
"Married: In Westport, Mo., Mr. Washington Jones, of St. Joseph, Mo., to Miss Bettie Cunningham."

"Married: In St. Joseph, at the residence of M. H. Wash., Esq., by Elder J. Wyatt, on Sunday, 2nd instant, Mr. H. Murphy, of Glenwood, Iowa, to Miss Lucy Ann O'Toole, of Kansas Territory."

"Died: In this Territory, opposite St. Joseph, of cholera,-- September, Mr. John Fee."


"We are happy to extend the hand of congratulation to our neighbor, on the formation of this lucky partnership. We shall, however, claim the credit of marrying 'Jim' off, as our recommendation of him to the ladies of St. Joseph, in March last, has, we have no doubt, contributed largely to effect this 'Happy Union.' In this connection we tender our thanks for the 'Sparkling Catawba,' and bountiful supply of cake, which came to hand in due season. The happy couple have our best wishes, and from the profoundest depth of our heart, we offer the following sentiment:

"'As half in shade and half in sun
This world along its path advances,
May that bright side the sun's upon
Be all that e'er shall meet thy glances.'"
"Romantic-- A very handsome lady was arrested Friday night, at a house of questionable character, in the lower part of the city, in male attire. She had don'd the pants, and was apparently cutting quite a splurge when arrested. She tells her story thus: Her name is Emma Farrow; she resides in St. Joseph, and her husband came to this city some months ago, since when she has not seen him.-- She heard that he had taken himself a mistress, and that they were living in this city as a man and wife, at the house alluded to. She would not believe the statement, but resolved to come to the city and investigate the matter herself. In order to carry out her plans, she had a suit of clothing made to order, dressed herself up in man's apparel, and came down here. She had just started on her mission, and was about entering the house, where her leige [sic] lord was reported to be staying, when some police officers arrested her. That is her story, and if good looks is a sign of truth, she must have told nothing but facts.-- St. Louis Her'd."

"We see in the St. Joseph Cycle, that a fatal renounter [sic] occurred a few days ago at Doniphan, between Pat Laughlin, the perjurer-- according to his own confession-- and Samuel Collins, a Free State man, and late Delegate to the Big Springs' Convention, growing out of Pat's exposure of a secret organization said to exist in the Territory. The Cycle represents Pat as acting in self-defense, but nobody believes the statement. Collins had resided about a year in the Territory, and was a man of intelligence and much personal worth. We shall have further information as regards the facts in a few days."

"It falls to our lot to chronicle one of the most horrible tragedies ever enacted in this upper country. Seven persons were murdered in cold blood, in the dead of night, by five cowardly villains-- miscalled men. The facts, as near as we can learn, are briefly these:

"The family of Jacob Friends, consisting of himself, wife, and five children, ranging from one to sixteen years of age, living in Buchanan County, Mo., about ten miles north of this city, on the opposite side of the Missouri River, were murdered one night last week, and their bodies burned up in their house, which was fired after the deed was committed. Five persons, by the name of John Patterson, G.W. Lincoln, Henry Myer, Warner Hoops, and Amos Davis, have been arrested, charged with the murders. They are now in confinement, in St. Joseph, Mo., and will undergo an examination at the proper time. No cause is assigned for this unnatural transaction, save, perhaps, a personal difficulty having previously taken place between one of the prisoners, who is a Mormon Preacher, and Mr. Friends.

"We learn since writing the above, that two of the prisoners have confessed as to the guilt of themselves and all the other prisoners arrested, and give as their reasons for committing the deed, 'the hope of plunder and revenge.' Excitement in St. Joseph, where the prisoners are confined, is immense, and threats of summarily [sic] punishment, is made to the prisoners. We could not blame the incensed community, if they should hang the cowardly assassins."

"A man by the name of Maxwell, charged with stealing a mulatto boy from Fillmore, Andrew county, Mo., was arrested in this city on Thursday evening last, and placed in custody until his innocence or guilt can be established. Should he be proven guilty, he is in a 'very tight place' indeed, as our citizens have a very great antipathy to 'n---- stealers.' The affair may end in a 'tight rope performance.'"
"A wild man was caught in the woods and taken to St. Joseph, Mo., last week. His hair was full of the bones of cats, upon which he had lived. He was about forty years old, his hair was redish [sic] brown, long and matted, and his finger nails were like the claws of a tiger. He had almost forgotten the language, but was able to say that he was born in New York, and have been in the woods 36 years. While Dr. Knodle was examining him in the presence of a wondering crowd in the court house, he made a sudden bound over the heads of the people and escaped, distancing the swiftest horses that were ridden in pursuit. Perhaps he is the original border ruffian."

_The Kansas Herald of Freedom_, [Wakarusa, KS], 1 Aug 1857, Saturday, p. 1

"Burr Oak Precinct.-- Several hundred Missourians from Buchanan, Platte and Andrew counties, Missouri, including a great many of the prominent citizens of St. Joseph, came into this precinct on the day of election and on the day before, in wagons and on horses, and camped there. They were armed with pistols, bowie knives, guns and rifles. On the morning of the election the Free State candidates resigned in a body, on account of the presence of large numbers of armed Missourians, at which the crowd cheered and hurrahed. General B. F. Stringfellow was present, and was prominent in promoting the election of the pro-slavery ticket, as was also the Hon. Willard P. Hall and others of the most prominent citizens of St. Joseph, Missouri. But one of the judges of election appointed by the Governor served on that day, and the crowd chose two others to supply the vacancies. The Missourians said they came there to vote for and carry the election of Major W. P. Richardson. Major Richardson, elected to the council, had a farm in Missouri, where his wife and daughter lived with his son-in-law, Willard P. Hall, he himself generally going home to Missouri every Saturday night. The farm was generally known as the Richardson farm. He had a claim in the Territory upon which was a saw mill, and where he generally remained through the week. Some of the Missourians gave as their reason for voting that they had heard that eastern emigrants were to be at that election, though no eastern emigrants were there. Others said they were going to vote of the purpose of making Kansas a slave State. [More details on the issue.] After the election was over and the polls were closed, the Missourians returned home. During the day they had provisions and liquor served out, free of expense to all."

_Kansas Free State_, [Lawrence, KS], 15 Aug 1857, Saturday, p. 2

"The St. Joseph Gazette announces the death of Madame Cecile Roy, the widow of John Baptiste Roy of St. Joseph. At the time of her death she was seventy years of age. Her history is intimately connected with that of Missouri. During the war of 1812 her husband and herself made a noble resistance [sic] to the attack of the Indians against a block house occupied by them at Cote Dessair, in Callaway county. A large number of the Indians attacked them. Three times were they repulsed, Roy and his wife keeping up an incessant fire upon them. Madame Roy not only loaded the guns used for their defence [sic] by Roy, but she used the rifle herself, and the Indians, when they did retreat, left thirteen of their warriors dead within the stockade of the fort."


"A. K. Miller, of the St. Joseph Journal, has been getting married. His excuse to slip away on this business was, that he wanted to go and see his folks, in Kentucky! Ere long, he will want to be going to see his uncle! Look out for your bee-hives!"

_White Cloud [KS] Kansas Chief_, 13 May 1858, Thursday, p. 2

"We had a call, a few days since, from our friend, H. H. Frazer, of Amazonia, Andrew County, Missouri. He reports the town in a flourishing condition, with many valuable improvements in contemplation. Amazonia is one of the most promising young river towns on the east side of the Missouri. We wish the proprietors success."

_White Cloud [KS] Kansas Chief_, 17 Jun 1858, Thursday, p. 2
"A correspondent living in Missouri, on the St. Joseph road, near the crossing of the Nodaway, about midway between Oregon and Savannah, sends us a yard about a youth who was going to St. Jo. for the first (!) time. Coming to the rope ferry across the Nodaway, which is kept by an old man and his wife, he found the water very high, and the boat difficult to pull across. This gallant young fellow at himself down in the boat contently while the old man tugged away at the rope, and his old wife worked just as hard to keep the drift-wood away from the boat. At length something was seen bobbing up and down in the water, looking somewhat like a child. The old man winked at his wife, as much as to say-- 'Here's a greeny; let's play the "salt game" on him!' Now, it so happened that their children had been playing near the stream, but had suddenly disappeared, and could nowhere be seen. The old man and woman ceased their work, and looked intently towards the floating object, in the most 'agonizing suspense.' The young man thought that now was time for sympathy, if ever. The idea of stropping and preparing to plunge in to the rescue, never entered his head; but being 'familiar with the writings of Shakspeare, [sic]' he thought, 'You that have tears to shed, prepare to shed them now.' He accordingly placed his elbows on his knees, and his head in his hands, and cocking one eye at the object in the stream, commenced bawling like a young bull! The old folks, after enjoying the joke to their hearts' content, joyfully announced that the 'agonizing' object was only a log, and fairly roared with laughter! Spooney had been crying all the while for nothing! The result was more of a disappointment to him than a joke. He had imagined that, if he exhibited such deep sympathy with the old pair, they would consider his crying ample compensation for their labor, and would not charge him for taking him across the stream, thus saving him 'two bits' to buy several 'snorts,' when he got to St. Jo!"

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 24 Jun 1858, Thursday, p. 2

"Our old friend, John H. Likens, Esq., of St. Joseph, came to town on Saturday evening, and remained until Sunday evening, and it did not rain during the whole time he was here! The 'oldest inhabitant' has no recollection of a similar occurrence at any time heretofore."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 22 Jul 1858, Thursday, p. 2

"The Irishman who shot an Indian near this place, last week, was caught at Amazonia, Andrew County, Mo., and brought to Iowa Point, on the Watossa, on Thursday evening. On Friday, he was taken and placed in the hands of the Indians. On that day, a crowd went up from this place, to see that the man was not abused; but they might as well have staid at home, for others were there more capable of attending to him; and if the Indians had desired to put him to death, they could have scalped and quartered him before the party got half way there. On Saturday, the man was taken to Iowa Point, for trial. We have not learned the result, but presume, as a matter of course, that he will be cleared.

"The Indian is improving...."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 14 Apr 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The St. Joseph Journal has late news from the hold mines, which it heads thus: 'Cheering News. Citizens Froze. A Man Murdered. Deep Snow in the Mountains. High Waters, &c.' A queer notion of what is cheering, the Journal man has. We presume he is never in a good humor, except when enjoying the tooth-ache, ear-ache, corns, and such luxuries. Emigrants will do well to remember this, when consulting the columns of the Journal, for good gold news."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 14 Apr 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The trial of Dr. Doy and Son, at St. Joseph, week before last, resulted in a disagreement of the jury. The son was discharged, and the father required to give heavy bail, in default of which, he was committed to jail, to await his trial, in June. It is probably that bail will yet be procured."
"N----dom has a world of trouble. Over in the peaceful County of Holt, the n---- excitement has recently been at a high pitch, and a blood-and-thunder communication on the subject was even sent to the St. Joseph Gazette. There is a young lawyer in that County, by the name of Clark Irvine, whose proclivities are decidedly free soilish, and who is independent enough to say exactly what he thinks. He is a huge thorn in the flesh of some remnants of the 'first families,' who condescend to sojourn in that neighborhood, and a serious barrier to their peace of mind. Some of these worthies, who came from a land where they have three n----s to one white man, and where a man is mobbed from the State, if it is suspected that he does not possess the faculty of smelling a run-away n---- five miles off, have for some time had their virtuous slumbers wofully disturbed by fears lest Clark Irvine should steal away their n----s, if they are so unfortunate as to own any; or if not, that he might make a mistake, and steal their immaculate selves! The beauty of it is, that most of the busy ones are not able to own n----s, but probably think to do something to gain the approving smiles of those who are.

"The first grave offence of Irvine, (other than speaking his sentiments,) was the getting up of a large list of subscribers for the St. Louis Democrat. For this crime, the 'first families' seriously debated the propriety of giving him notice to quit; but there not being enough spunky ones to carry out what they all had the grit to talk about, they concluded to let him alone, and to submit to the weekly visits of that terrible sheet, the St. Louis Democrat. So matters went one, until several darkies were recently seen passing through the County, when a patriotic individual arrested them, and drove them to jail, before the 'yawning pistol's mouth.' They claimed to be free negroes, but had neglected to take their papers with them. That dangerous man, Irvine, undertook to see that they should have a fair show, which again aroused the virtuous indignation of the 'first families;' and they declared that his mad career must be stopped. But, as on the former occasion, the weather was not favorable for spunk, and the talkers could not incite any to become doers. Irvine went ahead, and the negroes have been ascertained to be free. But right upon the heels of this came another affair, the worst of all. Some zealous patriots in Nebraska caught three fugitive slaves, among whom was the renowned Charles Fisher, Esq., and lodged them in the Oregon jail. They had not been there long, before the community was startled by the intelligence that the horrible fellow, Irvine, had been in the jail, and had an interview with the fugitives. How he got there, was a mystery. He could not have bribed the Sheriff, because that officer is above reproach. The only way in which he possibly could have got in, was to creep through the key-hole, which he might easily have done, as he weighs but little over 200 pounds! (We do not mean to insinuate that his weight had anything to do with keeping down said spunk, hereinbefore referred to!) But such a thing as a man having an interview, in jail, with fugitive slaves, was never heard of in all the country lying about the Blue Ridge, and on the head waters of the Rappahannock thereaway! But this was not all-- the affair was growing from bad to worse-- worse and more of it. It was ascertained that Irvine had deposited letters in the post office, directed to parties in Leavenworth. What could that mean? Any one with half an understanding could guess. He had written to some of the outlaws down there, who had aided in liberating Charley Fisher, to have them come up and assist in freeing him again! The 'first families' were furious. They would take the letters from the office and open them, and then they would attend to Irvine's bacon. But the Postmaster informed them of a little circumstance of which they had apparently been ignorant-- namely, that the letters were in his care, and he thought he should forward them as directed. They wisely concluded to keep hands off of the letters, and it so happened that the spunk came up missing again. So Irvine is still alive, and doing pretty much as he pleases.

"The result of the whole affair is, that some persons have made simpletons of themselves. Holt County is strongly free soil, but the people generally attend to their own business. They do not meddle with the n----s; but we opine that those persons would have a happy time of it, who should attempt violence against a man for expressing free soil sentiments, or for endeavoring to have justice done to all. The latitude is too high for such practices as compelling a man to sacrifice his property and leave the State, for attending a Republican Convention, as they do in Virginia; tarring and feathering a schoolmaster, for writing home in regard to some of the evils of slavery, as they do in Lexington, Kentucky; a mobbing a book-store, for keeping 'Uncle Tom's

1 I won't spell out this word, but the Kansas Chief did. MSE.
Cabin' for sale, as they do in Mobile, Alabama; driving a sick woman from the State, as they do in South Carolina; bullying a man, and compelling him to leave, for writing an account of a slave auction, as they do in Savannah, Georgia; mobbing and destroying a printing office, because the paper protests against Border Ruffianism, as they do in Parkville, Missouri; or attempting to run a man out, by raising the hue and cry of public opinion against him, for writing a letter to the Cincinnati Commercial, stating the fact that a majority of the people the County are in favor of free labor, as a certain editor in Holt County attempted to do, about a year since.

"We believe that the ring-leaders in the late excitement own no n---s, (not from lack of desire, but lack of means,) and their efforts to incite public opinion against Mr. Irvine were gratuitous, and failed in their object to propitiate the favor of slave owners-- in fact, we have heard slave-holders make more sport of their foolishness, than any one else. Those who got up the clamor, had not the nerve to carry out their object, but hoped to incite a mob to do it for them. Mr. Irvine is still pursuing the 'even tenor of his way;' and we hope he may continue to prosper, as long as he openly avows his sentiments, and fearlessly stands up for the right."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 12 May 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The new editors of the Holt County News announced, in their first issue, that they were determined not to meddle with political or sectional matters; and the following week, they recommended the lynching of Dr. Doy, for a political offence of which he has not even been found guilty. Here is a beautiful spectacle, indeed! Dr. Doy was kidnapped by Missourians, upon Kansas soil, for a crime which, we believe, it has never been charged that he perpetrated within the jurisdiction of the State of Missouri. He was lodged in the Platte County jail, and a mob proposed to take him out and hang him. But Judge Norton, a Southern man, a slave-holder, and a zealous Pro-Slavery partisan, shamed them out of it, and declared that if they did such a thing, it must be over his dead body. Doy was removed to St. Joseph, where he was tried before a jury of slaveholders, who refused to convict him-- a large majority of them being in favor of an acquittal. He was returned to jail, where he now remains, awaiting another trial, surrounded by slaveholders, and with perhaps scarcely a friend in the County. Yet, in the face of all these facts, a couple of young men from the free North, with particles of free soil yet sticking to their boots, coolly and courageously sit down and recommend that Dr. Doy be lynched! We like to see a right obsequious lick-spittle-- there is something about him that is noble, dignified, and pleasant to behold-- but this comes too near perfection. If the young men of the News persevere in their efforts to ingratiate themselves into the good graces of the slaveholders, they will deserve to have presented to them a plantation well stocked with n---s!"

