

Logan County Record
Russell Springs, Kansas
June 16, 1887

Messrs. Warden and Armstrong are putting up a large barn east of the lumber yard.

We received the initial number of the *McAllaster Herald* last week, by J.P. Israel. McAllaster is another "metropolis of the west," situated on the R.R. near the old town of Sheridan, and has great futures. We hope the *Herald* will prosper, and know it will not "succumb to the inevitable" under the able management of Pres.

Logan County Record
June 30, 1887

School will commence in the Hackberry District, some 12 miles south of town, in about two weeks. The Board was lucky in securing the services of Miss Millie Beymer as teacher, and the RECORD assures them they could not have shown better judgment when they selected her.

J.T. Phinney, N.C. Phinney, Geo. Ford, and Geo. McKinstry have rented the Miss Walk building, and gone to keeping bachelor's hall. They will still take their meals at the Logan House.

All old soldiers are requested to meet at Comrade H. Morley's store at 10 o'clock sharp, on July 4th, for the purpose of taking part in the parade on that date and hour, as advertised in the general advertising matter.

Logan County Times
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SHOOTING.

An unfriendly feeling has existed for a long time between C.W. Evans and George Steele. They each have a bunch of cattle that run on the Hackberry. Evans claims cattle from Steele's herd got onto his premises and damaged his crops. He "cut out" several head and herded them with his own and refused to surrender them. The cattle were the property of Mr. Haicks who is also a neighbor. The grounds where the cattle were taken from was measured and found to belong to Steele and the party measuring the land went out on the prairie where Evans' boy was herding and cut out the cattle and started for Steele's herd. Evans saw them and mounted a horse and started to intercept them and drive the stock back. He headed them and was turning them back when Steele rode up to him and, from the movements of Evans, thought that he was trying to draw his revolver and began trying to knock him off his horse with his fist before he could draw it. He struck twice and then saw that Evans had the gun out. Not being armed he whirled his horse to run just as Evans fired and received the ball in his left arm just below the shoulder making an ugly flesh wound and tore through the top of his left hand and out of the finger next to the little one, a second shot was fired that passed through the mare he was riding that caused her

death in a few hours. Steele's arm was corded and he was rapidly driven to town and Dr. Keeney dressed the wounds and he is getting along nicely. The shot was evidently aimed to kill and would have done so had it been four inches further to the right. Evans started to town to surrender and was met by deputy sheriff Zeigler and brought in. He was taken before Squire Camp and waved an examination. Bail was fixed at the ridiculously low figure of \$600. This has been approved and he will probably go before the next term of the district court for trial.

Logan County Record & Russell Springs Record July 7 & 21, 1887

M.M. Jones of Kokomo, Indiana, is in Russell Springs visiting his sons, T.L., M.C., and J.W. Jones.

C.O. Smalley, J.S. Warden, & Jas. Armstrong will ship 12 new buggies and a carload of fine horses to Russell Springs this month.

(from a lengthy story about the July 4, 1887, celebration: parade, laying of the cornerstone at the courthouse, baseball, horse and foot races, fireworks & dance...):

After this address, a tin box containing a brief history of the town, a copy of the Declaration of Independence, a charter of the Pioneer Town Co., plat of the town and names of the officers, a map of Kansas, copy of Logan County RECORD, Topeka Commonwealth, Winona Messenger, and the name of the Master Workman, (*Geo. D. Kerns*) was placed in the stone, and it was cemented and set.

Russell Springs Record
July 14, 1887

Burney Healy, infant son of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Healy, died of cholera infantum at the Illinois House Saturday, July 9, 1887, and was buried Sunday.

Logan County Times
Russell Springs, Kansas
July 28, 1887

The new town of Elkader takes the place of Lester just south of the junction of the Beaver and Smoky Rivers. Section 3, Township 15, Range 32.

Russell Springs Record
August 18, 1887

Estray Notice

Taken up on my place, 2 ½ miles nw of Russell Springs, on sec. 10-13-35, one gray horse, about 10 years old, weighs about 1000, had on old halter with rope under jaw, is flea bitten. Owner can have same by proving property, paying expense of keeping, notice, etc. A.C. ALLMON

Last Saturday, just for pastime, the Russell Springs Ball Club went down and amused themselves with some players at Logansport. Of course our boys carried off the honors, and the score stood 24 to 15.

Russell Springs Record
August 25, 1887

It is rumored that Will Stratton, formerly of this place, was arrested at Hoxie, a few days ago, for playing U.S. Marshal and collecting revenue

from some person who had been selling tobacco without license.

