help himself.

It is a bad sign to see a newspaper constantly parading its own pretended immaculateness and its wonderful popularity before its readers. It is a sign that it is deficient in both respects, and is engaged in a vain attempt to deceive the public.

It is a bad sign to see a newspaper constantly protesting the purity of its motives, the honesty of its course, and profuse in pledges of loyalty to the interests of the people. It is a sign that its editor has not the utmost confidence in his own sincerity, and continually repeats his asseverations in the hope of strengthening that confidence.

It is a bad sign to see a newspaper continually whining for support that it does not get. It is a sign that it fails to justify the expectations of the public, and is not, therefore, entitled to its support. The Gods help them that help themselves.

It was reported by the Secretary of the State Grange, at its late session, that there were 409 organized Granges in the State, and the deputies reported that they had received applications for the organization of nearly three hundred more, which would be organized as soon as time would permit, probably within a month from that time. These seven hundred Granges will average thirty voters each, or twenty one thousand voters.

If anything like the present ratio of increase is continued till the first day of November, there will be one thousand Granges in the State, with an aggregate of forty thousand voters.

"Mene, mene, tekel upharsin," disturbs both the waking and sleeping hours of many a professional politician and subsidized legislator in Kansas, and it's no wonder.

The country around Parsons is very dry, and apprehensions are felt of a failure of the corn crop.

THE RAILROAD EXPOSITION.

We publish in another column a communication from Dr. John W. Scott, the Land Commissioner of the L. L. & G. R. R., inviting samples of grains, vegetables, Minerals &c., from the country along its line, for the great expositions to be held at Kansas City and Topeka in September next.

The L. L. & G. has shown a very commendable enterprise in this matter. The array of articles, productions of the counties through which it runs, at Kansas City last year, was very fine, and the best on exhibition; much more perfect and general information in regard to a large part of our state was furnished by that display, than could be told in a quarto volume. The visitor there had ocular proof of the capacity and value of the country from which they came—of its climate, products, fertility and mineral resources—almost as good as though he had traversed it in person, and one of its results is the steady stream of immigration that has since been settling along the line of the road.

Great good is being done the state thereby, and we trust every person living in that region will take a personal interest in making the collection as large as possible.

The News says there has been considerable sickness in Emporia for a week or two, and the doctor's seem to be tolerably busy.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office is in receipt of information that valuable deposits of gold have been discovered by army officers in Alaska.

A foul murder was committed on the head of Dutch creek, Cowley county, a few days ago. The unfortunate man was a stranger, and was murdered at his wagon where he was supposed to be sleeping. Circumstances indicate that he had been followed by some unknown parties.

Government surveyors from northeastern Nebraska, report the discovery of immense tracts of pine lands. The country was supposed heretofore to be barren.

Wichita has got a real live Baron. His name is Whitworth, of the noble house of Whitworth, barony of Lancashire, England. He has bought \$10,000 worth of Wichita property, and proposes to locate in that burg, having sent for his family to start at once for the West.

"The drain of emigrants to America," says the Limerick Reporter, "is absolutely alarming. The people are leaving the country in crowds; a respectable, well-dressed, intelligent and orderly population are abandoning their country in countless numbers."

A GOOD CROP.

Our friend Billy Meairs beats the world, so far as heard from, on wheat.

From four and a half bushels, (May variety) sown with a drill on six acres of ground, he has just harvested 210 bushels of good plump wheat. He had 24 acres, all drilled in, which yielded him an average of 35 bushels per acre. Eighteen acres of it was of the Mediterranean variety.

The seed of all was sown early in September.

The Paola Spirit says that Mr. Crisman, who recently discovered petroleum on his premises near that place has leased ten acres of his farm to parties who have commenced improvement. The parties expect to commence boring for oil in about 30 days.

Eight millions of greenbacks and currency were recently sent by the Paymaster General to New Mexico and Arizona for the payment of troops, contracts, Indian agents, officials, &c.

The treasure was conveyed by detachments of the 3 and 5 U. S. Infantry, thoroughly armed and ready for any emergency in the shape of effort at seizure.

Dr. S. B. Davis, of New Mexico, was in the city on Sunday and Monday last. The Dr. is an old resident of the State, and was at one time surgeon to a Brigade of Kansas troops—an excellent physician, and a very estimable gentleman.

Our old time Topeka friend and neighbor, Rev. Ira Blackford, made us a call on Saturday last. Mr. B. now resides at Garnett. He had just returned from an extended trip to the Arkansas River country. He reported all kinds of crops down there in a most excellent condition, the country generally prosperous.

It is reported by telegraph that the Grangers are to hold a big meeting at Parsons, Labette County, on the 1st of September. It is expected that 15,000 farmers will be present.