The Topeka [KS] Tribune, 30 Jun 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The trial of Dr. John Doy, charged with stealing slaves from Missouri, was lately concluded at St. Joseph. The prisoner was found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labor for the term of five years. We have not been able to find in any of our exchanges the particulars of the trial, and cannot say what evidence was offered to establish his guilty. This is quite immaterial.-- The fact will be remembered that Dr. Doy was seized near Lawrence, not by an officer of the law armed with his writ, but by armed kidnappers who forcibly took him to Missouri. If Doy had committed a crime against the laws of Missouri and fled from the State, there was a way to reach him, without committing an offense worse than that with which Doy is charged. We had supposed that the time had come when the highest officers in the State of Missouri would not approve lawless and violent invasions of our Territory. We have been mistaken. Whilst we of Kansas have at last brought order and peace out of the anarchy and war that reigned here so long, our neighbor across the river will not lay down her arms, but seems resolved upon a policy of aggression upon our rights that must end in retaliation and war…."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 21 Jul 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"A negro trader named Wright, (probably the one who said such sharp things to Horace Greeley,) was murdered last week, near St. Joseph, by a negro whom he had bought in Gentry County, and was taking to St. Joseph, in a
buggy, to ship South. It is supposed that Wright had stooped to pull of his shoe and stocking to attend to a tetter on his foot, and that the negro, seeing a pistol protruding from his coat pocket, seized it and shot him. He had a large amount of money in his pocket, which was undisturbed. Wright, though engaged in a business which, we have been so often told, is detested in the Slave States, is yet represented as having been a respectable man. The negro only did what we presume Wright himself would have done until similar circumstances. A reward of $1,000 has been offered for the arrest of the murderer, and the entire country is in pursuit of him. He will probably be caught; and if so, will doubtless be punished in a summary manner."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 28 Jul 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The negro who killed Wright, the slave-dealer, a short time since, was caught last week, not many miles from where he had committed the murder-- he having apparently not made much effort to escape. He is now in the St. Joseph jail, awaiting his trial. There can be no doubt as to his fate."

The Topeka Tribune, 28 Jul 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"We learn from the Leavenworth Times of the 25th inst., that Dr. Doy, who has been confined in the jail of St. Joseph, Mo., for some time, was released on the morning of the 24th inst., about 2 o'clock. The Times gives a full account which we clip:--

"Saturday night was wild and stormy; Sunday morning opened with dark clouds above and a wet earth below.

"About 2 o'clock of that morning, the Jailor of the Buchanan County Jail, (St. Joseph,) heard a loud rapping at the door.

"'Who is there,' cried he, popping his head out of the window.

"'We are here,' said two voices, 'with a horse-thief. A mob is following us. We are officers from Andrew County and are here with our prisoner, to escape the fury of that mob, resolved to lynch and kill him for the many depredations committed by him. We have been riding all night; are drenched to the skin. Our prisoner is a desperate fellow and we are afraid of him and the mob. We want to put him in safe-keeping, and therefore ask that you keep him till morning, when we shall dispose of him.'

"The Jailor was moved with compassion-- although his sense of duty told him to resist the importunities of those outside, and he opened the Jail door and let the party up stairs, and to the door of the cell.

"The key being in the lock, the Jailor was shocked by the suddenly changed tone of the party from Andrew County.

"'We are here, sir,' said the leader, 'for one object. We have deceived you so far; but our object is there, and nothing else. Release him, or fall,' and a revolver was presented at his head.-- 'Our purpose is not to put a man in jail, but to release Dr. DOY!'

"The ready and irresistible [sic] argument offered to the jailor's breast, brought conviction and he let the rescuers have their own way.

"The cell door was opened by storm, and Dr. Doy taken out.

"The felons inside sought to escape also-- but they were forbid. The loaded pistol told them their fate. They yielded-- were forced back and locked up."
"The rescuers and rescued being ready to leave, the jailor was told 'that if he followed, made a sign or signal, or left the building within the next half hour, he would certainly die.'

"All was silent in the jail. The night was pitchy dark. A splash might have been heard on the Missouri, by an eaves-dropper, and then all was silent. The liberators and their captive were off.

"The half an hour having elapsed, the jailor proceeded to the Sheriff's residence. He aroused him, Jointly they went to the lower part of the city, where they struck an alarm and gathered a large crowd. To that crowd they told their woeful story.

"Pursuit was at once meditated, but not resorted to, in consequence of the fearful condition of the weather.

"Morning dawned. All St. Joseph was alive. The officials started and the rescuers of Doy were tracked to the bank of the Missouri. There the marks of a skiff were found. The cry was 'cross,' 'let us cross,' and a few passed over. There they got on the track of a carriage which they followed for a short distance, when they grew tired and gave up the chase, returning to the other side of Jordon [sic], or the Missouri, in no very enviable state of mind.

"The news spread over St. Joseph like wild-fire. Groups gathered at the corners, discussing the audacity of abolitionists. The excitement grew. At noon, yesterday, it ran high. An indignation meeting was to be held today, and a large reward has to be offered for the recapture of Dr. Doy. Summary measures, too, against the Free Democrat were spoken of.

"Of the rescuers or rescued, nothing had been heard, so that Dr. Doy is now free.

"Saturday was his last day. On Sunday or Monday he would have been taken to the Penitentiary, at Jefferson.

"The alledged [sic] horse-thief was covered with mud and water, and the melodrama was well acted throughout."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 11 Aug 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The St. Joseph Journal records the death of Hiram Gilmore Eaton, of that city, aged 45 years. Wonder if it is the same H. G. Eaton, whose amiable and accommodating spouse rendered our place so interesting, about a year and a half since!"

The Topeka Tribune, 17 Sep 1859, Saturday, p. 2

"Four prisoners made their escape from the jail at St. Joseph, Mo., on the night of the 12th inst., among whom was the negro committed for the murder of Mr. Wright. At last accounts but one had been retaken."

The Topeka Tribune, 15 Oct 1859, Saturday, p. 2

"A case of elopement and desertion occurred in St. Joseph during the last week. A husband deserted his wife and eloped with a young lady of humble parentage, but remarkable [sic] beauty."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 20 Oct 1859, Thursday, p. 2

"The negro murderer of Wright, the slave-dealer, has been again caught, and lodged in the St. Joseph Jail."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 10 Nov 1859, Thursday, p. 2
"John Calhoun.— This individual, so notorious all over the country, breathed his last at St. Joseph, on the 12th.

"Death evokes silence!

"None of us feel vindictive as we stand over the grave of our bitterest foe-- all of us are willing, then, to forget and to forgive.

"We cannot praise the dead. He was, if not a tyrant, yet an instrument of tyranny. Still as he sleeps, we will not hurl against his name epithets which rise instinctively wherever it is or shall be pronounced among the Freemen of Kansas.

"He has gone to his long home! He has gone where one Judge will be just!

--Leav. Times."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 22 Mar 1860, Thursday, p. 2

"Major John H. Likens, of the firm of Likens & Boyd, of St. Joseph, died in that city, on Tuesday evening of last week."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 5 Jul 1860, Thursday, p. 2

"The deck of the Omaha, on her upward trip, last week, was crowded with Mormons; and we learned that the small pox was among them to a considerable extent, and that several had died after leaving St. Joseph. An attempt was made to keep these facts dark, but it did not succeed. A large number were left in St. Joseph, with the disease. They were kept in a camp, beyond the city limits. Rather than run the risk of deterring a few persons from taking passage on the boat, the officers would hide the fact of the small pox being on board, and thus endanger the lives of the hundreds of persons who flock to the steamboats at every landing."

*The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent*, 3 Oct 1860, Wednesday, p. 2

"A short time since, a Mr. Hatcher went to St. Joseph, from Kansas, taking with him a negro woman whom he tried to sell. She insisted that she was free, and had been decoyed to St. Joseph under false pretenses. Hatcher was arrested, tried before Judge Woodson, and his guilt clearly proven. He has just been sentenced to the penitentiary for eighteen years. This is a severe punishment, but probably a just one. We are glad to see that the people of our neighboring State are disposed to deal with such offenders according to their just deserts. -- Leav. Times."

*The Commercial Gazette [Kansas City, KS]*, 3 Nov 1860, Saturday, p. 1

"A man by the name of John Goodin was arrested near St. Joseph, for the double offence of kidnapping and murder, a short time since. He decoyed from Galena, Ill., three negroes, one of them a man by the name of Jerry Boyd, on pretence [sic] of taking them to better situations in Iowa. On the third day after leaving, he murdered Jerry Boyd. The murderer was arrested about fourteen miles south of St. Joseph, at Mr. Baker's, the grandfather of his wife. Two gentlemen from Galena pursued them, and succeeded in recovering the living negroes and capturing the murderer. They started for Galena on Monday, on the 4 o'clock P.M. train. He was pursued by a large body of men, who esteemed him a horse thief as well as a murderer, as far as Cameron Station. It was with great difficulty they were restrained from committing violence. About four o'clock yesterday morning he went into the saloon or privy of the car, and hoisting the window, quietly jumped to the platform, and made his escape about forty miles west of this place, or near Shelbina. He was seen but a few moments before his escape, and was missed a few moments afterwards. He was handcuffed, and had a chain upon his feet, both of
which he succeeded in removing before he escaped. The different officers between here and St. Joseph have been telegraphed, and by prompt exertion he may be recaptured.

"The murderer is about five feet nine inches high, heavy set, with sandy hair and whiskers. He resides, when at home, about six miles from Cameron Station, on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, where he has a wife. His accomplice, who is his father-in-law, is now in jail in St. Joseph. These particulars were given to us by the gentlemen who had him in charge.-- Hanibal [sic] Messenger."

Wyandotte Commercial Gazette, [Kansas City, KS], 25 May 1861, p. 2

"Information was brought to town yesterday, of a fight at Savannah, Missouri, (a little town some fifteen miles above St. Joseph,) between secessionists and Union men.

"The facts in the case, as near as we are able to ascertain, are substantially as follows:

"Gov. Stewart had publicly given notice that he would deliver a Union speech in Savannah, on Wednesday and accordingly on that day left St. Joseph, in company with a number of citizens. Meanwhile the secessionists improved the occasion to muster the rebel forces, and when the Governor appeared, were overwhelming in the majority. When Mr. Stewart attempted to speak, the secessionists commenced to assault the Union men, and a general melee ensued, in which two secessionists were made to bite the dust, while one noble, patriotic Union man was sent to another world.

"Something should be done at once to prevent this wholesale attempt to exile and murder our Union brethren [sic] in Missouri. Leav. Times, 24th."

The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent, 5 Jun 1861, Wednesday, p. 2

"A servant girl named Helen Anderson, was burned to death, at St. Joseph, a few days since. In order to facilitate the kindling of a fire, she commenced pouring camphene on the wood. The can contained about three quarts of the fluid, and unfortunately there were a few coals left in the stove. The coals ignited the camphene, exploded the can, and instantly enveloped the poor girl in flames. The fire was not smothered until she had been horrible burned. She lived, in intense agony, for five or six hours after the accident, when death relieved her of her sufferings.-- Leavenworth Times."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 11 Jul 1861, Thursday, p. 2

"We hear it reported that a detachment of soldiers from St. Joseph proceeded, last week, to Maryville, in Nodaway County, and made an extensive capture of traitors, among whom were the Sheriff of the County, and all the prominent secessionists, who were engaged in enforcing the Military Bill. It is rumored that several refractory ones were killed at Brownville, in that County. We hope it is true, and that the soldiers will next pay their respects to Holt County, where the Sheriff and his fellow scoundrels are at the same work. There is likewise a large lot of 'swamp angels' up in Rush Bottom, who are spoiling to be 'trotted through on the fast line.'"

The Olathe [KS] Mirror, 8 Aug 1861, Thursday, p. 2

"At St. Joseph, 15 sentinel have been assasinated [sic] by the [Southern] traitors, while on guard at night. These murdered creept [sic] up to within shooting distance, fire at the weary sentinel, and run. This is a new way of whipping the North. This is Southern chivalry in full."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 24 Oct 1861, Thursday, p. 2
"A. B. Mullins, of Oregon, ex-mail-contractor, has got himself into a pickle. Not long since, an individual passed through Holt and the adjoining Counties, purchasing miles, which he said were for the Santa Fe trade. Mullins engaged to take a portion of them to some point below, but it leaked out that the mules were intended for the Southern army, whereupon they were seized and confiscated, and Mullins kept as a prisoner. He is now in limbo, in St. Joseph. Let him 'soft-soap' Col. Smith, and it will be all right."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 7 Nov 1861, Thursday, p. 2

"Howard T. Combs, of Oregon, Holt County, is raising a company for six months service. Having spent four years at the Kentucky Military Institute, he is well qualified to take command, and should have no trouble in forming a splendid company. Mr. Combs is the son of Gen. Leslie Combs, the companion and friend of Clay and Crittenden, and one of the noblest patriots of old Kentucky.

"Holt Count has many good and brave Union men within its boundaries. Now is the time to show their colors. Let them rally around Howard Combs; they will have a leader as gallant as ever drew a sword in defence [sic] of his country's honor and a people's liberty-- *St. Joe Journal.*"

*Wyandotte Commercial Gazette*, [Kansas City, KS], 15 Feb 1862, Saturday, p. 2

"On Tuesday last, four slaves belonging to persons in Missouri, who live somewhere near St. Joseph, passed through town, all mounted on splendid horses which they had evidently stolen from their masters. When asked as to their destination, they said they were 'bound for Leavenworth and general Lane's army,' They were all young, athletic negroes.-- *Atchison Union.*"

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 20 Feb 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"We learn that two men, in Holt county, Mo., were shot, a few nights ago, in mistake for jayhawkers. One of the men named Smith has since died. Six of those concerned in the affair have been arrested and carried to St. Joseph."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 27 Mar 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"Blakely, Jasper, and other traitors, who were confined in the St. Joseph jail, for murdering a Union man in Holt County, made their escape, the other night, and are now at large. What sort of a hole is that jail, and what kind of a guard have they, that prisoners are continually escaping? Had those scoundrels been hung, as they deserved, they would have been past escaping."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 27 Mar 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"We understand that Doctor France, Wm. Cargill, John Cargill, James Carbery and several others from this city, were killed at the battle of Pea Ridge. This is said to be reliable, but we do not publish it as anything but a rumor.

"There is probably no doubt that Dr. France and one of the Cargill boys were killed. We shall soon give an accurate list of the killed, on the rebel side, from this vicinity."-- *St. Jo. Herald.*"

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 27 Mar 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"Dr. I. V. Hardy, a traitor Druggist of St. Joseph, failing to give the required bonds, was ordered to leave. Collecting a number of mules belonging to him, he started for Nebraska City, through Kansas. On the first night out, his mules were all jayhawked, in this County, and we are informed that his money was even taken from him. Don't pity him. But when traitors are no longer allowed to pollute the semi-secession soil of Missouri, shall they be permitted to seek refuge in patriotic Kansas and Nebraska?"
"We learn that two or three days ago, several villains late from Price's army were arrested on the Nodaway, east of Oregon, and were being conducted to St. Joseph. On the road a halt was made, and the guard put their guns out of their hands, when by some means the prisoners got hold of them, knocked one of the guard down, shot another dead, and mortally wounded the third, and made their escape. They are still at large. The Union man who was killed, we understand, was named Bowers; and one of the prisoners (perhaps two) was a Bramble."

"On Friday night a party of outlaws crossed the river from Kansas, surrounded a Mr. Jackson's house, situated at a place called Breckenridge about ten miles above this city, and took him out of his bed and shot him. We did not learn the cause of the diabolical deed. St. Joseph Gazette."

"Some few days since, a man named Brumley, living on Wolf River, in this County, went to St. Joseph and disposed of some stock, receiving a considerable sum of money therefor. The night of his return home, his house was visited by four secession ruffians, formerly of this County, who had followed him from St. Joseph. They dragged him out of his house, hung him, kicked him in the head, and went off, leaving him for dead. His wife went out and cut him down, and he has since recovered. The ruffians took a portion of his money--the greater part, which was in gold, he had put in a safe place before the ruffians came.

"We learn that Brumley recognized the four villains [sic] as traitors who were last Summer driven out of this County, from the vicinity of Troy, vis: G. L. Gilham, Bill Neil, one Marcum, and the fourth whose name we did not learn. Gilham was arrested at St. Joseph, but Gen. Loan, instead of hanging him, has admitted him to bail, and he is now at large. Neil and the others have not been caught."