G.W. Landreth of Beloit, bought the double-store building on the east side of Grand occupied by the Blue Front Grocery and the Hardware Store besides several lots on Broadway.

J.S. Turner, Linkville, Missouri, bought the double-store building on the west side of Grand now occupied by the OK Restaurant and the Millinery Store and other property.

Grace Armstrong, sister of cashier J. Armstrong, is clerking in the Bank of Russell Springs.

PICNIC.--The Sabbath Schools of Pleasant Hill, Pence City, Turner district and Logansport will unite in a picnic, to be held Sept. 3rd, on Chalk creek, sec. 25-15-34. A program of interesting exercises by the different schools is being prepared. A basket dinner is an important feature of the program. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The ladies of this city gave an ice cream festival at the Union church last Thursday evening.

Mr. A.S. Dulin, who came here from Russell, Kansas, a short time ago, left for Wallace with a borrowed horse, and has not been heard from since. The idea is entertained by some, of foul play.

The citizens of Oakley are preparing for a grand celebration of the 2nd birth day of that city, on Sept. 15.

Russell Springs Record
September 1, 1887

The count on the census has vote: Russell Springs-542 & Logansport-273 for the county seat. Russell Springs wins by 269.

The lake is filling up with water. The school house is enclosed, and walls of the courthouse rising rapidly.

B.F. Cannon has sold his flour and feed store to G.W. Landreth.

W.O. Disney arrived in Russell Springs. H.D. Jett is manager of Simpson, Disney, & Co. and W.D. Vernon left for his home in Pennsylvania. He had been co-manager at Simpson, Disney, & Co. The Post Office is now in the front of the store and lock boxes have been put in.

ACCIDENT.--Last Sabbath, August 21, Mr. J. H. Pemberton, of 26-36-15, met with a serious injury by the accidental discharge of a 44 caliber Sharps rifle. He was holding the gun in such a manner that when discharged the ball entered his body near the posterior part of the upper third of the thigh, fracturing the bone. Dr. Royce was called and dressed the wound. Should Mr. P. recover he will probably be a cripple for life.

DIED.-- Aug. 26, '87, of fever and paralysis of the heart, Geo. W. Harvel, aged about 22 years. His remains were taken to the railroad Saturday, and forwarded to his parents, at Raymond, Illinois.

Russell Springs Record
September 1, 1887

Wednesday, a slight ripple for an instant disturbed the quiet of Russell Springs. It seems that a character known as Jersey, has for some time been bootlegging anti-prohibition drinks around town and, of late, has been too indiscriminate as to whom he sold the same. Some of the law-abiding people had been watching for evidence against him, as we don't want and won't have this kind of work in Russell Springs. On Wednesday, John Hill, having conclusive evidence that Jersey was not only selling liquor but was selling it to young boys, was so stirred up with righteous indignation that he at once proceeded to inflict summary punishment upon the person of Jersey. Having, in a measure, assuaged his wrath by this means he proceeded to hunt up Justice Fleming and Attorney Davis and get out a warrant for the arrest of Jersey, which was placed in the hands of Mr. Wright, but before it could be served the worthy had hied away, no man knoweth where. We warn bootleggers, gamblers, etc., that it is not safe to attempt their practices in this town.

Russell Springs Record
September 8, 1887

Mr. Grove arrived today with his son and will put out a Democratic newspaper.

Dr. Royce will soon be found in his new office west of the Logan House.

Dr. Crawford's residence is enclosed and will soon be ready for occupancy.

A. Chitwood has purchased the general merchandise stock of H. Morley and is building a 22'x60' store on the lot south of the Morley building.

Russell Springs is without a doubt one of the best trading points in Logan County. Last Saturday, there were 108 teams counted on the streets at one time.

In excavating at the spring, this week, B. McMillan found a pocket compass and an old-fashioned hatchet 5 feet underground and in a good state of preservation.

J. H. Goodman, the blacksmith, sold his residence to G. W. Landreth for \$700. Mr. Goodman will now build a neat and commodious residence on his lots on the north side.

DIED.-- September 4th, 1887, at Russell Springs, Kansas, after an illness of thirty-one days, of typhoid fever, Forest W. Moore, aged 21 years and 20 days. He was born in Russell, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., August 14, 1866. He came to this place last April with Mr. & Mrs. John Hill and lived with them. The services were conducted at the home of Mr. Hill, by Rev. McVeigh. His body was followed to its last resting place by the longest procession ever seen in Logan County.

