

ST. JOHN'S DOMAIN.

A Trip Through Southwestern Kansas—Destructive Ravages of the Drought.

BURLINGTON, SOUTHERN KAN., October 27.—Your correspondent arrived at this beautiful city of 3,000 inhabitants on September 23. Burlington is the county seat of the crack county of Coffey, and lies 305 miles southwest of Omaha, and 100 from Kansas City. It was settled in the border ruffian times, about 1856, by stalwart eastern men, who besides stocking it with churches and first-class schools have made it commercially an important and wealthy place. A large amount of business is done in the usual departments of trade. Burlington is situated at the confluence of Rock creek and Acosha river, both streams are bordered with abundant timber, and the Acosha affords a constant water power.

There is abundant building stone on hand and nearly the whole city is built up of stone and brick. A very striking feature to an Omaha man is the magnificent condition of the streets, made of the yellowstone of the neighborhood, they are as if macadamized, quite level, yet perfectly smooth and hard. Mud stands no chance whatever.

The surrounding country is the rich prairie, much the same as Nebraska, and corn is king. This is the year of drought to Kansas, crops will average one-half. I saw some splendid corn-fields, the stalks ten and twelve feet high, but the others along yield nothing. Hay was a good crop; wheat light; potatoes almost a dead failure, but high prices will help out; white corn brought last year twenty-five cents. I saw it selling freely in Burlington at seventy cents per bushel. All the way from Kansas City to Burlington were painful sights of the drought; it was one desert, not a grown thing to be seen. A simoon was sending its hot blasts from the south, and the dust in the cars was almost intolerable. From some observation, and prior visits to the state, I am inclined to think that Kansas is more subject to extremes of seasons than Nebraska; either drought or rain are in excess when Nebraska is getting a normal taste of the same this season. Our State has suffered this year, but not near so much as our sister State. On the other hand the soil of the two States and general characteristics are the same.

There was no rain in Kansas to speak of from June until the latter part of September, when a rainfall began and has continued until now; the change is marvelous, reminding one of spring rather than fall; the lawns have become green, pastures are booming, and fall wheat is six inches high.

One of the notables of Burlington is Hiram McAllister, who was with John Brown in border ruffian times. His description of those troublesome times, part of which he saw and part of which he was, is graphic and thrilling. Mr. A. was chosen to be the dangerous task of smuggling Sharp's rifles into Topeka, where two parties claimed to be the legislature. The arms were stowed between false bottoms in two lumber wagons. Twice he was intercepted by officers in search of these very arms; once while the officers were questioning the man and examining his truck, John Brown himself rode rapidly past toward Topeka. Of course no one knew the McAllister took things easy, lit a big pipe to smoke, and by his coolness saved his guns which the next day were in the hands of the free party. Mr. McAllister carries to-day a bullet which was fired into his back by a traitor negro whom he supposed he was saving from pursuing enemies.

For Western Eyes

A writer in a recent issue of The Art Amateur has an article upon the bogus picture trade in New York city. He says: "In Levy's place the pictures are not hung upon the wall. It would require a large house to furnish wall space enough to hang all Levy's pictures. Instead of this, they are arranged in huge piles about the commodious store-rooms untrammelled. The would-be purchaser is shown whole sets of these at a time in a standing frame. Pictures are sold here according to their size, and not according to their merit, as they are all believed to possess an equal amount of merit. Levy regards pictures with a commercial eye solely, and if you inquire of him the price of his goods he will at once ask you the size you want, and this makes you feel as if he was about to produce a tape-line and take your measure. 'We have them,' he will say, 'from 65 cents up to \$2.26.' 'Does this include the frames also?' you ask in innocence, and you are rather surprised when he answers that the frames cost more than the pictures, for when you find that the pictures are made by the yard you feel as though the frames should be made by the cord. Scenes on the Hudson with stately palisades and impossible clouds, pictures of sheep and cows feeding near brooks that start in the clouds and come vertically down the middle of the canvas, are the favorites just now. 'There is a great demand for these pictures out West,' you will be told, 'where the taste for art is rapidly improving.' Levy's establishment is generally full of customers, and the hands of its proprietor, to say nothing of his pockets, are full also. It is said that some years ago Levy used to be mild, modest individual, who worked side by side with his men. Now, however, since 'the taste for art has increased in the West,' Levy is a changed man. He has a sharp resonant voice, and a swaggering, brazen air, as if he himself were the basson of the human orchestra. 'Tell Carlo to put some more trees on them palisades!' he shouts to one of his men, and at the time points to a stack of three feet by two of pictures representing the palisades about to topple over into the Hudson. A customer, who came in while the writer was there, wanted the names of eminent artists attached to the pictures had he purchased. 'That'll be extra!' said Levy, with an insinu-

ating smile. 'Oh, that's all right,' said the customer, 'only put on the names of them eyecatching fellows.'