"In the St. Joseph Herald we find the proceedings of a coroner's inquest over the body of Ike,' a slave owned by George Young, Sen., who lives about six miles south of St. Joe. The murder was committed on the 1st of May; on the 11th the body was dug up and the inquest held. The slave had been to Kansas, was taken back and shot. The following is the verdict of the jury:

"'From the evidence in the case we do find that said colored man Ike came to his death from shots fired from arms supposed to have been in the hands of George Young, Jr.'

"The murderer has gone to Arkansas and is probably in the rebel army by this time.

"The above has a moral: let kidnappers be served in the same way. Brutes must be treated in a brutal manner.--Conservative"

"We leave since the above was in type that the murderer has been seen in Platte county, Mo."
this city, and two Hart boys, of Bloomington in this county, are also prisoners in Springfield. The 'mis-
impressed' are getting pressed into close quarters.-- *St. Joseph Herald.*

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 29 May 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"... we commence by publishing a confession made by Joseph H. Jolly, at St. Joseph, who had been captured on a Jayhawking expedition, a few weeks ago. ...

"Said Joseph H. Jolly lives two miles southeast of Iowa Point. Jolly and the following named persons' occupation was Jayhawking in Missouri, to-wit: Joseph Anderson, Rush Island; Harkness, Rush Island; Burdick, Iowa Point; 'Lum. Parker, White Cloud; Wm. Herring, White Cloud; Wash. Burkhart, Iowa Point; Thomas Devault, Iowa Point. Jolly crossed the river at Amizonia [sic], in company with ten men, headed by Harkness and Phillips. Said party was coming to Missouri for the purpose of stealing or Jayhawking negroes, horses, wagons and harness. Said company staid all night at Jolly's house, on their way to Missouri for the purpose of jayhawking, and asked Jolly to go with them. He agreed to go with them if he could Jayhawk a set of harness in Missouri, and then Jolly agreed to go and get them. They came to the Missouri river after dark, took the ferry boat and crossed the river to the Missouri side. Said company were piloted by three negroes, a yellow boy Sam., belonging to James Howell, of Andrew County, Mo., a black boy Al, belonging to the widow Mackey, Andrew County, Mo. The other boy Jolly did not know. Three were Charley Phillips, Harkness and Joe. Anderson, of Rush Island, and Burkhart of Iowa Point. The rest of said company's names he did not know. The negroes were to show them where to find stock, and then the white men were to assist the negroes in getting away their families into Kansas. Said company were all well armed. He heard the boy Sam. swear that his wife had been carried off South, and he would kill his master for it. The company then went to a house near by and took two horses and two saddles. They then sent two white men, Jolly and another, with the boy Al., to the house for the purpose of getting the boy's wife and a wagon and team. They called the man out of his house and drew their guns on him. Jolly then left, for fear of murder being done. After he got over the fence he heard the report of several guns and men hollowing [sic]. He does not know whether the man was killed or not. He does not know whether the negro got his wife or not, but the negro got a horse and side saddle for his wife, which they had taken from the other house with him for that purpose. Jolly then secreted himself in the woods and slept until morning. He says that the man, at whose house the guns were fired, was named Jackson. Jolly rode one of the horses that was taken at Culp's to Jackson's. He left the horse tied to the fence at the house. Jolly says that there is a rendezvous near Hiawatha, Brown County, Kansas. He has seen a great many horses coming there this Winter. Jolly thinks that Phillips or Harkness has control of the party.

"Said Jolly acknowledged the above confession to be true, in the presence of Gen. Loan and Captain Byrne."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 12 Jun 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"The other day we received the following startling command, written in pencil, on a scrap of greasy, bluish paper, just four inches square, by actual measurement:

"'June 5 1862

"'Mr Sol Miller Sir Stop your paper I don't Wont it any Longer.

"'J H Jolly'

"With all due deference to Jolly, we shall have to decline his polite request and continue the publication of our paper-- for you see, Jolly, we have several other subscribers besides yourself, and they might be disappointed if we should 'stop our paper.' Then, we are not around obeying the commands of every thief in the country. But if all our subscribers were like Jolly, the paper would have stopped long ago, without any commands to that effect. The fact is, Jolly got caught in a bad scrape--politely termed jayhawking, but properly called stealing. He was
taken to St. Joseph, where, in order to get clear, he acted the part of the meanest man among mean men, by turning State's evidence, and 'peaching' on his confederates. His confession was published, and we saw proper to copy it. Because Jilly acknowledged himself to be a felon, he gets wolfish at us, and orders us to 'stop our paper!' We only hope that all other thieves will follow his example, if we are so unfortunate as to have the names of any more such on our books. But, Jolly, you forgot one little, unimportant matter. You have never paid us a red [cent], and you account for subscription foots up $3.75, which we should like to feel in our pocket. When you go over into Missouri again, to 'jayhawk a set of harness from a Secesh,' couldn't you Jayhawk $3.75 to pay us? We are bound to have our pay, Jolly, sooner or later, in some shape or other, and you may as well fork over at once, and be done with it. We have a long memory, Jolly, and are a faithful watcher, and mean to keep a look-out for that little account. Just $3.75, Jolly."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 26 Jun 1862, Thursday, p. 2

"M. S. Modie and Terrill Jasper, of Forest City, and two fellows at Fillmore, Andrew County, Missouri, were arrested by the troops, last week, and taken to St. Joseph. We have not learned upon what charges they were arrested, but we presume it was for kidnapping. Let all kidnappers be similarly attended to."

The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent, 2 Aug 1862, Saturday, p. 2

Ex-Governor Stewart, of Mo., while on his way from St. Joseph to Savannah to address a meeting, was halted at a place called Jimtown, six miles from St. Jo., by a couple of villains, who demanded his name, suffered him to pass, then calling him a d---n'd abolitionist, shot at him, the ball passing through his hat and cutting off a lock of hair. He escaped safely."

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 4 Sep 1862, Thursday, p. 2

Died. At their residence, three miles south of White Cloud, August 26th, 1862, Margaret Ella, daughter of Dawson and Sally Ann Arnold, aged 4 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

(St. Joseph papers please copy.)"

The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent, 27 Sep 1862, Saturday, p. 2

"A German named Fritstin, a brewer of St. Joseph, was murdered in cold blood, it is said without any provocation, by one John Young, a desperado, at Wathena, Doniphan county. A mob was about to hang Young, but he was taken to the jail of St. Jo."  

The Big Blue Union [Marysville, KS], 5 Dec 1863, Saturday, p. 2

"Last Saturday a soldier, under guard at St. Joseph, was detailed to dig a grave. While digging he got into a quarrel with the guard, was shot and fell dead in the grave he was digging." 

The Daily Kansas Tribune [Lawrence, KS], 13 Jan 1864, p. 2

"We learned last evening from Mr. Cook, the telegraph operator at this place, that a terrible accident occurred yesterday on the Hannibal and St. Jo. Railroad near St. Joseph. A train was approaching that place, when it was thrown from the track, and every passenger either killed or wounded. We shall give further particulars to-morrow."

Wyandotte Commercial Gazette, [Kansas City, Kan.], 26 Mar 1864, Saturday, p. 3
Rev. Jacob Feisel, of this city, who has long been a prominent preacher among the German Methodists, and for several years a Presiding Elder, is about to remove to St. Joseph, Mo., by appointment of the late M. E. Conference held at Leavenworth. The people of this county will be sorry to lose so good a citizen."

_The Daily Kansas Tribune_ [Lawrence, KS], 2 Apr 1864, Saturday, p. 2

"Death of Kit Williams. Our citizens will be interested in learning that one of the Quantrell gang who burned Lawrence, is now under arrest at St. Joseph, Mo. We trust he will be dealt with as justice demands and meet the merited punishment that black-hearted crimes call for."

_White Cloud Kansas Chief_, 21 Apr 1864, Thursday, p. 2

"A man named Haggart, a carrier in the employ of the U.S. Express Company, at St. Joseph, absconded, on Monday, with a package containing $26,000, and several smaller packages, amounting to about $1,000. Detectives are after him in every direction, and he is almost certain to be nabbed."

_The Daily Kansas Tribune_ [Lawrence, KS], 23 Apr 1864, Saturday, p. 3

"Yesterday, Capt. Cracklin, our efficient City Marshal, arrested Mr. Haggard, the man who stole the $27,000 from the express company at St. Joseph the other day. He was detected from the description given. He was stopping at the Pickens House, apparently taking his ease, but the Captain thought it would look better in these days of frauds, to not be quite so public, and gave him a room in the house on the bank of the river, kept by Sheriff Ogden, where he will have time to ruminate on the folly of his way, and speculate on the uncertainty of all worldly things, and money in particular."

_White Cloud Kansas Chief_, 28 Apr 1864, Thursday, p. 2

"Oregon, Holt County, Missouri.

"This 18th day of April, A.D. 1864, appeared before me, an _ex officio_ Justice of the Peace, Mr. Andrew Farmer, a member of Company E., 25th Reg. U.S.V., who testified under oath, as follows:

"I went to Oregon, Holt County, Missouri, on the 22d of March last. After entering town, I was taken by three men of Capt. Hunter's Company, to E. Van Buskirk's office. There I was sworn to tell if I knew anything of a band of horse-thieves. I said I did not. Then they asked me if Van Bebber did not belong to a band of horse-thieves. I said, 'I don't know.' 'Don't you know that Christ. Cook is a horse-thief?' I said, 'I don't know that he is a horse-thief.' After E. Van Buskirk got through with questioning me, the soldiers marched me to their quarters. About 10 o'clock, P.M., seven or eight soldiers, among them Elijah Nephlin, a Sergeant of Hunter's Company, marched me down into a hollow, with one other man, whom the soldiers said was a horse-thief. They said to the other one: 'We know you are a horse-thief, for we caught you with Mr. Coy's horse;' then saying to him: 'Now we give you fifteen minutes to make your peace with your God, and to confess how many horses you stole.' He said he had never stolen one. They disputed his word, calling him a liar, etc. Then they said, 'Now we give you two minutes more to live;' and after that time, the seven or eight soldiers stood before him and fired with their revolvers at him; the same moment he fell at my feet, and struggled like a dying man. Then the soldiers told me: 'Now we give you five minutes time to confess to how many horses you stole.' I told them that I never stole anything, but that they had the power over me, and could shoot me. Then they took the blindfold off of my eyes, and told me, 'If you should ever tell the way we have treated you, we will shoot you all to pieces.' Then they marched me back to their quarters, kept me there two days, and took
me to St. Joseph. There I was imprisoned for eighteen days, and was then set at liberty. There were no charges preferred against me by any one, that I know of.

"(Signed:) Andrew-- his mark-- Farmer

"Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 18th day of April, 1864. William Hawkins, Mayor, and ex officio Justice of the Peace.

[Note:-- Perhaps it never occurred to Mr. Farmer that those soldiers might have been 'playing off' on him, with the aid of an accomplice, in that shooting affair, in order to frighten him into making some confession.-- Printer.]

White Cloud Kansas Chief, 5 May 1864, Thursday, p. 3

"There is a flow of kindness in Old Abe's composition which all like, and yet which does not always work for the benefit of the service. We may notice this trait in the abstract of the military trials and sentences published in the St. Louis Republican for the Missouri Department.

"Eleven persons were sentenced to death. Ten of them were rebels-- acted as spies and aiders of guerrillas. One of them, we believe, was active in the Lawrence massacre. The eleventh case is that of the Colorado soldier who murdered Capt. Charles Mast, at St. Joseph.

"The sentences of ten [including the murderer of Mast] are commuted to imprisonments for long terms at Alton...."

The Big Blue Union, [Marysville, KS], 28 May 1864, Saturday, p. 3

"A report is also in circulation stating that Mr. Sherman Hurd, of this county, died a few days ago at St. Joseph."

The Daily Kansas Tribune, [Lawrence, KS], 14 Aug 1864, Sunday, p. 2

"The following has been received by Mayor Penick, from Fort Kearney, which he has allowed us to copy. Mr. Sellings is a citizen of this place, as well as those who were with him, and we will await further news concerning this matter with no little interest:

"Fort Kearney, Aug. 10

"Mayor Penick: Henry Sillings and party, six in numbers, were all killed by the Indians, near Thirty-two Mile Creek, Sunday last.

"Geo. M. Lloyd

"-- St. Jo. Herald."

The Daily Kansas Tribune, [Lawrence, KS], 14 Sep 1864, Wednesday, p. 2

"A bushwhacker named A. J. Bowyer, of Linn, was hung at St. Joseph on Friday. He made a written confession of his crimes. Justice is beginning to be dealt out to these fellows with a strong hand."

The Daily Kansas Tribune, [Lawrence, KS], 23 Dec 1864, Friday, p. 1
"Three bushwhackers, John P. Holland, John H. Utz, and Henry W. Highsmith, now in the military prison in St. Joseph, have been found guilty of belonging to Thornton's band of guerrillas, and bushwhacking, and have been sentenced to be executed next Friday, the 23d."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief, 16 Mar 1865, Thursday, p. 2*

"Col. John Scott, a prominent lawyer and politician, of St. Joseph, died in that city, last week. He was one of those Missouri politicians, who belonged to the Union party and sympathized with the rebels. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he visited the South, to ascertain the real feeling of the masses on the great question. Returning home, he reported that the people were unanimously for secession, and would never yield. This settled the status of hundreds of persons, who had not yet forsaken the Union cause, but were waiting for his report to decide permanently for one side or the other. In short, he was one of that miserable class of Conservatives, who were for a long time a curse to Missouri, are still a curse to Kentucky, and who have damaged the Union cause more than the rebels in arms against it."

*The Daily Kansas Tribune, [Lawrence, KS], 17 Mar 1865, Friday, p. 2*

"Married. In Lawrence, Thursday evening, March 16, 1865, by Rev. W. H. Fisher, at the home of the bride, Mr. T. J. Jordan and Mrs. Pamelia Davis, all of Lawrence.

"St. Joseph Herald and Emporia News please copy."

*The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion, 7 Jul 1865, Friday, p. 3*

"The St. Joseph Herald states that Michael O'Shea, a little son of Michael J. O'Shea, was drowned on the 5th ult., while swimming in the river, just below Messina [sic] street. Efforts were made to raise the body by firing cannon, but without avail.

"The father will pay a liberal reward for the recovery of the body. Any information obtained of it should be sent to him, at St. Joseph. Any persons finding the body will confer a favor on the bereaved parents, by sending immediate notice."

*The Daily Kansas Tribune, [Lawrence, KS], 10 Oct 1865, Tuesday, p. 2*

"Yesterday morning a young man, with a terrible gash in his head, evidently inflicted with a hatchet, was found lying some distance above the old Robidoux block, near the river. He was without clothing, except a shirt. We are informed that he recently belonged to the 9th Cavalry M.S.M., and is of a somewhat reckless and dissipated character. At last accounts consciousness had not returned, and his recovery is deemed extremely doubtful. A colored man was found last night wearing the suit of clothes belonging to the injured man, and arrested as the probably criminal.-- *St. Joseph Herald*, 6th."

*The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion, 24 Oct 1865, Tuesday, p. 3*

"The Weston Border Times of the 20th says that on Saturday last, while coupling cars at the depot in this city, Mr. John Brouder, conductor of construction train on the W., A. & St. Jo. Railroad, was caught between the cars and seriously injured in the breast, arm and shoulder. We learn from those present that his escape from a horrid death was miraculous. He was removed to the boarding house of Mrs. Abbott, on Main street, and thence on Sunday last, to his home in St. Joseph, where he now lies in a state of great bodily suffering."

*The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent, 28 Oct 1865, Saturday, p. 2*
"At Macon city a terrible accident happened yesterday morning, by which a woman was instantly killed and two of her children shockingly mangled. It seems the lady and four children were designing to take the cars to some point, and started out early in the morning. A shower of rain coming up the two little girls took shelter under a freight car, standing alone on the track. Presently an engine came round a curve of the road after the car. The mother attempted to rescue her children, but was thrown down, and the car ran over her head crushing it. The two little girls under the car, aged respectively about 4 and 2 years, had their legs cut off, so that amputation at the thighs became necessary. The youngest appeared to be nearly dead when we saw them, and the eldest could hardly live. It was a terrible sight! -- the mother in the coffin, and the two innocent and pretty children so shockingly mangled! Every kindness was shown the unfortunates by the citizens. The lady was a stranger there, but it was thought her name was McEntire, and that she had formerly resided in St. Joseph. The infant she held in her arms fell between the ties and escapes unhurt. The eldest, a boy, received no hard except a scratch or two on the face. Some home is made sad and desolate by this fatal accident. One or two other stories were afloat, but the foregoing seems the most probable. Railroad accidents are of alarming frequency, and should be investigated. No blame is ascribed to the engineer in this instance, so far as we could learn."