NOT SO.

It was published in one of the city papers that the Central Council, at its session on Tuesday, discussed "the question as to how they would divide their trade with business houses." This is a mistake—no such discussion was had. The business men generally, of the city, are regarded by the Grangers as friendly to their movement—as generally disposed to deal fairly with them, and ready to aid them by any legitimate means at their command. That being the case, it would be unjust to the merchants, and prejudicial to the Grange cause, to establish a discrimination between them. Representations to the contrary cannot but do mischief, especially when untrue.

THE SANTA FE ROAD & THE STATE FAIR.

E. A. Touzelin, the general passenger & ticket agent of this road, gives notice that the A. T. & S. F. Company has adopted a special reduced rate to parties who wish to visit the State Fair, to be held at Topeka, Sept. 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th and 26th. Rates from Emporia to Topeka and return, \$2. Tickets good on all trains of above mentioned dates, and also 27th.

The Emporia News says a recent storm seriously damaged the house of W. R. Arey, on Phenix creek, in the southwestern part of that county. The kitchen part of the house was blown to pieces, and the other part blown off the foundation and badly damaged. The family were in the house at the time, but fortunately no one was hurt. The furniture was considerably damaged. Mr. Arey is absent at Boston.

The Woodson County Post says one reason of high taxes is owing to trifling law suits between neighbors, and recommends that in cases where the prosecuting witness fails to make his case, if the costs are not paid, he should be committed until they were. The suggestion is a good one.

A fine stream of water was struck by a party of well diggers on Market street, Emporia, on Wednesday, at a depth of thirty-four feet. The prophet of the peach twig found the place to dig. The well was dug with a patent borer in less than a day. The city will pay half the bill, and the well is public.—[News.]

French politics are in a decidedly mixed state. We had recently the Republic under Thiers. It was called a Republic though Thiers was little less than a King. A great many people had that degree of faith in him, and so little in their so-called Republican establishment, that there was great apprehension of its collapse in case Thiers should cease to be its head. He has, however ceased to be such, and a soldier—a friend of Bonaparte, and a gentleman of highly conservative, if not monarchial predilections, has taken his place, which is one step in the retrograde. And now comes the Bourbon chiefs, who were scattered out of the Tuilleries on the accession of Louis Philippe, and declare the Comte de Chambord, now an old man of 80, the only rightful sovereign of France, notwithstanding the fact that Eugenie and Napoleon IV, still live, and have quite as fair a prospect of re-entering that estate as any of them.

If France is not happy, it is not for the want of rulers.

A denomination of Russian Quakers, or Mennonites, who have been hunting a location for a large colony of their people who are coming to America, have returned from an extended tour through the west and south. They determined upon locating in Harvey county, in this State, and will return to Russia at once.

A call, signed by a large number of prominent citizens of the State, has been issued for a State delegate convention of soldiers of the late war, to be held at Topeka on the 23rd of September, the object being to memorialize Congress for the equalization of soldiers' bounties, &c.

LAWRENCE & TOPEKA RAILROAD—The Topeka Blade says that Col. G. D. Chapman, the energetic and enterprising king of railroad builders of New York, is in Topeka looking after the interest of the Lawrence & Topeka Railroad, which, by his energy and influence, he hopes to complete.

The Cottonwood Falls Leader asks this conundrum: "How is it that the freight on a thrashing machine, from Battle Creek, Mich., to Topeka, Kansas, 800 miles, is fifty dollars, and from Topeka, eighty miles, is fifty-six dollars and fifty cents? Also why is the machine rated at 4,000 pounds on the K. P. road, and 6,000 on the A. T. & S. F.? The same machine was shipped from Battle Creek to Cottonwood Falls, last year, for \$75. Next year the freight will be between \$138 and \$150.

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LAWRENCE, KANSAS, AUGUST 16, 1873.

Town Talk.

ACCIDENT.—A valuable horse, belonging to Mr. Harvey Bowen, on Washington creek, pulled up a stake to which it was hitched, and in running is supposed to have tripped on it and fell.

WANTED.—Mr. Joseph Kinney, living 3 1/2 miles west of Prairie City, wants to rent his farm to a good farmer with a small family.

We desire to call special attention to the great stock sale of Andrew Wilson, to take place on Wednesday next. Mr. Wilson has been noted for several years as being one of the most extensive and successful breeders of blooded stock in the State.

CAMP MEETING.—The Sigel camp meeting has been a great success. The weather has been fine, a little too warm, that is all—and last Sunday fully six thousand people were present.

HOT.—The hottest weather of the Summer has been upon and all around us the past week.

