

**News of the St. Francis Branch.**

Charlie Letson is building a modern business block at Wilsonville. It will be of fire proof brick and equipped with up-to-date fixtures.

Hon. Charles Perkins, president of board of directors of the C. B. & Q. R. R., who has been hunting quail for several weeks at Ludell, Kansas, left Wednesday for Burlington, Iowa, on his special train.

There are four regular train crews on the St. Francis branch, necessary for the record breaker wheat crop and great increase of freight traffic—one crew for train 177, one for train 178, and lay over crew at Oxford and one at St. Francis.

The cream car is pulled off the St. Francis branch and Mr. Lewis who had charge of the car now runs between Oxford and Denver. This is only temporary as Saturday nearly 100 cans of cream came off the branch and the output will gradually increase towards Spring.

There are four mail clerks on the Orleans and St. Francis and the Republican City and Oberlin branches. This arrangement gives the clerks 7 days lay off every month, besides Sundays. The clerks are Henry C. Fairchild, Otto Reuwanz, C. E. Johnson and Walter Clark acting clerk.

Lebanon is building four brick store buildings on the ruins caused by the late fire. C. L. Bodwell, S. R. Jolly, D. F. Hupp and B. F. Bradbury are erecting them. Dr. Campbell, H. Burgess and H. E. Waugh will soon build three additional bricks making in all seven brick stores all on the east side of the block.

The most successful ball ever held at Orleans was at the auditorium last Friday night. It was a social as well as a financial success. The following prominent citizens and their ladies led the grand march: Mayor Ferguson, Postmaster Richmond, M. B. Holland, Peter Shea, C. Gay, James McGeachan, Ed Means, George Austin and others.

The Royal Neighbors of Orleans "Valley Camp No. 1276" elected the following officers at their annual meeting: Oracle, Mrs. Cramlet; Vice Oracle, Mrs. Leone Fairchild; Chaplain, Mrs. Axelson; Recorder, Mrs. Anna Mahu; Receiver, Gertrude Schumacher; Marshal, Carrie Schumacher; Inner Sentinel, Mrs. Dudley; Outer Sentinel, Mrs. Martin.

St. Francis is so crowded during the session of district court that hotel accommodations are wholly monopolized by the court followers, legal fraternity and others drawn by the magnet of the Dewey and Wilson trials. The Burlington has shipped two movable box cars for trainmen to sleep in, these are truckless box cars placed on flat cars and transferred at stations for lodgings.

The Lady Maccabees No. 12 of Orleans at their annual elec-

tion elected the following officers: Lady Commander, Mrs. Effie Curry; Lady Past Commander, Mrs. Phoebe Ewan; Lieutenant Commander, Mrs. Emma Peterson; Lady Mistress at Arms, Miss Carrie Schumacher; Lady Sergeant, Mrs. Leone Fairchild; Lady Record Keeper, Mrs. Jessie Deaver; Finance Keeper, Miss Lizzie Bailey; Picket, Mrs. Ward; Sentinel, Mrs. Oldfather; Chaplain, Mrs. Sandine.

Saturday night at 11 p. m., when Wm. Cropp's crew and Jack Cook, engineer, came from St. Francis with 40 cars of wheat they ran into an extra engine and way car on a siding at Beaver City. The extra crew were Frank Stark, conductor, and Ed Lundberry and Oldham, brakemen. The switch was left open and Jack Cook given the "high ball" and he ran into engine 280 at high speed, smashing the waycar into kindling wood and demolishing four cars of wheat and slightly damaging both engines. The wrecking crew came from McCook with Trainmaster Kenyon and Master Mechanic Archibald and cleared up the wreck. The damage amounted to several thousand dollars.

Orleans auditorium was dedicated last week and over 400 of the citizens of Orleans and vicinity were present. A highly interesting program was rendered—musical and literary. County Sup't Benety presided and Ex-Congressman Shallenberger delivered the principal address. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 700 and a stage 40x20 feet and is lighted by gas. The stage is ornamented with four beautiful scenes—one landscape, one forest, one drawing room and one sheet scene. The auditorium is a municipal corporation and the city mayor and council are the board of managers. The best talent of the theatrical circuit will be employed and Orleans and the Republican Valley will enjoy theatrical treats worthy of large cities.

The wheat shipments for the St. Francis branch since new wheat has begun to move inclusive to December 12, 1903, are as follows by car loads:

St. Francis, Bird City and Wheeler	150
McDonald	115
Blakeman	110
Atwood	240
Ludell	135
Herndon	260
Traer	70
Cedar Bluffs	65

Total car loads for Kansas 1145  
 Marion 70  
 Danbury 225  
 Lebanon 250  
 Wilsonville 325  
 Hendley 160  
 Beaver City 340  
 Stamford 90

Total car loads for Neb. 1460  
 Total car loads for Kansas 1145  
 Grand total 2605  
 Beaver City, Wilsonville, Herndon, Lebanon, Atwood and Danbury ranking as named shipped 1,640 cars out of a total of 2,605.

**Climatic Cures.**  
 The influence of climatic conditions in the cure of consumption is very much overdrawn. The poor patient, too, can do much better at home by proper attention to food digestion, and a regular use of German Syrup. Free expectoration in the morning is made certain by German Syrup, so is a good night's rest and the absence of that weakening cough and debilitating night cough sweat. Restless nights and the exhaustion due to coughing, the greatest danger and dread of the consumptive, can be prevented or stopped by taking German Syrup liberally and regularly. Should you be able to go to a warmer climate, you will find that of the thousands of consumptives, the few who are benefited and regain strength are those who use German Syrup. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. L. W. McConnell.