"The St. Joseph Herald of the 12th contains the following account of a diabolical murder perpetrated near that city:

"Jacob Kuhn, an industrious, quiet and hardworking German, has for some time resided as a tenant on the farm of Mr. Roberts, four miles from the city, on the road to Corby's Mills. On Thursday evening last he came into the city with a load of wood; disposed of it in the North end of town, and started home. The house is situated on a by-road, perhaps forty rods from the main road. On this by-road within a very short distance of his home, he was murdered and robbed. He was expected home Thursday evening, but not arriving, it was presumed he had failed to sell his wood, and had been compelled to remain over night. Friday and Friday night passed, and yesterday morning his wife became anxious in regard to him. She started up to where he had obtained his load of wood, and in the road at the place before alluded to, discovered the dead body stretched across the road, and a number of hogs tearing at it. She placed her children to guard the remains and proceeded to call her nearest neighbors. On arriving at the spot, the team was discovered three of four rods distant in the brush, where they had evidently been driven by the murderer.

"The Coroner was sent for, who summoned a jury from this city, and assisted by Justice Lyon and Constable Rhode, an inquest was held. Upon examination it was found that Mr. Kuhn had been foully murdered and robbed. In hauling his wood to the city, he had taken an axe with him. -- This axe was lying at his side covered with blood and hair, and he had received several strokes on the head, crushing his skull. It is presumed that the murderer must have been lying in wait, and as the victim came along must have jumped upon the wagon, seized the axe and committed the terrible deed. The verdict of the jury was, that he had come to his death by blows dealt with an axe, in the hands of some person, unknown. The corpse is said to have presented a horrible sight -- mangled and torn as it was.

"The victim leaves a wife and family in poor circumstances. Mrs. Kuhn states that when her husband left home he took with him about $75,00 [sic], and he is supposed to have been robbed of this amount, besides what he obtained for his wood.

"It is one of the most cold-blooded murders we have chronicled in many a day, and it is to be hoped the perpetrator will be speedily brought to justice. Suspicion rests upon a party, but we are requested to refrain from saying anything further at present, until there are more developments."

*The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent*, 30 Dec 1865, Saturday, p. 2
"Two negroes were recently arrested and tried for murder in St. Joseph, Mo. One of them confessed to the killing of a Mr. Lahr for his money--his companion did most of the bloody work, and told him he had killed another man by the name of Kuhn before. The citizens were about to lynch the murderers, but the constable drew his revolver, and resolutely conveyed them back to jail."

*Wyandotte Commercial Gazette*, Kansas City, KS, 20 Jan 1866, Saturday, p. 2

"The St. Joe Union, of the 13th, learns from a couple of gentlemen who passed through Fillmore, Andrew county, last Thursday afternoon, that a terrible encounter [sic] had come off in that locality during the day, the particulars of which are as follows: It appears that four discharged soldiers were riding along, when they were attacked by ten returning rebels on account of political differences, and finding the rebels too heavy for them, dismounted, made breastworks of their horses, and using their pistols to good effect, killed four of the attacking party, when the rebels fled. The soldiers pursued, and it was not known in Fillmore whether they had killed any more or not."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 17 Oct 1867, Thursday, p. 2

"Under the head of 'Deaths,' the St. Joseph Herald published the following:

"'In this city, by the Rev. B. B. Parsons, D. D., on the 23d ult., Mr. John Weaver and Miss Josephine C. Robbins, both of Andrew County, Mo.'

"We hope it didn't hurt them much."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 24 Feb 1871, Friday, p. 2

"From the St. Joseph Gazette, Feb. 22.

"On Friday last a serious shooting affair occurred at a saloon near Howards Mill, in Nodaway County. Ferdinand Beiler, a German, was seated in a saloon, when a man named John Helfland, who had been drinking for some time, entered. Helfland had, it seems, been threatening to kill a man residing in the neighborhood, and when he came into the building, he took a look around, and seeing no one there but Beiler, deliberately raising his pistol, took aim at the latter, and fired. The ball struck Beiler on the left side of the neck, passing through and downward, and lodged in the shoulder blade. Dr. S. M. Dunn was immediately summoned, and succeeded in extracting the ball; but at last accounts the wounded man was lying in a critical condition.

"Helfland immediately fled, and took the train for St. Joseph. A warrant was issued by Justice Schenck for his arrest, but at last accounts he was still at large."

*White Cloud Kansas Chief*, 4 May 1871, Thursday, p. 2

"Bob Markland was married, the other day, over at Fillmore, Mo., by Rev. H. G. Bread, to Miss Carrie Bean. Bob asked for Rev. Bread, and he gave him a Bean."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 25 Aug 1871, Friday, p. 4

"A man by the name of John C. Foster, of Cainsville, Harrison County, Missouri, was poisoned in St. Joseph, on Monday of this week, and died a few minutes after swallowing the dose. It seems that he was driving a team, and at Amazonia met a stranger, whose name is supposed to be Doyle, who wished to ride to St. Joseph with him, stating that he had been waiting some time for a chance, and that he would pay him when he arrived there. On the way down he was repeatedly asked by his companion to drink, but refused until he reached the city, when he partook of a glass of beer. He noticed that it had rather a peculiar sweetish taste, but thought nothing
of it at the time. Soon after drinking the beer, however, he discovered that he was poisoned, and in about forty minutes thereafter he died in great agony. The murderer made his escape.

"The following is his description: Apparently about 30 years old, heavy set, about five feet ten inches high; he wore a white shirt and gray pants, and had on a cap. In a small hand trunk in the wagon, among the other things, was found the discharge of a soldier named Patrick Doyle, aged 27 years, the description of whom answers exactly to that of the prisoner [sic, poisoner]."


"St. Joseph, June 29.-- At 3 o'clock this afternoon, while the workmen on the bridge were preparing a caisson to the pivot pier, a portion of the support gave way, precipitating five men into the river. Four of the men were rescued, but one was drowned. The deceased was 45 years of age, from Leavenworth, and named J. C. Lee.

"At Amazonia, Andrew county, a fight occurred this afternoon between two men, one of whom, named Willits, was shot, it is supposed fatally."

*Atchison [KS] Daily Patriot*, 7 Sep 1872, Saturday, p. 4

"A shooting affair took place near Hopkins, Andrew county [sic], Mo., Thursday night last, the particulars of which are as follows:

"A young man who has been working on a farm in Iowa the summer, fell in love with a young daughter of Mr. Bridgman, who resides one mile south of Hopkins. As his daughter was not of age, Mr. Bridgeman refused his consent; but paying no attention to this, on Sunday evening the lover came with a team, took the girl and started off. Bridgman followed on horseback and tried to stop the runaways, but with no avail. He then pulled his revolver, in which the lover followed suit, and compliments were exchanged three or four times, resulting in Mr. Bridgman having one finger shot off and his horse slightly wounded; nothing happening to the other side. The pursuit thus being stopped, the lovers proceeded on their way to Lincoln, where they were married."

*The Atchison [KS] Daily Champion*, 10 Sep 1872, Tuesday, p. 4

"Mrs. Georgianna Book, wife of Jacob Book, of Amazonia, Mo., formerly of Atchison, died at Amazonia on the 6th inst. She leaves her devoted husband and three little children to mourn her loss. The parents lost a little daughter about a week before the death of the mother.

*The Atchison [KS] Daily Patriot*, 20 Feb 1873, Thursday, p. 4

"Married.-- On the 20th inst., by the Rev. L. A. Alderson, at the residence of Mr. Benedict in this city, Mr. John W. Snapp and Miss Lizzie A. Groves, both of Nodaway county, Missouri."

*Atchison [KS] Daily Patriot*, 18 Jul 1873, Friday, p. 1

"St. Joseph, July 17.-- The police of this city are on the hunt of a man named Amos Devlin, charged with having committed a rape on a young lady in Andrew county a few days since. Devlin is of medium hight [sic], stoutly built, hair cropped close and very heavy mustache."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 20 Jul 1873, Sunday, p. 4

"St. Joseph. A few nights ago, a man named Amos Devlin, had enticed a young lady into a forest near her home in Andrew county and ravished her. The young lady did not return home in due time, and a search was instituted. After several hours' search she was found near the scene of the dastardly outrage in an insensible
condition. She was conveyed to her home, proper restoratives applied, and at last accounts was doing well.--*Herald.*


"St. Joseph, Oct. 22.-- A man named Wm. Lewis was shot by his brother-in-law, Henry Veale at Union Star, Andrew county, last Saturday afternoon.-- The latter is a well known merchant at that place. There had long been ill feeling between the two men, and Saturday they had some words, but finally separated. Toward evening Veale closed his store and started home. Overtaking Lewis he drew his revolver and shot him in the head. Physicians say he cannot recover."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 14 Jul 1874, Tuesday, p. 1

St. Joe, July 13.-- David Brown, keeper of a billiard hall and saloon in this city, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. He came here from Leavenworth a few months ago. Domestic trouble is supposed to be the cause of the rash act.

"[St. Joe] Mrs. P. B. Allison, wife of an ex-policeman of this city, while out walking with her husband about 6 o'clock last evening, dropped dead on the sidewalk."

*The Weekly Kansas Chief*, [Troy, KS], 28 Dec 1876, Thursday, p. 3

"We learn that Mrs. Martha Owens, formerly of this vicinity, mother-in-law of Thomas Henshall, is lying so seriously afflicted with rheumatism, at the residence of her son, in Andrew County, Mo., that her life is despaired of."

*The Weekly Kansas Chief*, [Troy, KS], 16 Aug 1877, Thursday, p. 3

"A man named Belshire, living south of Filmore [sic], Andrew County, Mo., was in town, Friday and Saturday, and related a bloody affair as having occurred near Forbes, Holt County, last Thursday. The St. Joseph papers have correspondents in every part of Holt County, and some of them have written from Forest City and other points since this killing is alleged to have been done, but have made no mention of it, which leads us to think our informant must have had his credulity imposed upon. The facts of such an affair would have been known either at Oregon or Forest City, very soon after the occurrence. But as a murder is almost a daily occurrence in Holt County, it may have ceased to excite interest. However, we give our informant's story as he gave it to us.

"In the vicinity of Forbes there are immense blackberry patches, covering hundreds of acres. One farmer, named something like Fancher, had fenced in his land, and put up sign-boards about the place, warning people to keep out. He wished to gather his berries himself, and market them. Hundreds of people, from far and near, came to that vicinity for blackberries, some of them camping in the vicinity. The vines outside of this man's enclosure were pretty well picked over, but those inside were full of ripe berries. Last Thursday, two men from Nodaway County came there to gather berries; and finding poor picking outside, but bushels of berries inside, they entered the enclosure, and commenced picking. Fancher's wife, seeing them, went and requested them to go out, as the berries were wanted by their owner. They refused to go, whereupon she went for her husband, who came, and ordered them out. They informed him that if he wanted them out, he would have to put them out. He proceeded to do so, but the two were too many for him, and were getting the better of him, when his wife ran to the house, got a double-barreled shot-gun, and coming back to the scene of the action, fired upon one of her husband's antagonists, blowing the top of his head off. The other then started to run away, when she fired the other barrel, the charge taking effect in his breast, inflicting a mortal wound.

"Our informant says he saw a wounded man being conveyed away in a wagon, and was told that it was the one last above mentioned."
"Married. At the M. E. Church, in Troy, on the 18th inst., by Rev. J. A. Amos, Mr. A. B. Hall, of Andrew County, Mo., and Miss Elizabeth Gedultig, of Doniphan County."

"Constable Keene, of East Atchison, yesterday arrested a man named Elijah Scott, at Arnoldsville, Mo., who had committed a murder eleven years ago in Andrew county. He escaped jail ten years ago, and was reported killed. Scott worked last winter for Moulton & Yates, with the ice gang. The sheriff of Andrew county took him to Savannah to-day."

"Winchester Argus, 2.-- A young man from Andrew county, Mo., has been sojourning in this vicinity for about a year and a half, by the name of Carter Elliott, who is the hero of this item. He put in his time working at Dalton's mill, for farmers and others, being engaged at Marion Gibson's for the last two weeks, and was generally having a good time.

"On last Sunday morning he was called to account for deeds committed in Missouri nearly two years ago, by a call from Sheriff Potts."

"The Sheriff said: 'Is your name Elliott?' He was answered in the affirmative. 'Is it Carter Elliott?' 'Yes.' 'Then you are my prisoner,' said the Sheriff."

"The prisoner was brought to town and turned over to the Sheriff of Andrew county, Missouri, at whose instance the arrest was made."

"It seems that Carter Elliott is charged with having stolen a pair of mules, or appropriated the proceeds of a sale of them."

"After disposing of the mules he, at St. Joe, Mo., purchased a ticket for Mexico, and he was looked for in that direction, but in vain. We understand that he has a wife and two children in Andrew county, who are kept at the poor house. What a shame! When asked about it, he said he had a wife living, and that if they had not been in such a hurry with this arrest he would soon had another, as he had wooed the affections of one of the fair sex, and would soon claim one as his own. What an undutiful scamp!"

"He was taken to the Winchester Hotel for dinner, and while there exhibited no signs of grief; but, on the contrary, was in a gay and festive mood, talking as boldly and pleasantly to acquaintances as if nothing had happened."

"Many old settlers of this, and Andrew County, Mo., will be pained to learn of the illness of 'grandma' Cox. She has been quite feeble for several months, and at present is bedfast."

"Kansas City, Nov. 7.-- A case of a sensational nature is reported from Marysville [sic], Nodaway county. About a month ago, one William Tomlinson died there under suspicious circumstances, his death occurring in fifteen minutes after taking a dose of medicine administered by one Dr. John Bruce. Tomlinson was buried in
DeKalb county. Bruce boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, and as soon as the funeral was over the Doctor took possession of the buggy and horse belonging to the deceased, saying he had purchased them just before the death. He was arrested and put in jail, and after a number of appearances before a Justice, Bruce was held for the Grant Jury. The wife and friends, in fact, all became more and more convinced of foul play regarding the death of Tomlinson, and finally Prosecuting Attorney Ramsey, of Maryville, Dr. Jacob Geiger of St. Joseph, and Dr. Zeipes of DeKalb, exhumed the body and took out the stomach and heart, which are now in the possession of Dr. Geiger. Dr. Geiger says Tomlinson died of rupture of the heart, but just what caused the rupture he will not state, withholding his opinion until the same have been scientifically inspected. Bruce is in jail. He has a wife and several children in Nebraska City in a needy condition. Just what his cause for committing the awful crime, if he did do so, is not known, although rumor has it that he thought he was infatuated with the wife. Tomlinson was feeling bad and complained, the medicine was given and he died very suddenly."

*The Weekly Kansas Chief*, Troy, KS, 5 Jan 1882, Thursday, p. 3

"Northside Items. Dave Easter had an agreeable surprise, this week. His father and brother, of Andrew County, Mo., came on a visit, Saturday. He had not seen them for six years. In that time, he had grown from a small boy to manhood, got married, and is the daddy of a bouncing big girl-- all owing to this climate."


"Esom Bolin, his wife, and four young children not long since emigrated from Stone County, Mo., to Benton County, Ark., taking up their residence at the village of Rogers. A few days ago Bolin was shot and killed while asleep in bed, and his wife was suspected of the murder, which she thereupon confessed, alleging as a justification therefor that he had frequently threatened her life, that he had murdered two men, was a horse-thief, and a bad man generally. She was taken to Bentonville and lodged in jail to await trial, where after a few days' confinement she cut her throat from ear to ear, using for that purpose a knife which she had borrowed from the hailer for the ostensible purpose of ripping up a dress. Mrs. Bolin's maiden name was Johnson, and her mother, now Mrs. Gibson, and other relatives reside in Andrew County, Mo.

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 20 Jul 1882, Thursday, p. 3

"Carey Kiger, of Amazonia, has just visited Atchison on the trail of a guilty wife and her paramour. The birds had flown."

*The Council Grove [KS] Republican*, 21 Jul 1882, Friday, p. 3

"Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Munkres, wife of Benjamin Munkres, Esq., of this county, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris, died of lingering consumption on Friday, July 14th, at 9 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

"Mrs. Munkres was born in Missouri, April 3d, 1841-- joined the Methodist Episcopal Church South, professed religion in Andrew county, Missouri, in 1859. Was married to Benjamin Munkres, in Morris county, Kansas, on July 11th, 1861-- with whom she lived happy, honored and loved by a wide circle of friends and relations until her deceased. An earnest, faithful, devoted Christian she adored her profession by a godly walk and holy conversation, and said to her father on the day of her death, that there had not been a day since her conversion in which she had not been prepared to die if God willed it. Her disease was a lingering, protracted and painful one, but her faith never faltered, her patience never failed. Gentle, patient, and resigned, she never murmured, never complained and left the testimony that grace sustained in the hour of suffering, and gave victory in the hour of death. Two or three days before her death, she called her four children around her, gave them her parting advice, a mother's blessing and asked of them the pledge that they would meet her in Heaven. The funeral services at the house and at the cemetery were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gross. Her funeral sermon will be preached hereafter."
"Kansas City, April 13.-- Caesar Carringer [sic], Robert Waldron, Henry Warner and Wm. Free, four colored citizens of Andrew county, brought suit here to-day in the United States Circuit Court against Peter Christianson, of Savannah, an Andrew county tavern keeper, asking damages to the amount of $500 each. Defendants allege that Christianson refused them accommodations at his hotel in November last. They wanted dinner and offered payment in advance. The proprietor said they might set [sic] in the kitchen or wash house, but refused to admit them to the dining room, wherefor they bring suit, claiming their rights under provision of the civil rights bill passed March 1, 1875. The case will be heard at the May term."