Up a rickety flight of stairs is the attic, and here are the rooms where the pictures are made. Do you remember the gaudy paintings you must have seen in restaurants adjoining railway stations? The flocks of shaggy sheep and the obese cows rambling beneath incredible brooks flowing over their sources? They were painted in this attic, or, if not, then in some place of this character. Here there is no romance. The artists sit about the three small rooms in the front of the garage and work like beavers. They have the knack of the brush and the maul-stick, and they keep the 'pot boiling,' so to speak. Here is a marine picture on the easel of the nearest man as you enter. The ship in the background seems to have partaken of the vim and energy of the artist, and skims the waves with no laggard prow. But the penant at the fore is streaming one way and yet her sails are boomed out in the other direction. It is unfortunate that the artist in his haste to complete the picture has overlooked the fact that the wind never blows from opposite points of the compass at the same time. 'Is that so?' he says when his attention is called to the fact. 'Oh, they don't mind little things like that out West!' On the broad beach in the foreground are strewn surprises, kinds of seaweeds, and climbing over the rocks are the legs of the artist. But what of that? If they don't object to a West to the wind being represented as blowing from opposite directions in the background, surely they will not object to boiled lobsters crawling over the rocks in the foreground! A notable thing about these 'commercial' artists is their preference for large brushes, such even as are used by housepainters. Their rapidity is not 'slang' the painter. They literally 'slang' the paint on.

One would think that Levy, with his immense business, grown from the smallest beginnings, would be a happy man. Such, however it seems, is not the case. He has a rival who has established business in Church street, where he does a business in 'bogus' pictures that bids fair to exceed in magnitude that of the ambitious Levy. But this is not all. This rival played a trick on Levy some years ago, by which the latter was induced to pay a good price for what he terms very inferior pictures. In other words the rival succeeded in 'out-bogus'ing' the clever Levy, to coin an expression for this particular case. It seems that Levy, while sitting in his little front office one morning, was accosted by a stranger, who told him he had bought a lot of pictures on speculation, but was in need of money, and desired, therefore, to get rid of them. Levy looked searchingly at the stranger, who seemed to be of a timid, retiring disposition. His clothing, no two articles of which were of the same color, appeared to have been purchased and put on a few hours before, a fact more directly established by the clothes dealer's ticket which still adhered to his coat collar. He seemed to be simply penniless, and Levy, after telling him that the market was very dull and pictures sold very slowly and at small figures, asked him what he wanted for his goods. The stranger unrolled the cords that held together a bundle that he carried under his arm, and displayed a great bundle of pictures. 'These,' said he, 'are only samples. I have several hundred of them which I wish to sell.' What do you want for them?' demanded Levy. 'What'll you give?' returned the stranger. 'What'll you take?' returned Levy. After they had repeated these questions several times, the stranger admitted that he knew but little about pictures, but as he must sell them he would let them go at a dollar and a half apiece. They were the same size for which Levy asked \$2. 'I'll give you a dollar apiece for them,' said Levy. 'It's very little,' said the stranger, 'but I'll take it.' That afternoon a truck arrived with several hundred pictures similar to the samples shown by the stranger, and the money was paid over. It was some time afterward that Levy discovered that the pictures he had purchased from the stranger had been made with stencils and touched up with a brush! In reality they were worth about ten cents apiece. Then Levy discovered that the same man was traveling him in the market with his own pictures. These stencil pictures are made in great quantities and sent West, where there is a large demand for them on account of their cheapness. It is only by careful examination that they can be distinguished from the ordinary cheap-painted pictures, and if the parts where the several different stencils join have been carefully painted over with a brush it is said to be impossible to tell one kind from another.

Palpitation of the Heart.
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A Tragedy at De Witt.
Lincoln Journal, October 31.
We learn from General Otto Funke, who returned from the western part of the state yesterday, the meagre particulars of a tragedy which occurred at the little town of DeWitt, in Saline county, last Friday night, which will probably result in the death of an old and highly respected citizen by the name of Busbaum. It seems that proprietors of one of the saloons of this town, whose names we could not learn, had some difficulty, which resulted in one of the proprietors disposing of his interest to a citizen of the town. The new partner walked into the saloon and notified the remaining partner that he had purchased a half interest, and proposed to run the establishment to suit himself. The old partner objected to becoming associated with the new man, and as a consequence the doors of the saloon were closed. In the meantime the remaining member of the old firm gave to Mr. Busbaum a mortgage upon his interest in the saloon, to secure \$700 that he had borrowed from him some time before. Busbaum went to the saloon for the purpose of claiming the stock under his mortgage, and found the door locked. He attempted to force it open, when the man inside

fired at him through the door, the ball lodging in his breast. It was thought at Wiber that the man was mortally wounded.

FROM SHERMAN TO LONDON.

Beef to be Slaughtered in Wyoming and Preserved for British Palates.