Say! did you ever try a Bachelor cigar? They are now sold for 5c.

**NORTH SIDE.**  
 Martin Kennedy lost a horse, Wednesday.

Walter Hickling shelled corn for Wm. Johnson, Friday.

Nick Mitchell shelled corn for Thurston Doyle, Tuesday.

Fred Carter is threshing cane this week for his neighbors.

Ben King is hauling lumber these days to build a new barn.

Ed Phalen is down from Custer county looking after his cattle.

The young people held a dance at Henry Uhren's, Thursday night.

K. Hill of Slater, Story county, Iowa, is here on a visit with O. Houge and family.

The farmers are hauling lumber and doing a great deal of building this winter.

Clyde Merriott and Martin Kennedy shelled corn, Thursday. Nick Mitchell did the shelling.

James Kirby will have 2,000 bushels of corn this year of a very good quality. He is the boss corn raiser in the county.

D. Cashen, who lives on Omer Hale's farm, says he has plenty of water now. He had a hard time to get water for his stock.

S. O. Houge is still hauling wheat. Will that man ever get done hauling wheat? He is one of the best farmers living north of McCook.

Our old friend John Fitzgibbons is building a stone house and when finished it will be one of the finest in the neighborhood. Success to you John.

Robert Moore is building a new barn. He raised the largest crop of wheat of any one in the neighborhood. His threshing bill amounting to nearly \$400.

John Penny informs us that he raised between five and six thousand bushels of small grain this year and that he has 250 acres sowed in wheat and rye.

The writer is in receipt of a letter from John Farmer and family who are living at Kingfisher, Oklahoma. People will remember them as having lived on the Byfield ranch.

**CEDAR BLUFFS, KANSAS.**  
 J. W. Miner and family were in Oberlin, Friday.

A. R. Wright's sale was well attended Tuesday.

Quite a number of people were in town from Traer, this week.

Harve Tracy and wife were Oberlin business callers Friday.

I. J. Peck was in town this week looking after his interests here.

Sallie Bell spent this week at Mrs. Rebmans' and Mrs. Kennedy's.

Amos Peck and wife spent Friday and Saturday in town looking after business.

The little snow that has come lately has put a smile on the good old farmer's faces.

Ed Blackmore bought of Dr. A. L. Nichols his 40 acre farm. Consideration \$1,300.

J. Wicks, the telephone manager of Danbury, was in town looking after the Beaver Valley telephone company. He changed the telephone from Kellogg's old office to the new one.

The fable that the Traer correspondent reports in the Oberlin Times about the Cedar Bluffs goats was real good. But remember writer you back-wooders are not acquainted with your own clique. 'T'was not ours.

Will buy hogs Tuesdays and Saturdays. F. S. Wilcox.  
 5c will now buy a 10c Bachelor cigar.

**INDIANOLA.**  
 Mrs. J. S. Phillips is on the sick list.

Quite a snow fall occurred here first of the week.

Mr. Motherseid is now night operator at this place.

William Finch of Cambridge was a visitor here Saturday.

R. E. Smith sold his span of mules to Tom Ireland of Eustis.

Walker Andrews of McCook was in town on business, Saturday.

A son was born to Nicholis Uerling and wife, Tuesday, the 15th.

Tom Ireland of Eustis was in town first of week buying horses.

Flossie Andrews of McCook spent Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

Mrs. Phoebe Taylor departed, first of week, for Arkansas for a visit with relatives.

I. M. Beardslee, who was appointed deputy clerk, will soon move to McCook.

Alex. Brown and daughter Roxy of Danbury were town visitors Wednesday.

The different churches are busy preparing their respective programs for Christmas.

R. Wilkerson of Holdrege was in town Saturday on business connected with the creamery.

The ladies of the Congregational church gave a supper at Beardslee's hall, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Freuda of Lincoln came in on No. 5 Saturday evening for a visit with her parents near Danbury.

I. M. Brown of Danbury visited a few days this week with his brother-in-law W. H. Smith and family.

James Donnelly went to McCook, Tuesday evening, where he is taking treatment for catarrhal trouble.

W. D. Williams and C. Mathews of Bartley are plastering Harry Whitmore's new house, this week.

Mathew Lawritson, wife and 3 children of McCook visited Sunday with his brother and family of this place.

J. W. Dolan went to Wilcox, Neb., Tuesday morning, to make arrangements concerning the funeral of Mrs. Lamborn.

The concert given at the hall last Saturday evening by the band was largely attended and a fine program was rendered.

Word was received here Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. John Lamborn from paralysis at her home in Wilcox. The funeral took place Thursday at M. E. church.

Dr. W. D. McKechnie of Indianola, a cousin of the late Dr. N. McKechnie, was in the city last Monday with a view to locating permanently in Holdrege, and before leaving decided to open an office here about the first of the year. The doctor is a graduate of the Western Medical college of London, Canada, and has built up a substantial practice at Indianola, but, desirous of locating in a larger town, decided upon Holdrege.—Holdrege Progress.

One Hundred Dollars a Box is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of witch hazel with antiseptics and emollients. Relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by L. W. McConnell.

**POINTS ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

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 National Medical Co., York, Neb.  
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