"St. Joseph, Mo., July 7.-- There is great excitement at Savannah to-day, in consequence of an attempted outrage of the most fiendish character. James Holt, a Republican farmer, left his hired man, Frank Garnett, at home to do some chores. Soon after Mrs. Holt discovered Garnett in the act of attempting to perpetrate a diabolical outrage upon the person of her little daughter, 4 years old. A posse was organized and the country was scoured in search of the villain, who had fled in the meantime, but he could not be found. A state warrant was sworn out for his arrest and the vigilantes of Andrew county are still searching for the fugitive."

"Last Thursday, a young couple from Cracker's Neck, Hackberry Ridge, or some other locality over in Andrew County, Missouri, appeared in Troy, accompanied by the girl's big brother, for the purpose of getting married. Judge Wilson performed the ceremony, when the whole party started out to take in the town, promenading the middle of the street, the big brother bringing up the rear, and observing: 'By granny, I'm going to do that, too, before long!' They entered a store, where the bridegroom purchased two bars of green mosquito netting, remarking, 'I'll be d---d if I'm going to be bit to death by muskeeters!' Next they came to a saloon. The bridegroom requested the bride to stop outside, while he went in. She stood peeping through the screen, and when he was about raising a glass of whiskey to his lips, she bounced in, and demanded a glass also, which she put down as if she were used to it. They then purchased a flask of whiskey, and after a little more promenading, they loaded themselves into their wagon, and started out of town, occasionally giving vent to a wild woods screech."

"Atchison, March 6.-- The Patriot prints the following: 'There is at present in this city a girl just thirteen years of age who has been for two months the mother of a child. She is very small for her age, dark haired and dark-eyed, and really handsome. The facts in the case, as we learn them, are these: She and her younger sister formerly resided at Savannah, Andrew county, Mo. Their father died several years ago, and their mother remarried. Soon thereafter the girls were sent from home to earn their own living. The one we speak of took a place in a rich family of Savannah, in which there happened to be a son about eighteen years old. An intimacy sprang up between the two, and the "old, old story" followed. In a few months the result became apparent, and the mother of the boy summoned the girl and ordered her to seek her own mother or the poor house. After a vain search for her mother, the child went to Leavenworth, and her child was born at the Home of the Friendless, in that city. After she was able to be about she learned that her mother and stepfather were residing in Atchison. She came here and neglecting precaution, both herself and the baby caught cold and are now lying seriously ill at the place above named."

"The case has excited the sympathy of all who are acquainted with the circumstances, and the house is visited daily by numbers of people. We refrain from mentioning the names at the request of the girl. Should she recover, it is her purpose to take the child to the home of its father and leave it there, although the young man is away attending college."
"St. Joseph, Mo., August 12.-- A dance was being held at Roger Park, Amazonia, and among those in attendance was a young man named Cook, from Nodaway Station. Cook was intoxicated, and besides using insulting language imposed upon several young men in a very unpleasant and overbearing manner. Finally he commenced on a brakeman named Scott, and the latter after forbearance had ceased to be a virtue, drew a revolver and shot Cook twice. One shot struck him on the upper edge of the forehead, inflicted a scalp wound, and the other in the left side. The second wound is serious, but probably not fatal. Scott escaped."

"We learn that Wm. K. Richardson is dangerously ill with typhoid fever, at his home in Andrew County, Missouri."

"Amazonia, Mo., December 19.-- A couple claiming to be John Isabell and wife came here November 18th, and put up at Peterson's Hotel. On the evening of their arrival the woman gave birth to a child which they yesterday deserted. It is believed that the woman is Mrs. J. P. Millery, who eloped from Beatrice, Neb., with a gambler. A reward of $50 is offered for their apprehension."

"St. Louis, August 27.-- A St. Joseph, Mo., special to the Post-dispatch says: 'Burglars entered the residence of August Huecke, at Amazonia, last night, and attempted to rob the premises. Huecke resisted and the burglars fired three shots at him without effect. Turning upon his wife, who was trying to escape, one of the burglars fired at her, the shot striking her in the left groin. She will die.'"

"Mr. John Gooch, of Nodaway county, Mo., and Miss Alice Walsott, of Sumner county, Kas., were married Tuesday evening by Justice Lupfer."

"St. Joseph, Mo., June 20.-- Saturday morning James Malcolm, an insane patient, escaped from asylum No. 2. He was a very dangerous patient and especially gave much alarm Saturday night. He arrived at his farm at 11 o'clock. His wife had retired but his brother-in-law, Herbert Allen, was up. Silently entering the back door he struck Allen on the back of the head with a bar of iron, knocking him insensible. Malcolm entered his wife's bed room with a pistol, and commanded her to follow him. He marched his wife into the orchard. Standing her against a tree he put a rope around her neck, and commenced climbing the tree to fasten the rope to a limb. She took advantage of this, loosened the rope and ran to the house, and then to the barn, pursued by her maniac husband, and finally started on the public highway for St. Joseph. When near the bridge crossing the 102 river, Malcolm overtook her and after fastening a rope around her neck a second time, half led, half dragged her to the bridge and crossed the river. He had already tied the rope around the railing and in two minutes would have swung his wife into eternity when the sheriff of Andrew county and a posse of three deputies arrived just in time to prevent the terrible work. The maniac was brought back to St. Joseph. The woman is at the point of death from nervous prostration and her brother-in-law is suffering from concussion of the brain."
"St. Joseph, Mo., June 20.-- A month ago Jim Smith, an employe of Hutchinson's livery stable, commenced to board at the restaurant at 812 Frederick Avenue, kept by Miss Morton. Her charms soon so impressed him that he proposed marriage, after being acquainted two weeks, but she laughed at him. Nothing doubted, Smith still continued paying his attentions to her and finally procured a marriage license without first having her consent. Yesterday afternoon he got a horse and buggy and invited her to take a drive. She accepted and they drove to Lake Contrary.

"As they were returning he renewed his proposal and produced the marriage license. She again refused his offer, when he dropped the lines, saying he didn't care what became of him. She then got out of the buggy and took a cab home. Last evening Smith entered the restaurant and drank several bottles of whisky by him and began to abuse Miss Morton when she ordered him out. Then he struck her several times in the face with his fist. She managed to get behind the counter where a revolver was lying and shot him twice, one bullet piercing the lobe of his left ear, and the other one grazing his heart."

*The Daily Gazette, Kansas City, KS, 2 Nov 1887, Wednesday, p. 4*

"St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 2.-- John W. Crank, sheriff of Andrew County, came to St. Joseph last night with some prisoners, and after lodging them in jail, started on an old-fashioned tear. He did not go to bed. When on his way to the depot this morning to catch the early train for home, he met Miss Flora Meek, employed in a store on Francis street, and being drunk at the time, seized her as she started to pass, and was dragging her by force along the street, with what purpose or intent no one could tell, as he did not say a word, when the girl's screams attracted a gentleman a block away, who ran to her rescue and routed Crank. Crank was soon after arrested at the depot. He stoutly denied ever seeing the girl, but she identified him on sight as her assailant. She, though considerably bruised by Crank's rough handling, declined to swear out a State warrant against him, and a simple charge of disturbing the peace was preferred, to which he pleaded guilty and was fined $25, which he paid and then left for home. Crank has always been considered a gentlemanly, capable official, faithful in the discharge of his duty and to all appearances perfectly upright. He has the entire confidence of the people of his county. Fortunately Crank had already been disarmed this morning when he reached for his revolver to shoot the policeman who arrested him."

*Concordia [KS] Daily Blade, 3 Apr 1888, Tuesday, p. 1*

"St. Joseph, Mo., April 2.-- Allen Angel, a patient from Nodaway County, confined in asylum No. 2, with a suicidal tendency, went out walking this morning with an attendant, and when fifty yards of the ice pond she broke loose and plunged into the water and was drowned. Some hours was [sic] spent in trying to resuscitate her, but she died at one o'clock yesterday afternoon."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times, 28 Nov 1889, Thursday, p. 1*

"St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 27.-- Yesterday afternoon an old gray-headed man appeared before Prosecuting Attorney Sherwood, accompanied by a sad looking young woman, and caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Riley Cooper on the charge of bigamy.

"Cooper had married the girl two years ago, and after squandering her little property compelled her to go to work to support him, depriving her of every dollar she obtained by hard labor. He capped the climax by boldly marrying another woman and moving to Andrew county, where Sheriff Spratt started after him this afternoon.

"Cooper is also wanted for theft, obtaining money under false pretenses, obtaining goods under false pretenses, mortgaging other people's property and attempted horse stealing."

*Salina [KS] Daily Republican, 24 Apr 1890, Thursday, p. 1*
"St. Joseph, Mo., April 24.-- Adelbert Luke was found guilty of murder in the second degree at Savannah, Andrew County, yesterday afternoon and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Luke killed Frank Callahan in St. Joseph last summer during a drunken quarrel. The case went to Andrew County on a change of venue."

*The Kansas City [KS] Gazette*, 3 Jun 1890, Tuesday, p. 4

"The eighteen-months-old child of Mrs. Johnson, living near Orsburg [sic], Nodaway County, Mo., was drowned in a wash boiler of water during its mother's temporary absence."

*The Bronson [KS] Pilot*, 25 Jul 1890, Friday, p. 3

"Alford Haynes was born in Clinton Co., Mo. Aug. 1st, 1839; died at his home 5 miles north of Bronson, at the age of 51 years, 11 months and 21 days; was converted and joined the Baptist Church at the age of 15 years. Moved from Clinton Co., Mo., to De Kalb Co., Mo. in the year 1870 where he lived until 1882, when he moved to Kansas where he resided until his death. Funeral services were preached by Rev. Clark of Kincaid. Deceased was married in 1860; had ten children, 2 of whom are dead. He died happy in the belief that he would meet his friends, who had gone before him. His health has been failing for two or three years and he was confined to his bed since April 16th. His wife and eight children survive him."


"St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 24.-- The little town of Fillmore, Andrew County, was the scene of a ghastly attempt at suicide on Thursday morning. Viola Frazee, aged twenty-three years, a bright, intelligent lady, who taught school, cut her throat with a razor and then attempted to jump into a well. She had been attending the teachers' institute at Savannah and is supposed to have brought on an aberration of the mind by overwork. Wednesday night she took a razor to bed with her, and when all was quiet cut her throat. This attempt was a failure and she dragged herself out of the house to the well and was in the act of climbing over the high box which surrounds it, when her brother, attracted by the noise, ran out and rescued her. Her recovery is considered impossible."

*Medicine Lodge [KS] Cresset*, 12 Sep 1890, Friday, p. 3

"The probate judge issued marriage license Tuesday, September 9th, to Charles C. Shephard, of Nodaway county, Missouri, formerly of this county, and Ermina Sherk, daughter of Rev. Sherk, of the Sharon valley."

*The Kansas City [KS] Gazette*, 29 Jan 1891, Thursday, p. 8

"Mrs. Mary F. Clemens, who died at the Reed farm near Muncie, Wyandotte county, on Wednesday, January 21, was born in Nodaway county, Missouri, December 1, 1852. She made profession of religion at the early age of 14 and united with the Christian church, living thereafter a consistent Christian life. She was married on October 5, 1870, to W. F. Clemens, who, with nine children, survive [sic] her. Two months before her death Mrs. Clemens and husband and children moved from Platte county, Mo., to the Reed farm in this county."

"During her last illness she realized that she could not live, and calling her children to her bedside, she said: "I leave my Bible for you." As the angel wafted its way into her death chamber, and caught up her sweet spirit, she smiled as she drew her last breath, and her spirit returned to God who gave it.

"Mrs. Clemens was a faithful christian, a devoted mother and an affectionate wife. Beside her husband and children she leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her death."

"Freb Kruenster [sic], of Nodaway county, Mo., and Miss Nannie M. Corum, of Jackson county, Mo., were married by the Rev. Frank Siler yesterday."

_The Weekly Kansas Chief_, Troy, KS, 17 Mar 1892, Thursday, p. 3

"Judge A. A. Daugherty died at Union Star, Andrew County, Missouri, on Thursday, the 10th, aged about 76 years. He was one of the early settlers at Petersburg, in Marion Township, and in Territorial days served a term as Probate Judge of this County. We believe he was the father of Mrs. William Rappelye. He was a very ultra Democrat, and during his term of office, his party contested the election of several Free State County officers, who had been elected by a very small majority, on the ground of some technicality or informality in the election in several of the precincts. He threw out the votes of the entire precincts, thereby electing the Democratic candidates. The next year, when the Republicans had the Probate Judge, they contested an election on the same grounds, and ruled out every Democratic member of the Legislature except one. The county then had five or six members, and the Democrats had elected them all."

_The Council Grove [KS] Republican_, 8 Apr 1892, Friday, p. 1

"Died. At her home seven miles north of Council Grove, March 5, 1892, of pneumonia, Mrs. Sarah S. Keezer, aged 54 years.

"Sarah S. Keezer was born in Kentucky in 1838, and moved to Andrew county, Missouri, with her parents in 1843, and came to Morris county, Kansas, in 1860. She was married to Frederick Keezer in 1870, who with two children survive her. Mrs. Keezer has been a member of the Christian church for the past thirty-six years and was a true christian, a loving wife and affectionate mother. The funeral services were held Wednesday evening at 2 o'clock, and a large number of sympathising [sic] friends followed the remains to Greenwood cemetery, where they were laid to rest."

_Lawrence [KS] Daily Journal_, 2 Jul 1892, Saturday, p. 4

"Capt. Geo. W. Greever, of Tonganoxie, met with a terrible accident yesterday about noon that resulted in death. He has a number of fine stallions and having returned from driving one he started out with another. In turning a corner very rapidly Capt. Greever was thrown from the cart about ten feet into a barb wire fence. The wire severed the windpipe, his jaw was broken and he received such other injuries that he died in less than two hours after the accident occured [sic].

"The deceased came to Kansas in 1868, settling in Wyandotte county, and in 1882 removed to this county, locating near Tonganoxie. He served a term in the legislature from each of the counties. He was born in Virginia in 1831. He raised and organized the first company of union troops in northwest Missouri, being then a resident of Andrew county. He leaves a wife and seven children, the youngest 6 years of age. Breeding blooded stock horses, cattle and swine was his pursuit, and a successful one. Mr. Greever was a staunch democrat and a most honored and respected citizen.

"During the last few years Captain Greever has been sick and has had a number of misfortunes come to him. It has not been long since he was sick and it is thought the unfortunate accident would not have happened had he had his whole strength. Many friends attended the funeral this afternoon, and the cheery countenance of another will be missed by all."

_The Ottawa [KS] Daily Republic_, 8 Sep 1892, Thursday, p. 1

"St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 8.-- Near Barnard, Nodaway county, Frank Couley, a farmer, was instantly killed by lightning. He had been plowing with three horses and was just in the act of driving the animals into the barn for
shelter. Two of the horses were also killed. Mr. Couley's skull was burned bare and his body almost stripped of clothing by the electricity."

*The Farmers' Vindicator*, Valley Falls, KS, 22 Apr 1893, Saturday, p. 5

"Nancy Elliott was born April 27, 1822 in the state of Kentucky. She was the second of the family of six children, the eldest, J. A. Elliot, of Ladoga, Taylor county, Iowa, being the only surviving member. She departed this life April 5, 1893. In an early day with her parents she removed to Indiana, where in 1848 she was married to Noah Randall who died in Nodaway county, Mo., some ten or twelve years ago. To them were born two daughters and one son, the latter only being alive to-day. Soon after the war they removed to Iowa, and in 1860 [sic] to Afton. She was for many years a devoted christian and has been for upwards of twenty years a member of the Afton M. E. Church. Her life has been one of severest trial, but she endured hardness as a good soldier. She had been greatly afflicted during the past year, suffering from a carbuncle and other causes most of the winter and was enjoying reasonably good health with the return of spring, and looked forward hopefully to the future. The account of her tragic death has already been reported to our readers. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor from the church Thursday afternoon and were attended by a large concourse of people."