PRESENTATION.—Col. Willemsen, whose business calls him to a future residence in St. Louis, was presented Monday evening with a handsome gold headed cane by the members of the Societer Verein, of which club the Colonel was president.

PERSONAL.—The venerable Dr. Richard Huson left for Garnett Tuesday night where he was professionally called by telegraph.

RETURNED.—Maj. W. C. Ransom, of the L. L. & G. railroad, who has been sojourning in the Rocky Mountains, returned Saturday looking brown and hearty.

EYES RIGHT.—Maj. Geo. W. Smith, of this city has received the appointment of lieutenant in the regular army (cavalry) and ordered to report for duty at Ringold barracks on the Rio Grande.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Quite a number of new residences are being erected on Warren street, leading west towards the wind mill.

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CITY COUNCIL.—The city council held another meeting Monday evening. Nine liquor licenses were granted at \$150 each for six months. The school board sent in a demand for a tax levy of 7 1/2 mills for school purposes.

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WHEREAS, The adjustment of the bridge question upon fair and equitable terms has taken up much of the time of this council; and whereas, the running of the ferry has been of great expense to the city, but has, as we believe, accomplished its object in bringing the bridge company to fair and reasonable terms; and whereas, the manager of the ferry having received no license and given no bond for the faithful running of the same as the law directs, making it very doubtful as to the legality of the city in helping such an enterprise:

Resolved, That the council, believing that there is no economy in making further expenditures upon the ferry, hereby instruct and direct the street commissioner to expend no more money or labor on the ferry and its approaches until the proposition passed at the last meeting of the council shall be submitted to the voters of the county; provided, however, that should the bridge company in the meantime increase the tolls in any way, then the council to take immediate action upon the propriety of running a free ferry.

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ELEGANT OFFICES.

The current week has been "moving week" with the heads of departments, clerks and attaches of the L. L. & G. Railroad, and the new building of the National Bank of Lawrence has been tenanted for the first time.

North of the land office and fronting on Massachusetts street, are two rooms, handsomely carpeted. One of these rooms is 22 by 36 feet, and the other 22 by 25. This is the law department, and set apart for the use and occupation of the attorney for the road. Here Judge Thacher will establish his legal batteries to defend the road from all "assaults of its enemies," and will extract the essence from all enactments bearing upon railroad corporations in general, and the Galveston road in particular.

West of the land department is the Auditor's office and maintenance of way department. This room is 17 by 30 feet and contains a large vault for the safe keeping of vouchers and other documents pertaining to the office, of a cash valuation. The Auditor, Mr. Bell, will busy himself here in passing upon claims that are presented against the company and give his judgment and official autograph as to their correctness.

IN a "sly little nook" west of the auditor's office, is the janitor's headquarters where Jesse holds the key to the ice cold water.

We now cross the hall of the Winthrop street entrance, and are ushered into the office of the general freight and ticket agent, and passing on through find the superintendent's headquarters and telegraph office. Maj. Peck is at the head of both of these "divisions" and the reader may judge is kept quite busy. Upon entering the superintendent's office, the visitor is brought face to face with the new departure, Upon a card in large letters are printed the ominous words, "No Tres Passes issued from this Office."

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Wednesday of this week we attended the meeting of the Douglas County Horticultural Society, held at the farm of Mr. T. M. Pearson, in Kanwaka township. Mr. Pearson came to this county a poor man, about eighteen years ago. Through industry and good management he is now the owner of three hundred and seventy-five acres of fine land, all under first class hedge fence, with a spacious house and out buildings, an apple orchard of 800 trees, some four hundred of which have been bearing for several years.

Mr. Coleman said he could not tell the cause, nor did he know any remedy, said he met a resident of Illinois a few days since, who told him that about twenty years ago they had the twig blight in that State, very much worse than we have it here and remarked "don't be discouraged, in all probability you will never be troubled with it again."

Mr. Randolph said it commenced in his orchard about three years ago, but did no serious damage until this year. Cannot tell the cause, nor does he know of any remedy.

Mr. Bell said several years since, in Wisconsin, they had the blight in that State; he trimmed off all blighted limbs, the trees recovered and were not seriously damaged, does not know the cause.

Mr. Faxon said he put salt and ashes about the trees in one row of his pear orchard and not a tree in that row is blighted, while all the rest of his pear trees are blighted.

M. Brackett gave an account of where the blight first made its appearance in this country: viz. in an old poorly kept nursery. Said it appeared to travel west, and sometimes would jump and leave a strip twenty-five miles wide untouched. If possible we will have Mr. Brackett write his views on this subject, which we will give to our readers as soon as obtained. After a vote of thanks to friend Pearson and lady the meeting adjourned to meet at Judge Ricker's, in Kanwaka, the second Thursday in September at 10 o'clock a. m.