Cheyenne Leader.
A number of workmen, under Contractor East, are engaged on the slaughter and packing houses at Sherman station, projected by Moreton Frewen & Co. As the business contemplated opens a wide field of commerce for Wyoming, a detailed narrative of the same is a proper one. It may be premised that the idea of the business originated with Mr. Moreton Frewen in this wise: He observed that beef often sold at losing figures simply because of the overcrowded state of the market, and that attempts to hold beef in the range for better figures were not always successful. The idea sprang up, why not slaughter the beef by wholesale and hold it subject to a rise in the market? Then the details of the plan were necessary; how to do it effectively and economically. Mr. Frewen learned that one of our leading butchers had once killed a large number of beaves in Cheyenne during the winter and kept the carcasses in a large shed successfully for several months, and into the latter part of April, and at the end of that time the meat was still sweet and fit to eat. Then occurred to Mr. Frewen that by establishing a slaughter house at Sherman, and taking advantage of the prevailing low temperature there, he could operate the business economically and successfully.

The plan is this: A great number of beaves are to be slaughtered at the beginning of every winter. This year the number will be from 1,200 to 1,500 head of cattle, for experiment. When the slaughtering is done, the quarters will be hung in an open shed until they are thoroughly frozen by the natural temperature. No ice will be placed in contact with the meat. When the quarters are nicely frozen they will be packed away closely in a packing house constructed on scientific principles. No ice will be needed to preserve the meat as the close packing will retain the frost. The average temperature of Sherman in winter is below the freezing point; it has an elevation of 8,242 feet, and is on an exposed summit. There are precious few nights during the summer when ice does not form in the streams and ponds near by.

It will be seen then, that Mr. Frewen can effect all the objects of the business simply taking advantage of the natural cold temperature. As a consequence much labor and expense is saved over what would be necessary.

After the season's slaughtering is done and packed away, the surplus can be drawn at will. Mr. Frewen's idea is to ship his beef to English markets. To do this he will secure refrigerator cars and when these are once loaded at Sherman they will go clear to the docks of New York without change and the contents unloaded into the refrigerator cars, which will be sent for several weeks longer, if necessary, on account of poor market, etc.

Should the experiment of the present winter with 2,000 head prove successful, Mr. Frewen will have his facilities enlarged so as to slaughter from 15,000 to 20,000 beaves the following winter.

The item of freight from Sherman station to London is not so great as one might suppose. By reason of heavy shipments, Mr. Frewen has secured very favorable terms from the Union Pacific and other roads, and the steamship companies, so that he can ship the beef at a cost of about one penny (two cents) per pound. This will enable him to compete successfully in the London market and thus will his business be increased. Indeed, if the experiment proves successful, it is probable that other preserving establishments will be started at Sherman. But to Mr. Frewen belongs the credit of originating the idea and of having the nerve to supply the means of testing it thoroughly.

It is to be hoped that the experiment will prove eminently successful. If it is, the beaves of Wyoming need not be driven out of our bounds for a good market. Our cattle men will not lose by shrinkage consequent upon shipping, and besides all the business will be done in Cheyenne.

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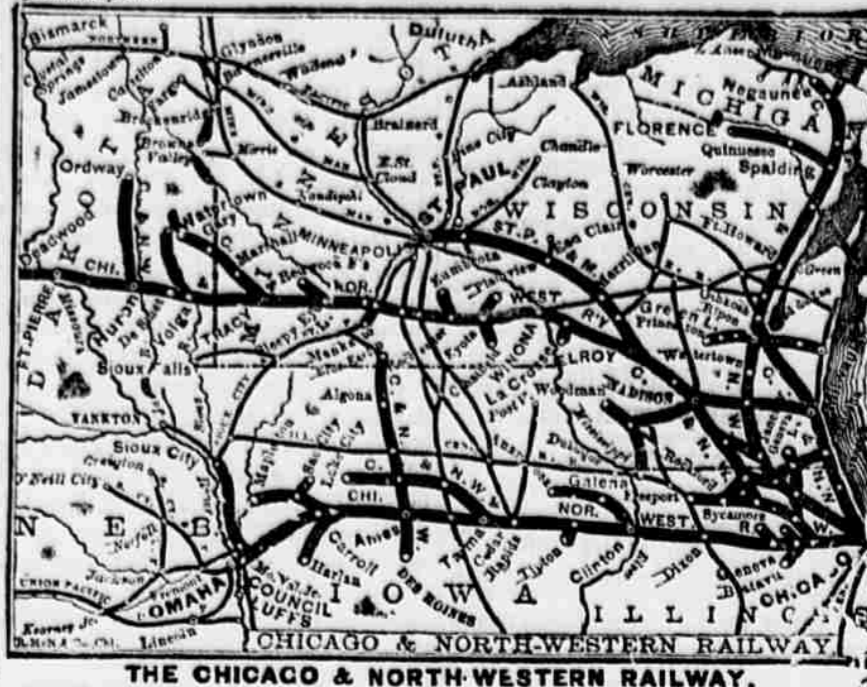
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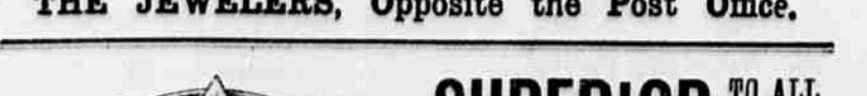
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