*The Evening Kansan*, Newton, KS, 2 May 1893, Tuesday, p. 1

"St. Joseph, Mo., May 2.-- Sunday evening while services were being conducted at the Methodist church in Balckow [sic], Nodaway county, Elmer Randall, a prosperous young farmer of the neighborhood, walked outside the church and shot himself in the head with a 32-calibre pistol. The ball passed entirely through the head. Randall died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning and was buried this afternoon. He was about 23 years of age and was in love with Miss Ida Brooks, who did not, however, return his affection."

*Lawrence [KS] Daily Gazette*, 7 Jul 1893, Friday, p. 1

"Governor Stone has pardoned Adelbert Luke of Andrew county, sent up in 1890 for ten years for murder. He is a victim of consumption."

*Lawrence [KS] Daily Gazette*, 28 Sep 1893, Thursday, p. 4

"The marks of a recent stroke of lightning on James Gillespie, of Nodaway county, Mo., who still lives, start from the fingers of the right hand, pass to the elbow and there jump for [sic] the body, beginning just below the sixth rib; then passing to the hips the scar divides and goes down each leg and to the big toe of each foot."

*The Council Grove [KS] Republican*, 29 Dec 1893, Friday, p. 1

"Marriages. Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1893, O. W. Dyche of Nodaway county, Mo., and Hanna Belle Liggett of Morris county, Judge Moser officiating."

*The Wichita [KS] Beacon*, 11 Dec 1894, Tuesday, p. 8

"St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 11.-- Mary Brandt, housekeeper for John Clarke, a farmer living near Amazonia, stole his 5-year-old girl Saturday and ran away. After a vigorous search Clarke located the child and her abductor in this city yesterday. Fifty dollars reward was paid to a bus driver for their discovery."

*The Farmers' Vindicator*, Valley Falls, KS, 23 Mar 1895, Saturday, p. 4

"Mr. F. W. Schindler of Coal Creek and Miss Nellie Snyder of Missouri were united in marriage near Avenue City Mo. on Thursday, March 14th at 7:30 P.M. We join their many friends here in wishing them much happiness."
"F. W. Schindler, one of our substantial and enterprising young farmers of Coal Creek, north of town, was united in marriage by Rev. Balligen to Miss Nellie Snyder, Thursday, March 14, 1895, at the home of the bride's parents at Avenue City, Mo. nine miles northeast of St. Joseph. The groom's two brothers Henry and Arnold, and Geo. Reichart and George Legler, of this city, were guests at the wedding. The young couple arrived here last Monday and have commenced housekeeping on their farm north of town. They are estimable young people and start out right in life by subscribing for the official county paper and the Topeka Weekly Capital. They will keep posted on home news and their married life will always be full of sunshine as long as the New Era visits their fireside."

"Emil Zimmerman and wife and little son, of Amazonia, Mo., attended the funeral of their uncle in this city and will visit here with relatives for a short time."

"Probate Judge Scoville yesterday issued a license for the marriage of M. M. Holmes, of Linn county, to Miss Ella M. Jenkins, of Amazonia, Mo."

"Dr. W. E. Danley of Avenue City, Mo., is recovering from his recent serious injury caused by his horse falling with him. His parents have returned to Gardner after nursing him through his illness."

"Dr. W. E. Danley of Avenue City, Mo., has been quite sick and is recuperating at his father's house in Gardner township."

"St. Joseph, Mo., June 5.-- James McCoun, a traveling man, who had been on the road for 15 years for wholesale houses in this city, St. Louis and Kansas City, was found wandering between Amazonia and Forest City with no clothing on and was sent to the asylum. Disappointment in love was the cause."

"Saturday about 4 o'clock p.m., Earl Scott, of Leona, attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. A gash extending from ear to ear was made and the windpipe almost severed. The important blood vessels on either side of the neck were barely missed, or the wound would have been fatal. Mr. Scott is about twenty-five years old and has been an epileptic since he was eleven years of age, and his rash act is supposed to be the result of a smell of despondency as a result of his misfortune. No one was at home at the time he tried to kill himself. His mother but a short time before had gone to a neighbor's on a visit. Dr. E. J. Leigh, of Hiawatha, was called to attend Scott and entertains strong hopes of his recovery. The young man is the son of Dr. J. R. Scott, who for a long time practiced medicine at Amazonia, Mo., and afterwards in St. Joseph, finally moving to Leona on account of his health. -- Telegraph dispatch to St. Joseph News."
"H. D. Gibbins, a nephew of J. N. Gibbins, of Troy, and Miss Etta Shadwick, both of Clarksdale, Mo., were married by Rev. Clark Wykert, at his residence, on Monday evening, May 24th, 1897.

"The young man is in the photo business at Clarksdale, and had been waiting on the lady for about a year. The parents were loth [sic] to part with their daughter, and set up such serious objections, that the young couple were not allowed to meet. However, on Saturday night last, the young man got a buggy and the girl inside of it, and assisted by friends on the way, drove to Amazonia, where, Sunday evening, they were ferried over the river in a skiff, reaching the home of their uncle that night. As soon as the parents were aware of the girl's absence, a search was set up all over the country. Police at St. Joseph were telegraphed, and were stationed at the bridge, to intercept progress, but all to no effect. The young couple are now at their uncle's, and will visit a few days in the vicinity with friends and relatives, when they will return to Clarksdale, where the groom will resume his photo business."

*The Topeka [KS] Daily Capital, 7 Jul 1897, Wednesday, p. 8*

"St. Joseph, Mo., July 6.-- John D. [sic] Barton, the traveling salesman of Rochester, Mo., arrested at Cincinnati last week, charged with forging his father's name to a check for $150 and passing it, has eaten but once since he was arrested and refuses to say even one word. When he arrived here from Cincinnati in charge of an officer he was hardly able to walk and has been growing weaker all the time. The jail physician says he is in more danger of losing his mind than anything else, and as he refuses to take any medicine, nothing can be done for him."


"Kansas City, Mo., July 26.-- J. M. Dawson, prosecuting attorney of Nodaway county, Mo., after whose father Dawson City, the Mecca of the Alaskan gold seekers, was named, and Miss Iola [sic] Green both of Kansas City, were married by Judge Gates of the circuit court this afternoon. There are rumors of an elopement."

*The Ottawa [KS] Daily Republic, 29 Nov 1897, Monday, p. 3*

"Mr. Herbert McKinnon, who formerly worked on the Herald here, was married last Thursday morning at Cosby, Mo., to Miss Freda Kundegraber. The young people will live in Kansas City, Kas. Mr. McKinnon is employed on the Kansas City Times."

*The Advocate and News, Topeka, KS, 5 Jan 1898, Wednesday, pp. 1 and 3*

"In the departure of Judge Cyrus Heren, of Osborne, Kansas loses one of the ablest jurists in the State. Judge Heren's term as Judge of the Fifteenth Judicial district has just ended and he goes to Chicago to resume the practice of law. Since coming to Kansas he has built up an enviable reputation as a Judge. His eminent fairness and clearness in deciding legal questions has never been doubted-- as a prominent attorney truthfully put it, 'Judge Heren may not have attained perfection in the performance of his official duties, but he came as near to it as the bar of the State is apt to see for a long time to come.'"

"*[Several paragraphs of praise]*

"Judge Heren was born February 11, 1855, in Andrew county, Missouri, and he continued to reside in that county until moving to Osborne, Kas., in September, 1883, at which place he has since resided. His boyhood days were for the most part spent upon the farm. His parents with the family having moved to Savannah, the county seat of the county, when he was but 13 years of age, he was educated in the high schools of the town in which he lived and was especially fond of mathematics. He was admitted to practice law when he was but 20 years of age. His father was a lawyer before him, and was Judge of the Circuit court of the district in which he resided for several years and thereafter was in the active practice until his death, in 1893. He was the tutor of
ex-Governor Altgeld and subsequently his partner before the ex-Governor moved to Illinois. It was in this office that Judge Heren and the ex-Governor became warm and lasting friends.

"In January, 1877, he entered a partnership in connection with his father and the firm was well known throughout all northwest Missouri. This partnership continued until the young man moved to Kansas, where he continued in the practice of the law. In January, 1885, he formed a partnership with Messrs. Walrond and Mitchell, and the firm was well known throughout the State under the name of Walrond, Mitchell & Heren. This firm continued in the active practice as a firm under their firm name until shortly before the election of Judge Heren to the bench. At that time Mr. Walrond was appointed United States District Attorney for the Indian Territory and he removed to the Territory and the Judge went upon the bench. Mr. Mitchell still remains in the practice at Osborne.

"Mr. Heren bought stock in the Osborne County Bank. It was afterward nationalized under the name of the First National Bank of Osborne and he afterwards became its president and remained so until his election to the bench in 1889, when he sold his bank stock and severed all his connection with the institution.

"He was first elected Judge as an independent candidate in opposition to the Republican nominee at a time when the district was supposed to be almost two to one in favor of the Republican party. Very soon after the organization of the Peoples party he became an ardent supporter of its doctrines and in 189 was nominated by that party as Judge to succeed himself. He was also nominated by the Democratic party, but the Democratic convention nominating him passed resolutions strongly commending President Cleveland and his administration. Judge Heren promptly declined the nomination at the hands of this convention, for nothing could induce him to accent a nomination at the hands of a party making such an endorsement. This action on the part of Judge Heren many of his friends thought would defeat him, but the election resulted in an increased majority for him.

"He goes to Chicago about the middle of the month, and will there continue the practice of law. The rumor that is current throughout the State that he will form a partnership with Governor Altgeld is without foundation, as Governor Altgeld is not going back into the practice of the law, for a time at least. The rumor probably became current from the fact that it is well known that the Judge has great admiration for the Governor and therefore the supposition became natural that a partnership would be formed.

"Prior to the organization of the Populist party he was regarded as a Democrat. He took little or no part in political matters, and not until the organization of the People's party was he known throughout the State except as a lawyer and jurist. He has of late years been deeply interested in doing his part in breaking down the trusts, combines and enemies of the common people. He has taken especial interest in the financial question and was one of the delegates to the St. Louis convention nominating William J. Bryan, and was a strong advocate for Bryan in the campaign and strongly urged his nomination.

"He was married in 1877 and now has a wife and three children, the oldest a boy 17 years of age, the second a girl of 14 years and the youngest a boy 9. Judge Heren is very fond of home life and when not actually engaged in official duties or investigating some legal question he may always be found at his residence."

*The Weekly Kansas Chief*, Troy, KS, 23 Dec 1897, Thursday, p. 3

"Mrs. Ida Brown Smock died at Maitland, Mo., Dec. 18th, at 3 o'clock p.m. Deceased was wife of James Smock, and sister of C. E. Brown of Troy. She was born in Missouri, September 15th, 1863. She lived with her uncle and aunt in Nodaway County until 12 years old, her mother having died in her infancy. She spent many years in Troy, and had many friends here. Her husband and two children survive here. She was a member of the Baptist church. She was ill a long time with consumption. Funeral Monday morning, at 11 o'clock."

*Brown County World*, Hiawatha, KS, 18 Feb 1898, Friday, p. 8
"A very pretty wedding occurred in the parlors of the Moreland Hotel on last Thursday, Feb. 10, by which Mr. Allie Zimmerman, of Rochester, Mo., and Miss Clara Hazen, of Leona, were made husband and wife. Lewis Deaton stood as groomsman, and Miss Myrtle Zimmerman, a sister of the groom, as bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Billingsley in the presence of Mrs. Gilber [sic], a sister of the bride, and Mrs. Moreland, proprietress of the hotel. The young couple will make their future home in Oklahoma, for which place they left the 15th of the month. They will carry with them the good will and best wishes of many friends."


"St. Joseph, Mo., March 16.-- Sheriff C. S. Cline of Andrew county, took a shot at F. M. Chaney, a druggist of Helena, Mo., at the Union depot here yesterday. The officer was on his way to Helena to arrest Chaney for selling liquor without a license. The druggist had just arrived on a train, and when he saw Cline made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. The shooting almost created a panic."

*The Oskaloosa [KS] Independent*, 2 Feb 1900, Friday, p. 4

"A pretty quiet wedding occurred [sic] Sunday at 6 P.M., Jan. 28, 1900, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Brummett at Oskaloosa, when Miss Effie O'Neal and Mr. Robert Alley [sic] from Maryville, Nodaway co., Mo., were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock by Rev. Brummett. The ceremony was short but very impressive. The bride was very becomingly attired in white organdie, with ribbon at throat and waist. The groom looked manly and handsome in the usual black suit. After the ceremony a dainty lunch was served. Miss Ruth Hopewell was the only guest. The happy couple remained in Oskaloosa until Feb. 2d, when they departed for Maryville, where they will make their future home. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Brummett. May God's blessings ever follow them, is the wish of the writer."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 1 Mar 1900, Thursday, p. 6

"Charles A. Cummings of Atchison and Lottie P. Case of Andrew county, Missouri, were married in St. Joseph yesterday."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 4 May 1900, Friday, p. 6

"Captain George Ritchey died at the hospital at the soldiers' home yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock. He has been ill for nearly six months, his illness dating from a sunstroke which he suffered last September. Since that attack he had been an invalid and had been taken to the home hospital for treatment. He was 62 years old this month.

"Captain Ritchey had been in Leavenworth nearly 20 years and besides having been postmaster four years, he was a worker in the Methodist church and a well known Grand Army man. The funeral will take place from the family home, 319 Vine street, tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. S. A. Bright, presiding elder of the Junction City district, and late pastor of the Methodist church here, will officiate, assisted by Rev. E. Combie Smith.

"Captain Ritchey leaves a large family. There are three daughters and one son. His son is Robert M. Ritchey, chief clerk in the Leavenworth, Kansas and Western railroad offices. The daughters are: Misses Helen, Louise and Etta, all living at home, with their mother, Mrs. Ritchey. Captain Ritchey had four sisters, one of them living in Kansas City, two in Cameron, Mo., and a fourth in Missouri City. He also had a brother living in St. Joseph, but he died about a year ago."
"Captain Ritchey came to Leavenworth from Booneville, Missouri in 1882 and engaged in the shoe business here. Subsequently he went into the real estate and abstract business in which he remained until appointed postmaster by President Harrison in 1890. After serving his term he returned to the abstract business.

"Captain Ritchey was an earnest worker in the Methodist church and had been since his twentieth year. He was a mason and also an active member of the Grand Army post. He was a soldier in the civil war having gained the title of captain while serving in that capacity in the 160th regiment of Ohio infantry.

"Captain Ritchey was serving in the 90th infantry as an orderly sargeant [sic] when he was notified of his father's death. He went home leaving the service but afterwards organized a company, and as its captain joined the 160th regiment, serving to the end of the war. His father was an Ohio congressman and secured the appointment of Phil Sheridan to West Point while in congress.

"Captain Ritchey was born May 19, 1838 at Somerset, Ohio. He was educated in the common schools and became a school teacher which he followed until the war. After the close of the war he came to De Kalb Co., Mo. In March, 1874 he was appointed receiver of the public moneys at Booneville, which he held for eight years. He was married at Boonville in 1874 to Miss Josephine Bullard and in 1882 he moved to Leavenworth.

"The pall bearers, who will act at the funeral tomorrow are:

"William Dill, W. A. Porter, C. F. Jaggard, Dr. S. E. Johnson, J. H. McGee and Amos E. Wilson."

*The Parsons [KS] Daily Sun, 6 Sep 1900, Thursday, p. 1*

"St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 5.-- 'Doug' Phillips, a prominent farmer of Andrew county near Avenue City, has fled to escape arrest on the charge of assaulting his 15-year-old step-daughter. The feeling against Phillips is strong and if caught he may be lynched."

*The Council Grove [KS] Republican, 22 Mar 1901, Friday, p. 8*

"A quiet little wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Church near Junction City, Kansas, on Wednesday March 6, 1901. The contracting parties were Mr. Ralph Church and Miss Lila Harlan whose former home was Savannah, Missouri.

"None but the near relatives and a few invited friends were present to witness the union of the two hearts that were to beat as one, by the ceremony performed by Rev. Richards at 3:30 P.M. After congratulations each and all repaired to the dinning [sic] room where the tables were spread with eatables of the choicest kind.

"The bride wore a beautiful dress of cream albatross and the groom the usual black.

"The bride was a teacher in Missouri schools for several years of a talented nature and well worthy of the man of her choice. The groom is a young man who is of an industrious and energetic nature, the first steps toward success in any undertaking.

"The young couple have always shared the love and respect of a host of friends wherever they have been and their friends hope that their lives may be filled with all the joy, peace and love that go to make up their future happiness.

"After spending several hours in music and other amusements with love and good wishes for the happy couple the guests departed.

"One Who Was Present."
"Maryville, Mo., June 3.-- Owen Logan, a young farmer, living near Arkoe, in Nodaway county, a nephew of ex-Sheriff William Collins, was shot and dangerously wounded in Southeast Maryville Saturday evening by A. L. Walker, a laboring man, to whose daughter Logan was paying attentions that were objectionable to Walker. The shooting occurred in Walker's yard and in the presence of the young woman."