DIED.—Grace, infant daughter of Rev. J. F. Morgan, chaplain of the penitentiary, died Tuesday last, aged nine months. The funeral took place Wednesday, in Pilgrim (Congregational) church.

PREVENTIVE.—Matt Shaw's refrigerators are said to be an infallible cholera preventative. Take one.

AHEAD.—Tuesday night was the hottest and most sultry night of the Summer, and Sunday was the hottest day since 1871.

WORKING.—The National Bank of Lawrence commenced its flight from the old building Thursday, for the handsomely finished new room in their building, corner of Massachusetts and Winthrop streets.

The State Grange at its recent session in this city, passed a resolution to encourage and patronize home manufacturers. In this, special inference was had to the excellent line of family medicines manufactured by our enterprising townsmen, Dr. S. O. Himes & Co., whose remedies, so far as our observation extends, have proved superior, in adaptation to the disease of our Kansas climate, to those made for other longitudes in the East.

Another terrible accident was caused on the 13th by kindling a fire with kerosene—this time in our own city. Mrs. Henry Kline, wife of one of the compositors of the Tribune office, attempted to light a fire yesterday morning by pouring kerosene on some kindling, when the fluid ignited, probably from some coals in the stove, not entirely extinct, throwing the burning oil upon and setting fire to her clothing. Dr. Wilder, who was near by, visiting a patient, seeing her run out of doors and comprehending the situation, seized a blanket and threw it over her and smothered the flames. Her clothing was all burned off, and her body terribly scorched from her head to her feet. At first it was thought she could not recover, but she was easier yesterday and improving.

REPAIRING.—The Ludington Bros. have commenced renovating and improving the Eldridge House.

NOT SUSTAINED.—Dr. Moore, late postmaster at Carbondale, and his son, who had been arrested for alleged tampering with valuable letters at that office, have been discharged from custody, the charge not having been sustained.

THE DAM.—Although but little noise has been made about it, work on the dam has steadily progressed during the summer. The stone has been dressed and got in order to put in so soon as the condition of the river will admit of it. The river still continues full indicating that heavy rains have fallen west of this.

COME AT LAST.—A refreshing rain fell yesterday (Friday) morning. After passing through such a hot, dry season as we have for the past few weeks we are glad to give our readers this "bit of information."

Chicago & St. Louis Live Stock Market, August, 15th 1873.

As compared with last week there has been a marked improvement in the demand for good shipping cattle, there were a large number of buyers, on eastern accounts at the stock yards, and without grumbling, took all good offerings and paid the prices asked.

CHOICE NATIVE-BLOOD STOCK—In this description we include smooth, well-formed steers of 1,200 to 1,400 lbs average. None received.

GOOD TO PRIME STEERS—This description includes smooth, well-fatted and well-formed stock from three to six years old, 1,200 to 1,350 lbs average. None received.

COWS AND HEIFERS—Good to choice lots of 900 to 1,000 lbs average were in fair request at \$3 50@4, while rough lean lots of 600 to 900 lbs average were firm at \$2 10@3.

MEDIUM TO PAIR BUTCHERS' STOCK—This description includes rough, fleshy steers, two to three years old, 900 to 1,000 lbs average. These were in good supply, and prices were firm at \$3 70@4 75.

STOCK STEERS—This description includes thirty steers of two to four years old, of 900 to 1,000 lbs average, and thirty steers of two to three years old, 900 to 1,000 lbs average. These were steady, but scarce at \$4@4 75 for the former and \$1.35@3 for the latter, the supply of light weights being good.

INFERIOR TO COMMON MIXED STOCK—This class includes thin, scrubby steers, stags, bulls, bony oxen, thin cows and heifers. There was a fair supply of this class and the demand was meagre at \$1.25@2.75.

WINTERED TEXANS—Were in good request at \$3@4.50 for good to choice, while through droves were nominal at \$1.50@2.75 for common to light fleshy lots.

GREAT STORM IN THE EAST.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14th.—The storm continues accompanied by light rains. Last night in crowded cellars in the older parts of the city the poor had to battle with rats driven from sewers by the rising flood, and the wretched beds were surrounded by water.

There has not been any serious derangement of mails with the exception of through Southern mail. At Baltimore reports say the streets in various parts of the city are submerged and cellars flooded.

LONG BRANCH, N. Y., Aug. 14.—The storm was terrific all last night, but has now abated its fury. The New Jersey Southern Railroad track near Camden was carried away. There were no trains on the direct line from Philadelphia today.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—Damage by storm last evening to Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was so serious that travel be entirely suspended for several days. A passenger train which left Washington last evening for Baltimore over this road could proceed no further than Stony Creek, 14 miles from the city. It was impossible to return, and passengers, 40 or 50 in number, were forced to remain in cars all night, and some of the women and children not taken of the train till 6 o'clock this evening.