Russell Springs Record
September 15, 1887

The great reservoir south of town that has been in process

of construction for the past month, is now completed. This has been a very heavy job of work with many obstacles in the way, but through the untiring energy and perseverance of Foreman McMillan the work was pushed to completion. The reservoir takes in an area of one hundred feet in width and two hundred feet in length, taking in three distinct springs. There is now ten feet of water, in depth.

Logan County Times
September 29, 1887

J. R. Childers, of Stafford county, on Wednesday, began the foundation for a store on the second lot east of the post office. He will open a flour and feed store.

Frank Parsons is building a nice residence west of the church. The residence of Mr. Phinney, east of town is nearing completion.

Logan County Leader
October 6, 1887

The people of Russell Springs will soon have a grand place to fish. Last week James S. Warden had about 200 carp shipped out from Frankfort, Kansas, and put them in the lake and reservoir.

The First National Bank Building is being pushed rapidly to completion. When finished it will be two stories, and one of the finest buildings in the Hub. The office of the president of the town company will be in the rear room of the building, fronting on Vine St.

Logan County Times
October 20, 1887

STATE NEWS.

The Logan County Times has bought the Russell Springs *Record*. E.C. Forney retires from the *Record*. The Times and *Record* will consolidate, making one of the best papers in Western Kansas.

-*Thomas Co. Cat.*

Bob Miner, of Rawlins county, now in jail at Syracuse, this state, for murder committed in Greeley county a short time ago, has notified his "confidential friends" in Rawlins county that they must help him, or that something is going to "drap." Perhaps a little light may yet be thrown upon the mystery enshrouding the shooting of Plummer and Cozad.

C.J. Jones has just received a letter from Buffalo Bill, who is now exhibiting his "Wild West" show in London, in which he offers him \$1,000 apiece for his entire herd of Buffalo numbering forty. Mr. Jones went into the business of catching and domesticating buffaloes, not as a matter of business, but as an amusement and for the purpose of demonstrating a theory he held in regard to the hardy character of the cross between the buffalo and blooded stock. His buffaloes have become more valuable by far than he ever expected.

--*Garden City Sentinel*

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October 20, 1887

Homesick Cowboys

Dallas News

Jim Kid, of Buffalo Bill's wild west show, writes to Pony Bill, of the Range Journal, to say that several of the boys of the wild west have met with painful accidents. Kid headed the list by his horse falling on him and "mashing him up" while he was riding at full speed picking up two shilling pieces. Buck Taylor got his leg broken while the cowboys were dancing the Virginia reel on horseback. Joe Esquivel got his eyes shot out with a blank cartridge. Dick Johnson got his ribs mashed up by a bucking horse falling on him. Billy Bullock got his ankle thrown out of place by a fall. Broncho Charley got his ankle mashed. One of the boys got into a racket on the street and licked seven cops and stands now in imminent danger of relentless English law. Buffalo Bill is a good, considerate boss; the wild west is showing to 15,000 to 20,000 daily, but the Kid says both the Indians and cowboys are homesick and declare if ever they get west of the Mississippi river they will know enough to stay there.

Logan County Times
October 27, 1887

The remains of a large shark were exhumed near Logansport last Saturday. The bones and teeth of those sea monsters are frequently found along the

Smoky and proves the fact of this whole country having been an ocean bed at no distant day.

Logan County Times
November 10, 1887

Last Sunday J.D. Walruth, who lives on Butte creek, killed a large catamount or over-grown wild cat that weighed over fifty pounds. He was carrying his child and his wife walking behind carrying a shotgun. In rounding a short turn in the bluffs he saw the viscious thing rise, not ten feet from him, to spring, and jumped back, exchanged the babe for the gun and returned. Again the cat raised to attack him, and received the contents of the gun in the jugular vein, but sprung falling at Mr. Walruth's feet struggling to get at him and only ceased when life was extinct. Had Mr. W. not noticed him just as he did, himself or the babe would have been fearfully torn and perhaps killed.

Logan County Leader
November 17, 1887

Landreth and Childers are building an addition to their feed store, which we understand is to be used by Thorpe Bros. as a real estate office.

Pres. Israel, editor of the McAllaster Herald, is again howling for some town besides Russell Springs to get the permanent county seat. Israel has been noisy in everything and influential in nothing. He is always on the wrong side, either because it is always his misfortune, else he has no judgment.