"St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.-- James Spencer, aged 21, brother of Sheriff Martin Spencer of this city, and cousin of Judge O. M. Spencer, accidentally shot himself Sunday while out hunting on an island in the Missouri river near Amazonia, and will died from his wounds. While carrying a shotgun on his shoulder, young Spencer triped [sic], and in falling the gun was discharged, the contents of both barrels entering his body. He remained unconscious on the island several hours before being discovered by other hunters."

"The wedding of Miss Mamie E. Baker and E. L. Winkler took place December 29, 1902, at the home of Howard Tetherow on Twenty-eighth and Olive street, St. Joseph, Mo. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Baker, of Helena, Mo., and is one of the finest young ladies who reside in Andrew county. She has a large number of friends who will miss her from her old home. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Winkler, of Robinson. He has always lived in Brown county and is well known as a splendid, up-to-date young farmer. He also has many friends who wish them a long and prosperous life. Those who attended the wedding were the bride's brother and sister, Clarence Baker and Miss Anna Baker, of Helena, Mo., Miss Lulu Johnson, of Kansas City, Chas. Tetherow, of Rochester, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Winkler, of St. Joseph, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Tetherow, of St. Joseph. The Rev. C. M. Chilton, of St. Joseph, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Winkler left at once on the evening train for their home, four and one-half miles north of Robinson."

"Peter Moser has returned to his home in Amazonia, Mo., after a visit with his brother, Eli Moser. He bears such a likeness to his brother that many people spoke to him on the street. Mr. Moser has recently been elected to a seat in the Missouri legislature."

"Miss Ernestine Nease, of Andrew county, Mo. and Harry M. Guelich were married December 30 in St. Joseph. They will make their home in Ft. Worth, Tex., where Mr. Guelich is cashier for the Swift packing company. Harry Guelich is a Hiawatha young man and formerly worked in the Morrill & James bank."

"Yesterday Lewis A. Joy, aged 32 years, and Jennie Danford, aged 33, both of Nodaway county, Mo., were given a [marriage] license."

"Marysville [sic], Mo., Jan. 2.-- A new born babe with a full set of teeth."

"And the child of a dentist, too."
"This phenomenon is reported from Fillmore, a village in Andrew county, near this city. The child's mother is
the wife of Dr. J. J. Wifly of Fillmore.

"The youngster's teeth are fully developed and strong and regular. The father pronounces them to be second
teeth, not the delicate baby teeth peculiar to children.

"Doctors from throughout the country have been crowding to the Wifly home since the arrival of the remarkable
child to see it; and all agree that it is the first instance of a babe born with a full set of teeth in the history of
medical science.

"A teething ring was given the child by its nurse yesterday afternoon. He made short work of it by chewing it
into pieces in less than ten minutes."

Brown County World, [Hiawatha, KS], 17 Jun 1904, Friday, p. 22

"Mrs. W. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harvey, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Harvey, returned to
their home in Amazonia, Mo., Tuesday. They came up to attend the funeral of Miss Pearl Moser.

The Leavenworth [KS] Times, 8 Jan 1905, Sunday, p. 2

"St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 7.-- Her lips burned to a crisp, her back, sides and limbs burned to the three different
degrees known to physicians, Miss Anna Gillenwater was brought from Amazonia to the St. Joseph hospital at
10 o'clock yesterday morning in a pitiful condition.

"'She cannot get well,' is the opinion expressed at the hospital last night.

"The accident occurred yesterday morning at the residence of Dr. R. R. Kelly at Amazonia, where she was
employed as a domestic. Kerosene, which she was putting on a fire, exploded and enveloped her in flames.
Running screaming into the bed room of Dr. Kelly, where he was sleeping, she begged pitifully for help.

"Catching the burning woman in his arms, Dr. Kelly threw her on to the bed and wrapped her in the bedclothes,
smothering out the fire. He was severely burned himself in his heroic effort to save the girl. The woman's
clothing was burned from her body and it is thought she cannot live twenty-four hours. She was put on the first
train to St. Joseph, arriving at the St. Joseph hospital at 10 o'clock, when Dr. T. E. Potter attended her.

"Her lips were burned black and hard. A strange feature of the accident was that her hair was slightly scorched,
but not burned off. When first taken to the hospital and while conscious she constantly cried, 'Goodby, goodby,
goodby.'

"For hours the girl suffered excruciating agony. She lapsed into unconsciousness last night."


"Saturday was a day long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to spend the day at the
William White farm north of town. Few people live to enjoy their fiftieth wedding anniversary, but 'Uncle
Billy' White and wife, after many hardships have reached this mile post.

"Mr. and Mrs. White were married at Savannah, Missouri, September 30, 1855. He came to Kansas, in 1856 at
the time of the Kansas struggle, when he took a claim near his present home and has followed farming ever
since. To this union were born nine children, of whom those living are: Agness Norton, Washington, D. C.;
Tom, Strong City; J. W., Council Grove; Charlie, Herington, and Mattie Brooks, Council Grove.
"About 11 o'clock Saturday morning buggies were seen going north and by noon about ninety friends and relatives had gathered at the pleasant home to spend the day. Dinner, consisting of everything conceivable, was served at noon by Misses Myrtle Clemons, Laura Bolton and Clara and Corinne Strieby.

"Shortly after dinner Rev. J. O. Foresman with a few remarks, presented the couple with fifty dollars in gold, which had been given by several of the friends. They also received many other gifts, among them twenty dollars in gold from the bride's aunt in Kentucky, also several other pieces of gold, silver and chinaware.

"At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon a large table was placed in the yard and several large melons were cut, to which the guests did justice. About sunset the crowd departed for their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. White many more happy years of wedded life.

"A few of the old settlers among those present were: T. S. Huffaker, who came here in 1850; W. H. White in '57, W. D. Kahl in '60, Mrs. Cole Smith in early '60's, Jacob Barth in '61, Mrs. S. M. Strieby in '63, Mrs. C. L. Hughes in '62, Geo. Lee in '65, Mrs. W. H. Comer in '69, Wm. Tolbert in '69, A. G. Campbell in '70, J. B. Fleming early '70s, J. O. Foresman '71, George Nixon '75, J. M. Miller '75, Walter Hall '79, Tom Borman '80, Mrs. Wm. Rose '81, and John Wilson '85."

*Brown County World*, Hiawatha, KS, 4 Nov 1904, Friday, p. 28

"W. E. West, postmaster of Bolckow, Andrews [sic] county, Mo., and his assistant postmaster, Miss Pearl Carey, were married October 24, at St. Joseph, Mo. Relatives in Bolckow had been looking for the event to take place in the home town, so the two government officials surprised all by going to St. Joseph for the affair. The bride is the daughter of T. E. Carey, formerly of Hiawatha, R. B. Cary's [sic] oldest son."

*Brown County World*, Hiawatha, KS, 18 May 1906, Friday, p. 9

"Mrs. Martha Robbins received the sad news of the death of her brother at Amazonia, Mo., Friday."

*The Kansas City [KS] Globe*, 20 Jun 1908, Saturday, p. 8

"If there is a woman in Kansas City, Kansas, between the age of 25 and 35 who wants to marry, here is her chance. It makes no difference if she has two or three small children. The following letter to the editor of The Globe, in care of Postmaster Childs, was received this morning:

"'Mr. Editor: I want to find a wife, one with brown hair and eyes, between the ages of 25 and 35 years. I would not object to her if she had two or three small children. I have a good home and am sure that I would make a good husband. Have farm of 640 acres with a beautiful house. One that would please any woman. I am 37 years old and am tired of living alone. If you can find someone who wants to marry a man who has a good home and will provide for a wife send her address to me or have her write.

"L. L. White, Amazonia, Mo."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 15 Aug 1908, Saturday, p. 8

"St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 14.-- Walter Martin, twenty two years old, who lived with his father, J. L. Martin, a farmer, two miles south of Avenue City, and eight miles northeast of St. Joseph, was mysteriously shot while driving a quarter of a mile east of the King Hill stock farm, on the Savannah road, about 8:30 o'clock last night. Although seriously wounded the young man drove home where doctors were summoned to attend him."
"Arthur Collins, a friend of young Martin, telephoned Martin early in the afternoon to come to King Hill stock farm. Martin did as he had been requested, but did not find Collins, though he waited at the stock farm some time before starting back home. On the return trip, while he was driving slowly along a highway leading east from the Savannah road, a shot was fired from his rear, and a bullet struck him back of the left shoulder and ranged outward.

"Frightened by the report of the revolver, the horse sprang forward and ran for some distance, but Martin did not lose control of the animal. Only one shot was fired, Martin says. The bullet had not been located this morning, although the doctors had spent some time in probing the wound. He was attended by Dr. O. B. Campbell of St. Joseph and Doctors Danley and Laney of Avenue City, who says his condition is serious.

"Arthur Collins, Martin's friend, who is employed at the King Hill stock farm, owned by John Donovan of St. Joseph, made a statement to the newspaper reporters today, in which he said he knew nothing of the shooting.

"Collins said he telephoned to the Martin home early yesterday afternoon, and Walter Martin was in Avenue City. Collins told the member of the family who was at the telephone to tell Martin to come over when he returned.

"Collins says he wanted to see Martin about a horse and when he had not appeared before supper time, he didn't suppose Martin would be there last night. Collins says he was on the place all evening and all night, and that he doesn't believe Martin came to the farm.

"Members of the Martin family say the wounded man told them he found nobody at home on the stock farm. It is believed that the tenants and workmen on the Donovan farm were at the barn when Martin came, and that he started home without waiting for them. Martin had met nobody on the road home, and had observed nothing unusual on the roadside.

"The road along which Martin was driving east is lined with brush and weeds on either side, so that it formed a good ambush for the would-be assassin. Evidences of a man having lain in the underbrush on the south side of the road were found this morning by farmers who made an investigation, but there was nothing by which the murderer could be traced.

"Members of Martin's family say the young man and Collins have been close friends and that not the slightest suspicion rests upon Collins. It also is said that the wounded man did not have any love affair that could have resulted in the assault upon his life, and had no known enemies.

"James Martin, brother of the wounded man, came to St. Joseph early this morning and reported the shooting to the police. As the place where the shot was fired is in Andrew county, just across the Buchanan county line, the officers here declined to act, and the authorities at Savannah will be notified.

"Collins has been working on the King Hill farm since July 6, but he had formerly been employed here, and is well-known in the neighborhood. His home is at Graham, Mo."

*Brown County World*, Hiawatha, KS, 27 Nov 1908, Friday, p. 26

"The coming, adventures and final success of a very young pioneer to this country is teeming full of interest when the recollection of the intervening events of the 53 years which have since elapsed is brought to mind, and the story unfolded. March 5, 1851, James H. Brigham, of Padonia, was born on Hackberry Ridge, Andrew county, Mo., where he was cradled in luxury and passed his first four years, in the precincts of civilization, peace and plenty. When he was a little over four years old, in 1855, he came here with his father, Thomas Brigham, and the rest of his family. Thomas Brigham was a native of England, coming to this country when he was about 20 years old. When he arrived in this county he took the claim which he sold to J. G. Leavitt, two
years later, now owned by James Winslow, at the south of Padonia, and bought out a claimant of the present Brigham home just northeast of Padonia. He then attended the Iowa Indian trust land sales, at Iowa Point, and made the real purchase of the place at $1.25 per acre, the self-made rules of the settlers being not to bid against one another. Thomas Brigham died 18 or 20 years ago. James H., the son, was married to Alice Stevens, stepdaughter of John McGuire, of Pony Creek, April 28, 1872. They have five children, Thomas, Bessie, Mabel, James Cecil, and Lula. Miss Bessie is a teacher in the art department of the University of Kansas; Miss Mabel is attending Hiawatha Academy. John [sic] and Lula are faithful and dutiful children at home, and Thomas is married, and living in a new $2,000 house, built by his father near the old homestead residence, and as beautiful and commanding a site as is to be found in the county. The building is snow white and is so conspicuous that it can be seen for many miles, in all directions. When the Brigham family arrived from Missouri just 53 years ago, they found a few other white settlers, who had come earlier in that summer; among them John Belk and J. J. Weltmer, of Padonia vicinity, Thurston Chase, farther up Walnut creek, E. R. Cornelison, farther down the creek, and Ruby Zimmerman, south of Hiawatha, but the woods were full of Indians. The vicinity of Padonia was in that day a favorite section for their haunts and camps, and the Brigham home was their favorite visiting place. When the family, which was very well-to-do in Missouri, came over here, they brought with them a lot of hogs, but there being no corn here to feed them with, they were turned loose in the timber bottoms of Walnut creek, where they not only lived, but got fat on the heavy crop of mast. And afterwards in the fall, teams would be sent over to the old home place in Missouri and loads of pork and apples would be brought over which filled the Indians with joy, and they would besiege the place. They were fond of pork and apples, and besides, were very hungry. So, while at times they would have plenty of money paid them as annuity by the government, but not realizing the value of it, would some times beg, and if that would not do even threaten, for some of the pork and apples, and when a crowd of them would be helped to a supply-- if they had the money-- would toss their silver dollars upon the floor until there would be a hat full of them. They would then leave for their camps, where they would have a feast. All that these Indians raised, from this rich soil worth $100 an acre 53 years after, was a little squaw corn. This was all the provision they would make for a living through the winter. This they would dry and use as a soup foundation with what game they could secure, and work along that way; hence, the Brigham food was a great treat to the poor hungry savages. At that time the nearest place to buy supplies was Iowa Point, the only conveyance an ox wagon, and it required three days to make a trip. Such were the conditions when Jim Brigham was a boy. He is 57 years old now, has been an industrious, busy man, endowed with good foresight, judgment, and good management have brought their rewards. He can stand today and look over his fine 480 acre home with its two splendid residences just a little north and east of Padonia and then turn his eyes westward across Walnut creek and look at his 204 acre farm over there, and by a little effort can peer through the mists and get a glimpse of still another rich 160 acre farm beyond that, north of Hamlin. Mr. Brigham has been a lifelong stockman and has made this money mostly from the stock business. He not only feeds up the products of his own farms [sic] farms, but often buys the crops of the neighborhood. For the past year or two he has not had much stock on the big home place, but is now about to supply it with some feeders; but his other farms are well stocked. He is a practical, progressive farmer, as well as stockman, wide awake and up to date. He was about the first farmer to come to the conclusion that $100 per acre land should yield more than a crop of slough grass. So he adopted the project of really reclaiming the slough lands upon the old home place, by tilling it and the result of this was 52 bushels of wheat to the acre, this poor wheat year, on that reclaimed land. On the home place Mr. Brigham has much farming stock, preferring mules of which he has 15 or 18 head at all times and some hogs and cows. In all these years through their trials, reverses, fortunes and misfortunes and today a sharer in the success and prosperity that have followed, is Mrs. Brigham, a bright and noble woman, who has done her share even to teaching her girls the art of cooking, knitting and sewing well, even if they are never called upon to practice these arts. Here in the big house, with its great round porch, its hard wood finish, fine cellar, spacious rooms, whose floors are covered with Brussels carpets, and illuminated by a system of brilliant acetylene light, with every comfort and luxury at hand, is quiet Mrs. Brigham. All over the walls of these well furnished rooms, hang fine pictures, and in the corner a splendid china closet, filled with china pieces, and on top a beautiful tea seat, all specimens of the handiwork and skill of Miss Bessie whose fame as a painter is known far and near. In this big house on the spot of the old homestead of long ago, reside the Brigham family of today, where peace, good will, hospitality and always a bounteous table are found. James H. Brigham, residing for 53 years within gunshot of Padonia, has won and retained the high respect of his
neighbors who have come and gone in the changes of so many passing years, and has often been honored with little positions of trust, evincing their confidence in him even at the late election winning out by one vote over his opponent, Jack Hillyer, president of the Reserve bank, in the race for treasurer of the township. In the summer of 1856 Gen. James H. Lane was scouting around in this section with 40 well armed men and it was some of these who located the town of Padonia, which was really the seat of the settlement, the origin of what the county is today, and James Brigham was there a year before that, and he is there today. Then a little white haired boy, now a robust man, well advanced in years. But, by industry and good management he has reached a position of independence, for with all his farms, and all his interests and investments in other directions, and bank accounts, James Brigham is surely a very wealthy man, as he is a good citizen and neighbor. He lives in this big house, on this big, rich farm, on the crest of the hill that looks down on the village of Padonia and the blue waters of the Walnut creek, where the black, rich soil of the fields yields bounteous crops of grain, droves of fat stock gather in the pens and yards, trees and vines are loaded with fruit, and prosperity is seen all around. Over 50 years ago, as a boy, he stood upon the same spot, a log cabin was his home, the bleak winds of a wild, desolate, and unsettled territory mournfully whistled through the dry prairie grass, abounding everywhere and the sounds that greeted the ear were the sharp yelp of the coyote, and the whoop of the Indians in their night revelries, ascending the hills from the camps in the timbered bottoms of the Walnut. The Indians are gone, but the waters of the Walnut ripple on now as they did amid these scenes and surroundings, in bygone days of half a century ago."