A break in the railroad track near Merchantsville prevents the passage of trains to and from Mt. Holly and Long Branch. Passengers had to return to this city, all the cars having run off the track. The drawing-room car went into the gap, compelling the passengers to crawl through the windows. None injured.

The storm was very severe at Cape May and Atlantic City.

The Pennsylvania Railroad track near Palmyra, N. J., was washed out, and the town deluged.

At Newark, Del., the creek bed overflowed and washed out the Baltimore railroad track near the culvert for sixty yards. Passengers from Baltimore by the night train were transferred at the gap.

At Lancaster, Pa., the city water works were considerably damaged, coffer dams carried off, and several small bridges washed away.

FORT SCOTT, Aug. 13.—The heaviest thunder storm of the season burst upon the city at about five o'clock this evening, continuing about an hour, and thoroughly drenching the earth. Lightning struck in three places in the city. Two dwellings were struck, but no lives were lost. A barn was also struck and burned with its contents. The damage to property is considerable.

Hon. S. A. Williams, an old and highly respected citizen of Fort Scott, died in that city on the 13th, aged 56 years.

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On all sums of \$25 and under, cash in hand; over that amount a credit of six months on approved notes will be given, with interest at ten per cent from date. sale to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp. Kingsville shawnee county July 20 1873. 77-aug30

ANDREW WILSON

The Story Teller.

[Written for the Spirit of Kansas.] JACOB OSTRAM'S FORTUNES.

BY L. A. B. STEELE.

When Jacob Ostram left his home, in the mountains of Georgia, to seek his fortune beyond the circle of hill and sky which had always formed the limits of his practical knowledge of geography, he was not sent, like his Syrian namesake, either to escape from the charms of Canaanish damsels, or to take a wife in the land of Padanaram. True, he had been "sparkling" pretty blue-eyed Phebe Caldwell ever since he could remember; but the course of their true love might have run smoothly on, to some handsome termination as to be entirely unworthy of being recorded; if it had not been for an unaccountable voyage of Farmer Ostram's old red cow. Jacob had donned his best suit, and mounted the finest horse in his father's stable, to go and spend an evening with Phebe, as had been his custom ever since that eventful Sunday, when he nerved himself up, stole his father's razor, and hid in the barn loft, moved the first crop of down from his round chin, and moved by an impulse as old as Adam's time, boldly struck out to "go and see the girls."

scanty breakfast, to render him ravenous by dinner time. Right before his plate, stood a dish containing just four apple dumplings, the sight and smell of which proved too much for his good manners, and by the time farmer Gossin had finished asking a lengthy blessing, Jacob had disposed of three of the dumplings, and was just attacking the fourth. The family sat back, in silent astonishment, until he had finished it, and then proceeded to make their own dinner of other dishes on the table. Jacob's hunger was by no means appeased, and he continued to help himself to everything there was on the table, until there was nothing left, and then conscious from their faces that they were regarding him as a half heathen, he made his escape into the dooryard, whither Mr. Gossin presently followed him, and began in a mild, half-frightened way to expostulate with him on his lack of manners. Very red in the face, stammering and half laughing, because he felt strongly inclined to cry, Jacob told of his long fast, that he hated to ask for any supper, that Mrs. Gossin kept the bread in her lap, so that he did not like to ask for any, and he was so hungry he could not help eating, and added he, "I'm just that hungry now, I don't believe I ever shall get enough to eat again." To think that a man should say that on my premises," exclaimed Mr. Gossin, and going into the house, he acquainted his wife and daughter with the state of the case, and ordered a dinner prepared that should "satisfy the boy." Accordingly they set to work, and Jacob was soon called in to a meal of fried ham, eggs, corn bread &c., served in great abundance. He set to work, and discovered, after a while, that his appetite could be appeased. Indeed he ate far too much, but no one remarked upon it, and after a stupid day and a night of bad dreams, the effects wore off. After that the bread was always on the table, and there was plenty for every one. He remained there at work for several years, and as the image of blue-eyed Phebe grew fainter in his mind, black-eyed Mollie fully replaced it, and she became his wife.

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I entered the north west corner which is, comparatively speaking, a new country. The raw prairie can be bought for \$5 per acre. We called on John P. Brown, county surveyor, and told him that we would like to organize a Grange at 1 o'clock, P. M., in that neighborhood. He mounted his horse, rode to the committee belonging to the Farmers Co-operative Union, and told them to get the people to come out to the lecture at one o'clock. The result was men left their harvest field, some coming over five miles, and before the next morning we had formed Liberty Centre Grange, with twenty-five members. J. D. West, Master, friend Brown, Overseer.

A Deputy has come—circulate the news—and lo! three other neighborhoods are all astr to get money to join the Grange. Anxious farmers are plenty, but money is in the bank, yet Scott township was ready the next day with 29 selected members, having had only five hours notice, and if they had had any longer notice they would have been overrun with members. Scott Shattuck an old friend of Dudley W. Adams, Master of the National Grange, was chosen master of Elm Grove Grange, the leading men in originating and supporting the Linn County Fair.

Such farmers as M. E. Woodford, J. R. Leman, and J. W. Payne are officers in this Grange. Elm Creek valley is as beautiful farming country as I ever saw, and its beautiful landscapes will long be remembered.

We called on Dr. Wheelock, who has fourteen acres of bearing apple trees, and three acres of the finest grapes I ever saw. He mounted his horse and said they must have a Grange at Brooklyn, and before midnight thirty members were initiated in all the mysteries of the Subordinate Grange. This is a splendid county and we had the pleasure of listening to some of the finest singers known in the county. We most heartily wished we could live in such a social song loving neighborhood as Brooklyn. G. Marion Moore, the President of the Farmers Co-operative Union, became Master of this Grange, and the great Linn county gathering proved to be a John the Baptist to the Grange movement, as there will be twenty Granges and a county council in Linn county before this is read. Here I met an enthusiastic farmer by the name of Wm. Wetherman, who had ridden over fifteen miles hunting for a man to organize a Grange at Bridger's store. The result was W. A. Gillman was elected Master of Colesville Grange, and nearly all the members subscribed for the Spirit. We visited the large farm of W. F. Smith, Esq. He has over three hundred cattle, miles of stone fence and the finest stone barn I have seen in Kansas. He has about 175 acres of splendid corn, forty acres of timothy and about the same of clover. Such farming reminded me of the eastern States—only it was conducted on a much larger scale, and the large, beautiful stone school house made a fine Grange room. As there were more than the required number of charter members here, some of them withdrew and went home. The masters of two other Granges accompanied by J. J. Kipp enjoyed our work. We append some of the Linn county resolutions, showing how the farmer understands the situation.

RESOLVED, That we advise farmers as far as possible to avoid the taxes imposed by middle men, by co-operating with each other in the disposal of their products, by the employment of some responsible agent, or by going to market themselves. That the people must control the railroads, or they will subject them to utter poverty and ruin.

RESOLVED, That the doctrine that railroads, in accepting charters acquire vested rights, is an infamous heresy, attempted to be engrained into our laws, thus putting the creature above and beyond the creator, which is not law, but the perfection of nonsense, and the outgrowth of the desire of monied corporations.

We find by actual count that we have initiated 323 charter members during the month of harvest, forming 14 Granges. II.

A way has been discovered to bother the postal clerks. It has been discovered by trial that the postal cards will receive an impression as well as needs be. One has only to reverse the ordinary process—write his message on letter paper, copy it by the aid of the press on the postal card, and send the copy instead of the original. The writing is reversed and needs a mirror to set it straight. Clerks and carriers will be terribly bothered if this cruel discovery of somebody be largely utilized. It is now proposed that the Postmaster General be requested to furnish all offices and postal cards with mirrors, in order to facilitate the reading of the messages on postal cards.

THE BOLD BALLOONISTS.

Forecast of the Voyage—What the Aeronaunts Expect.

[From the New York Graphic.] Mr. Washington H. Donaldson, who, with Prof. Wise, will have charge of the transatlantic air-ship, "The Daily Graphic," was in our office to-day, and we asked him to give us a forecast of the incidents of the voyage, as he expected them to arise.

He said he thought that, if they started from New York at six o'clock in the evening, they would see land the second morning out.

"What time do you expect to start?" asked the writer.

"We now think that we shall start about the 25th of August at five o'clock in the evening. We choose that hour for two reasons—first, the gas at that time will be rapidly condensing; and the second reason is, that the laboring people will then have left off work, and will be able to witness the ascension."

"How high do you expect to rise first of all?"

"If the surface current is blowing eastward, there will not be the least necessity to go above 200 or 300 feet from the surface of the water. But if the surface current is not easterly, we shall rise up to the great, ever-flowing eastward current, which is from 2,000 to 4,000 above. If we rise 3,000 feet, we shall have to discharge about twenty-five pounds of ballast per hour up to 3 o'clock; after that the condensation of gas will be stopped, and we shall have to discharge perhaps not more than six pounds per hour."

"What sort of observations do you expect to make with your instruments?"