_The Wyandott Herald_, Kansas City, KS, 3 Jun 1909, Thursday, p. 1

"Hon. Floyd P. Baker, dean of Kansas editors, died at his home in Topeka, May 27, 1909, of old age and general debility.

"Mr. Baker descended from Revolutionary stock, passed through varied and trying experiences, possessed more than average executive and financial ability, was a wonderful resourceful man, and unaided and alone succeeded in carving an enviable place for himself in the world. He was born at Fort Ann, Washington county, N. Y., November 16, 1820, and worked on a farm until 18 years old, when he taught school for a time, and then migrated to Hillsdale, Mich., where for a year he tried to carve his fortune by hammering iron, but he tired of this in a few months and returned to his native state, where for seven years he was agent for a line of packet boats on the Champlain canal.

"Mr. Baker was married twice. His first wife a Miss Wilson, died a few years after their marriage. He then took a contract to build two miles of the Hudson River railroad, but this ruined him financially. In 1848 he went to Racine, Wisconsin, where he embarked in farming and insurance. In 1851 he was married to Miss Searles, who bore him three sons and one daughter, and who survives him. After their marriage they went down the Mississippi to New Orleans, and from there via Panama to San Francisco. After a short time there they sailed to the Sandwich Islands, where after a brief residence he was made crown attorney and appointed clerk of the district court of the Hawaii Islands. In less than two years he tired of his barbarous surroundings. He return to the United States and settled in Andrew county, Mo., where he resided until 1860, and then came to Kansas. The following year he was elected to the legislature from Nemaha, Marshall and Washington counties. In 1863 he bought the Kansas State Record and moved his family to Topeka. In 1871 he sold the Record to The Commonwealth. In 1872 he went to Denison, Texas, and established the Journal, and was appointed postmaster of that city. In 1875 he bought the Commonwealth, and after selling it lived a retired life."


"Maryville, Mo., September 13.-- S. R. Williams, son of County Treasurer S. H. Williams of Nodaway county, was today committed to the Insane Asylum at St. Joseph. Williams is a farmer, married and has three children. Recently he exhibited a violent affection for his wife's sister."

_Brown County World_, Hiawatha, KS, 17 Sep 1909, Friday, p. 6
"The remains of James F. Ben Guinn, brother of S. F., J. B. and Ben Guinn, of this city, who died at his home near Fillmore, Saturday, Aug. 28, at 3:30 p.m., were placed in the Lower Neely Grove Cemetery, north of Rosendale, Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 31, Rev. Mr. Chapman conducted the funeral at the home. J. F. Guinn, a pioneer school teacher of Andrew county, was born Feb. 7, 1845, in Buchanan county, near Gower, where he was reared on the farm. In March, 1862, Mr. Guinn enlisted in Company A, First Missouri infantry, and was discharged March 14, 1865. He returned to Buchanan county and for fifteen years was engaged in teaching. Following this he farmed three miles east of Fillmore until he was elected county collector in 1896. He was re-elected. Soon after coming to Andrew county he was married to Miss Mary Christie, of Rosendale, who died in 1885, leaving Mr. Guinn four children: Mrs. Sam Wells, near Fillmore; Mrs. G. W. Bronson and Mrs. Tillie McCord, of St. Joseph, and a son, Herschell. He had many friends, as the long funeral train gave evidence. The Masonic lodge had their ceremony at the cemetery. He is now at rest, where cares and troubles are unknown.--Savannah Reporter."

_The Salina [KS] Evening Journal_, 29 Mar 1910, Tuesday, p. 4

"License to marry was granted to Charles J. Curtis, of Council Grove, age 24, and Frances Stewart, age 19, of Amazoma [sic], Mo. They were married by Probate Judge Supple Monday."

_The Topeka [KS] Daily Capital_, 3 Apr 1910, Sunday, p. 21

"Newton J. Cook, age 26, St. Joseph, Mo., and Rosetta K. Schrier, age 24, Amazonia, Mo. Married by Judge Schoen."

_Brown County World_, Hiawatha, KS, 11 Nov 1910, Friday, p. 15

"Marriages Long Ago. Jacob Moser, of Andrew county, Mo., and Miss Mary Maglott, of Brown county, were married Dec. 24, 1871, by Granville Gates, minister."


"Only one marriage license was issued by Thomas L. Johnson, probate judge, yesterday. He married the couple. They are: Albert F. Commander, Leavenworth County, and Eva Lee, Andrew County, Mo."

_Brown County World_, Hiawatha, KS, 17 Mar 1911, Friday, p. 6

"The usual quiet of the Uncle John Moser home, at 101 Kickapoo street, was broken up Monday, when a crowd of old neighbors and relatives marched in, to congratulate the proprietor upon the occasion of his 85th birthday anniversary. Those who enjoyed the event were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Zimmers, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Klinefelter, Mrs. Hoffman and daughter, Mrs. Al. Smith, Jake Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moser, and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Moser and children, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Moser and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moser and children, Mrs. Frank Norton and daughters, Uncle John Moser himself and his faithful housekeeper, his daughter Mary. Miss Mary Moser, the first white child born in all this country around, was born in 1856. Mr. Moser has 23 grandchildren. He came from Switzerland in 1854, stopping with his brother near Amazonia, Mo., for a year and then coming to this country in 1855. He left the old homestead east of Hiawatha and came to town about 15 years ago, where he has been an honored, quiet citizen since. It was indeed fitting in his kind friends to make it cheerful around the good but quiet old home on this eventful occasion. A big dinner was served for there is always plenty about the home of a Moser, and a pleasant day was enjoyed all round."

"W. A. Jasper, Sr., and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner, Tuesday, September 26, at their home in Scott City, Kan.

"It had been fifty years since W. A. Jasper was married to Martha C. Reynolds of September 26, 1861, at the old Reynolds homestead in Andrew county, Missouri, where Martha Reynolds was born in December, 1845, and where she had grown to womanhood.

"Mr. Jasper had moved to Andrew county with his parents in 1845 from Homes county, Mississippi, where he was born in July, 1835."

*The Leavenworth [KS] Times*, 15 Dec 1911, Friday, p. 5


"December 22, 1861, Wm. Looker was married to Miss Mahala Stout at her home in Andrew county, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Looker live at Oxford, Kan., now, but have been stopping for several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Galloup, at Anthony, Kan., and but for the frail health of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Galloup would have had a formal celebration of the event."

*The Valley Falls [KS] New Era*, 5 Sep 1912, Thursday, p. 4

"Mrs. Grant Simon and eight children returned to their home at Rea, Mo., Wednesday, after a three weeks' visit here with her parents, Parker Posts, and her brother and sisters. Grant is station agent at Rea."

*The Parsons [KS] Daily Sun*, 3 Feb 1913, Monday, p. 1

"Marysville [sic], Mo., Feb. 3.-- Mrs. William F. Smith has returned to Nodaway county poor farm, from which she was taken away as a bride a few weeks ago by the Rev. William F. Smith of Easton, Mo. She was Miss Susie McLaughlin and while in the poor house answered a matrimonial advertisement which results in the marriage.

"Mrs. Smith said her husband is not following his calling, but has been operating a saw mill between Smith and Marysville [sic], Mo. She would not say why she returned to the poor farm."


"February 26, was the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Boggs, of Ash Creek. Owing to the delicate health of Mrs. Boggs the occasion was not celebrated.

"Mr. and Mrs. Boggs were united in married February 26, 1863, in Andrew county, Missouri. Immediately after their marriage they returned to their home in Kentucky.

"Lewis William Boggs was born in Gallatin county, Kentucky, July 8, 1842. He was the eldest son of John and Saphrona Boggs.

"Helen Marr Powers was born in Jassiman [sic] county, Kentucky, May 16, 1842, the eldest daughter of John and Savannah Powers. Mrs. Boggs and her brother, Bruce Powers, deceased, were twins.

"Mr. and Mrs. Boggs came to Ellsworth county March 1, 1873, and have lived here since that time. They have four children, Mrs. Ida B. Westfall, Miss May, Bruce and Lee."
"The above is clipped from the Ellsworth Reporter as the story is of especial interest to residents of Salina and Saline county, especially those people who lived her a quarter of a century or more. Mr. Bruce Powers, who died a few years ago and who is spoken of as the brother of Mrs. Boggs was a banker and one of the leading citizens of Salina 20 or more years ago. His family now live in Colorado, and his daughter, Mrs. Gertie Pieffer visits here with Mrs. Charles Burch and other friends.

"Mr. and Mrs. Boggs are among the best known people of Ellsworth and Saline counties. Their many friends have given their home a reputation for true southern hospitality."

*The Liberal [KS] Democrat*, 7 Mar 1913, Friday, p. 5

"Ella Arnold was born in DeKalb Co., Mo., Nov. 1, 1891, and died in Liberal, Kansas, March 3, 1913, aged 21 years, 4 months and 2 days. The funeral was conducted at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the home of the parents of the deceased, by Rev. Wm. T. Ward. Burial was made in Liberal cemetery."

*Arkansas City [KS] Daily Traveler*, 6 Jan 1914, Tuesday, p. 8

"During the past week the Traveler job office has printed announcements for a couple of weddings. Both weddings indicate a romance and might possibly be considered elopements. … This morning this office was called upon to point [sic] another announcement. This time it was for R. L. Baumann, of Savannah, Mo., and Miss Carrie H. Beattie, of Rea, Mo. Mr. Baumann wanted to break the news to the folks and he thought the better way would be to send out announcements. Mr. Baumann travels for Jonas & Emery produce house at Concorda [sic] and now that the folks had been fooled he decided that the time was propitious of the announcement of his wedding. Mr. Baumann and Miss Beattie were married in Atchison at 6 p.m. Nov. 15, 1913 at the Episcopal rectory, by Rev. John Scott. Miss Beattie had relatives in St. Joe and she told the home folks that she was going there for a visit. Mr. Baumann met her there and they went to Atchison and were married. A few days later Mrs. Baumann went to her home at Rea, and Mr. Baumann resumed his duties on the road."

*The Gazette Globe*, Kansas City, KS, 20 Jan 1914, Tuesday, p. 4

"Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shellenberger [sic] celebrated their golden wedding anniversary January 9, 1914, at Ransom, Kas. All the family now living were present. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shellenberger were married in Brownville, Neb., January 9, 1864. In the spring of 1865 they moved to Andrew county, Missouri, where they lived on a farm until October 1892, when the moved to Mound City, Holt county, Missouri."

"In October, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Shellenberger moved to Ransom, Kas., where they have since been residing. Mr. Shellengerbar [sic] has taken an interest in the upbuilding of the country and also has an interest in several mercantile establishments. He is a stock holder and director in the First State bank of Ransom, Kas., and is interested in the S-D Mercantile company of Arnold and the Utica Mercantile company of Utica."

*The Topeka [KS] Daily Capital*, 18 Apr 1914, Saturday, p. 16

"It was especially appropriate that on the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Taylor the day should have been one of pleasant spring weather, with the entire countryside springing into green life."

"Neighbors from near and far drove last Wednesday to the Taylor home, two miles south of Topeka on the Burlingame road, and spent the day in recalling experiences of early times. Refreshments were served late in the afternoon."
"Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were married April 17, 1864, near Martinsville, Ind. Mr. Taylor was born near Martinsville, September 22, 1841. He was raised on a farm until he was 20 years old. He enlisted in Company H. Thirty-third Indiana Volunteer Infantry and served four years in the Civil war. He spent two months in Libby prison. Josephine Murphy-Taylor was born June 18, 1846, near Martinsville. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Taylor moved to Nodaway county, Missouri, in 1868. They lived there eleven years, moving to northwestern Kansas in 1879. They came to Shawnee county in 1882.

"Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of eight children, six of whom are still living. The children are: Mrs. Alma Moore, Wanamaker; S. C. Taylor, Topeka; Zulia Taylor, Topeka; Mrs. Dora Green, Auburn; H. E. Taylor, and Earl Taylor, Atchison."

_The Leavenworth [KS] Times_, 3 Nov 1916, Friday, p. 8

"James E. Penninton [sic], a well known and highly esteemed retired farmer of Potter, celebrated his 69th birthday at his home at that place Monday night. Mr. Pennington recently moved from Lowemont to Potter and built a fine home there. He had lived at Lowemont for more than 40 years, and owned and operated one of the finest farms in that section, a portion of which he still owns. He was very successful as a farmer.

"Mr. Pennington was a native of Nodaway County, Mo. At the age of 17 he came to Fort Leavenworth and joined an overland freighting outfit bound for Salt Lake City. They arrived at their destination in the dead of a very severe winter and young Pennington spent the winter at the home of a Mormon family, consisting of a man and his seven wives. From Utah he went north into Idaho and Montana, and resumed freighting from Fort Benton, from which point he operated for several years. He and his companions transported the first quartz mill to the mining camp which afterwards became Butte City. He returned to Missouri in 1869, and came to Kansas in 1872. With what money he had earned in the West he bought a herd of cattle which he grazed on the broad, free prairie, getting his first real start in life and laying a foundation for his later prosperity.

"He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Elevator company of Potter, and its first president. He was one of the prime movers in the building of the Potter high school building. He is noted for his great hospitality and has been known to expend as high as $200 in entertaining his neighbors on a single occasion."


"Hiawatha, Aug. 18.-- Two hundred descendants of the John and Peter Moser families attended the first annual family reunion held here. John Moser, aged 92, was able to be present and enjoyed meeting his many descendants. Twenty-two automobile loads of Missouri Mosers, from St. Joseph, Savannah, Amazonia and Nodaway, motored over for the reunion. Those in charge of the reunion had planned to hold it in a grove near here, but rain made it necessary for them to rent a big lodge hall."

_Westmoreland [KS] Recorder_, 22 Aug 1918, Thursday, p. 5

"G. V. Area, who has been running a barber shop at Amazonia, Missouri, the past four years, has leased the Mosier barber shop building and fixtures and is now operating that shop. His family accompanied him here."


"We take pleasure in introducing to our readers, Joseph Shirley, of Quaker Valley, where he has lived for 19 years on the tract of land purchased at the time of coming here.

"Mr. Shirley has been engaged in truck farming and is a successful farmer. He farms on the intensified plan and obtains the best results from the land."
"Mr. Shirley is rather a conservative man in politics and religion, unless stirred. He has read much, been a close student of current events, ready to give and take advice, a splendid conversationalist and a good entertainer.

"Joseph Shirley was born in Grundy County, Mo. near Edingburg [sic], Sept. 24, 1848. At the age of 28 he moved to Andrew County, Mo., and from there he moved to Springview, Keippieha County, Nebraska, living there for about three years. From Nebraska, he moved to Benton County, Arkansas, and lived in the land of the big red apple for eight years. From here he moved to the Indian Territory, now state of Oklahoma and from Oklahoma, after four years residence he moved to and bought the farm where he now resides.

"He was married, April 14, 1879 to Virginia Pixler, in Andrew county, Mo. To this union were born nine children, four boys and five girls. The boys, in order of births are, Abb, James, Benjamin and Paul. The daughters Nellie, Grace, Elizabeth, Josephine and Munn.

"In the Shirley home was always found peace and contentment.

"Mrs. Shirley passed to the great beyond a number of years ago, but in her death she had the sweet thought [sic] that she left behind sons and daughters, who respected and honored her love for them.

"Mr. Shirley never fails, when in town to visit this office, where he finds a pleasant welcome. Our paper has been a regular visitor in the Shirley home since he came to Cherokee County, 19 years ago.

"Space forbids further details, but the Editors wish Mr. Shirey [sic] many more happy years to be with the host of friends he has gained since his stay among the people of Cherokee County, Kansas."

The Ottawa [KS] Herald, 26 Dec 1922, Tuesday, p. 3

"Next Thursday, December 28, marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Reed, 534 Beech street. The occasion was celebrated in an enjoyable manner Christmas at the Reed home where a three-course goose dinner was served at noon. A wedding cake formed the table centerpiece and the special feature of the afternoon entertainment was a Christmas tree on which the Christmas gifts were placed. The honor guests were presented with a beautiful set of polychrome book ends.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reed was celebrated at Mifflinburg, Pa., December 28, 1872. They moved to Nodaway County, Mo., the spring of 1877 and later to Kansas in 1904, locating east of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Reed came to Ottawa eight years ago. The following children and their families were present: Mr. and Mrs. George Reed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ward Reed and son Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lucas and family, all of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winter and son Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Evans and children of Richmond and a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Lucas. A son, Mr. Charles Reed of Everett, Wash., was unable to be present."

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