"We shall probably divide the time up by watches, according to the number of persons who make the ascension."

"Probably we will have three-hour or four-hour watches. Whoever is on duty during the watches of the night, will have to make and record all the observations. I intend to keep a book myself all the time, except when I am asleep."

"Of course the most important instrument is the barometer. This must be watched incessantly. Then we must pay a good deal of attention to the thermometer. But, I think an observation every quarter of an hour would be enough."

"The same may be said of the other instruments—the hygrometer, the wet and dry bulb thermometers, the spectroscope, and so on."

"I don't see that you can use the spectroscope except for the water lines in the atmosphere. You could not, under the circumstances, observe the solar or stellar spectra?"

"No, I suppose not."

"It seems to me that if you take observations every quarter of an hour, you have so many instruments, before you have finished one observation you will have to begin the next."

"Perhaps so. We shall be able to see better about that when we have got into the upper air."

"You expect to be able to throw out signals during the night to ascertain your course?"

"Yes, we shall have illuminating explosive bombs, which, when dropped into the water, burn for four or five minutes. As we drift away from the burning light, we can tell by the compass what point we are making for."

"You read your instruments by Grissler's tubes, don't you?"

"Yes, we shall have them along with us. But, then, it is quite safe for us to take a Davy lamp."

"At what rate do you expect to travel?"

"About eighty miles an hour."

"Where do you expect to be at sunrise the first morning out?"

"Just over the coast of Newfoundland. We shall be then 1,800 miles from the nearest point in Europe. As soon as the sun rises the gas will begin to expand again, and we shall rise very rapidly, and be saved from discharging ballast for some hours. By 12 o'clock the second day we will be in mid-ocean, spinning along, very likely, at the rate of eighty miles an hour."

"You will not be able to speak with ships if you are so very high above the ocean?"

"No; but, as I have already stated, I believe we shall not be obliged to remain so high. I believe that we shall be able to go near the ocean, very low; indeed, quite low enough to speak with ships. You know we have a drag-rope 5,000 feet long; we shall let that out all the time."

"You will be occupied in making observations most of the second day?"

"Yes, we shall take observations very carefully. We shall also experiment with the smaller balloon. Although we would prefer to keep the lower current yet, if the higher current moves faster, we shall certainly take advantage of that. In order to ascertain whether it is swifter or not, we shall send up a lesser balloon (we have about 2,000 pounds of cord for the purpose), and if it seems to move more rapidly, up we go. Then there may be some disarrangement of the valves, or the upper part of the rigging, in which case I shall fasten myself to the little balloon and go up around the Daily Graphic, and set right whatever may be amiss."

"How about the discharge of ballast after noon?"

"It will be greater than in the morning. You would be surprised at the change after noon in the upper air. The air immediately begins to get colder; so, as this causes condensation, we are compelled to discharge more ballast."

"What are the effects of rain?"

"A series of effects are produced which result in an exact balance, so that the total effect is nil. In the first place the moisture makes the balloon heavier, it also condenses the gas, which therefore loses power; but, on the other hand, it closes all the pores of the balloon, and thus puts a stop to all escape of gas."

"At 6 o'clock on the evening of the second day, when you will have been out twenty-four hours, what will be the total discharge of ballast?"

"I estimate 800 pounds. But Prof. Wise, who likes to be on the safe side, estimates 1,000 pounds a day."

"How much ballast will you have left? What is the total weight of balloon and all appurtenances?"

"The balloon weighs 6,000 pounds; netting, 700 pounds; car, 250 pounds; boat, 700 pounds; instruments and drag rope, 1,000 pounds; total, 8,650 pounds. Four hundred thousand cubic feet of gas having a carrying capacity of 35 pounds per 1,000, give a total carrying force of 14,000 pounds. Deduct 8,650 from this, and you have a balance of more than 5,000 pounds for passengers and ballast. All our provisions will be so much ballast. All the water on board the balloon will be ballast. Directly we come in sight of land, we can dispose of the boat as ballast. It will be of no further use."

"Then the second night out will be much the same as the first."

"Yes; but we shall probably have gained some experiences which will be of service to us in regard to night observations."

"If you go off on the 25th of August, you won't have any moon."

"No, but we shall have plenty of things to observe without her."

"I shouldn't wonder if you saw some fine meteoric displays. You know the fall is the time when they mostly occur. It would be awkward, though, if one was to hit the balloon and burst it."

"Oh, no fear of that! The chances are too remote to cause the slightest anxiety. I hope we may see a fine display. It will be some thing to relieve the monotony."

"That's true. So you expect to sight land on the second morning out?"

"I do, most decidedly. Oh, what a time that will be! How awful jolly all of us in the balloon will feel if the lower current carries us over, we shall first see Ireland; but, if we have to go higher, I think we shall reach the northern part of Europe—Sweden or Norway, perhaps. Then look out for cable dispatches, my boy. You will have enough of them."

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News Summary.

A little kerosene oil mixed with cornmeal, is said to cure chicken cholera.

Near 100,000 hedge plants have been raised ready for market near Chanute the present season.

Immense flouring mills have been erected and put in operation at Chanute, which are pronounced a complete success.

An effort is now being made to establish a first-class weekly German news paper in Atchison, to be called The Weekly Volksfreund.

John McDonald has taken a contract to furnish the Western Publishing & School Furnishing Company, of St. Louis, with the wood work for \$10,000 worth of school seats.

We are informed by Z. Sharp that a herd of buffalo passed last week through the southwestern portion of this county of enormous proportions.

SETTLING UP.—Forty-seven quarter sections of land have been taken in town 25, range 8 west, since April, and the process of settling still continues.

The regents of Emporia Normal School have elected Miss Mary F. Haggood, of Adrian, Michigan, preceptor of the school.

Dan Smith, of Verdigris township, whose place lies east of Covertville about half a mile, raised 40 acres of wheat this year.

Mrs. Amanda Elliott, wife of John Elliott, of Geary city, and formerly a resident of Doniphan, went to her husband's trunk on Wednesday last.

Despatches state that on Elm creek, Nebraska, on the morning of the 7th, a party of 240 Pawnee Indians hailing from the Republican river,

The late rains have done a vast deal of good throughout the county. It was thought by some that the early corn was too far gone to be benefited.

A fatal accident occurred on the Chicago, Rock, Island & Pacific railroad on Tuesday, July 5th, about three miles west of Jamesport.

An Indianapolis man has brought suit against the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, & St. Louis railroad to recover \$5,000 damages. He entered a car of the company, and on refusing to deliver up his ticket until the conductor furnished him a seat, he was ejected from the train.

Certain parties have been engaged by the United States government to dig for water in the Colorado desert. The result of one experiment is thus reported: In digging the well at New Station, which was four feet square, after working through fifty-five feet of clay, one of the workmen broke into what appeared to be the bed of an old river.

The Troy Republican publishes statistics gathered by the township assessors. From them it appears that in 1872 Doniphan county raised 28,000 bushels of winter wheat, being an average of only eleven bushels to the acre.

The Dog began it—and a nice little affair it was too. It was an aggravated case of complicating circumstances. You see, Dick Slater is a Raudolph street saloon-keeper, and very proud of his skill with the rifle.

SOUND DOCTRINE. The Republican Convention of Iowa recently passed the following resolutions: "To make an end to had men forcing their election by securing a party nomination, we declare it the duty of every Republican to oppose the election of a bad and incompetent candidate upon our own or upon any other ticket."

Improvement of the Osage River.—A Convention Suggested. We see it suggested that a convention be held at Warsaw, Benton county, at an early day for the purpose of settling the bill in motion for procuring Government aid to lock and dam the Osage river.

The following items are from the Burlington Patriot. A portion of the west wall of our new schoolhouse was blown down last Friday night, damaging the building to the amount of probably \$250 for repairs, which are briskly going forward.

An Artist's Triumph. The Springfield (Mass.) Republican thinks that the old story of Zeuxis and the grapes has been paralleled at the studio on Crescent Hill.

Cholera infantum has taken away several children in the last four weeks, and others cannot be too careful of their own diet as well as that of their infants. Kansas has been remarkably healthy so far, but we must expect our per cent. of summer diseases resulting from sudden extremes of heat and cold.

For the benefit of young persons afflicted with freckles we would inform them that powdered nitre, moistened with water, applied to the face night and morning, will soon remove all traces of them.

A six horse Stage team and coach ran away near Bethlehem, N. Y. on Monday last, killing two of the passengers and wounding six or seven others, some of them, it is feared, fatally.

Cotton in Howard County. The Elk Falls Journal says: Some of our citizens are engaged in some quite respectable experiments with this article. James Baird, on the south branch of the Wildcat creek, some six miles west of Elk Falls, has nine acres under cultivation, and Harry and Lyall Lamb, a mile from town, have together something like fifteen acres.

JOHN ROBINSON'S SHOW TELESCOPED AT ELLIS. No serious injury—Scenes and Incidents of the Free show. Correspondence of the Commonwealth. HAYS CITY, August 11, 1873. A railroad collision between two circus trains, loaded with nearly all the known transferable curiosities of the world, is not an everyday occurrence; so that when such a thing does happen it is worthy of mention even in the Commonwealth.

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