

Logan County Times
September 29, 1887

This large county has several good towns to afford the settlers trading facilities, all of which are healthy growing towns that present good business openings. Oakley, on the railroad, as the gate city of the county, on the northeast, is a good trading point for a large and rich area of country. Monument, nine miles west of it is a thrifty little town. Winona, twenty-one miles west, is an important town and the shipping point of the county seat. McAllaster, near the west line of the county, is a new and thrifty place with good prospects. Augustine in the southwest part of the county is a new place with a live, energetic class of people. Logansport, east of the center, is a new place with some good business houses and an aspirant in the recent contest for the county seat. Elkader, in the southeast, is a new town with all the facilities an inland town could ask for the making of a good town. Boaz, between Winona and Monument, is a new and promising town. Russell Springs, in the center of the county and the temporary and sure to be the permanent county seat, was started last March and has now, about five hundred population: is handsomely located at the far famed Russell Springs, long a resting point on the old Kansas City and Denver Trail. The town is a substantial one, embracing a good class of buildings and is near the finest building stone in the country.

Logan County Leader
October 6, 1887

The Logan county baseball nine went to Colby last week during the Thomas County fair, to play the Thomas county boys. On their way up our boys stopped at Oakley to play the boys there, and the game resulted in favor of the lads from below.

The safe of the First National Bank of Russell Springs has arrived and will soon open for business.

Mr. Jas. Armstrong has sold his interest in the Pioneer Town Site Co., the Water & Improvement Company of Russell Springs, and the real estate holdings of C.O. Smalley & Co., in this vicinity, to G.S. Morgan, esq. Mr. Armstrong will still remain in Russell Springs and continue with his well established banking business. (Bank of Russell Springs)

Wisdom & Smalley are building a large carriage addition to the rear of their livery barn.

Rev. Sam Small has charged that the Democratic party took him within half a mile of hell.-----*Cleveland Leader, Republican*

It left him there with the Republican party, who will take him the other half mile.
-----*Plain Dealer*

Logan County Times
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from the WINONA MESSENGER:

G.H. Ellicott, of Ellsworth, was up this week looking after his claims, it was his father and brother that got lost in the

snow storm last winter and were found between here and Sheridan frozen to death and the claims they were holding fell to Mr. Ellicott and his mother.

GOVE COUNTY NEWS

A census of Gove City, taken recently, give that place 303 population. Now they want to incorporate.

Tame grasses have done well in Gove county this year. English blue grass seems to have done well for Jas. Starr on 25-14-28 this year and he recommends its general cultivation.

Logan County Times
October 20, 1887

The plat for Warden's addition to Russell Springs has been recorded and the lots about the court and school houses are now on the market.

Work will begin on the water tank, for the water works, this week. It will hold 750 barrels of water and will stand 50 feet above the hill at the angle in the south end of the main.

J. M. McCornack, on Monday purchased through Cellars & Kerlin three lots west of Dr. Royce's office for the sum of \$600.

On Tuesday the Town company moved the red building to a lot south of the Bank of Russell Springs and will put it in shape for the harness and shoe shop that E. Lundgren will soon open therein.

P. W. Nudd, on Wednesday, brought several bushels of fine tomatoes to town that brought a good price. It pays to raise lots of truck.

Logan County Times
October 27, 1887

DIED: Maud Stuart, of consumption, at the residence of her parents, W.A. and B. H. Stuart, on Oct. 26th, 1887. She was born Sept. 25th, 1869. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. S. Riley, of Topeka.

T. C. Ralston has been obliged to give up barbering, on account of his health. Tom has been at it a long time and his physician ordered him to quit it.

Milo Ralston left for Topeka on Wednesday. We hope to see him back when the grass grows again.

Miss Hattie Chapman a few days ago found a shark's tooth, near town, that is perfect and bears full testimony of the immense and well known cutting powers of these vicious fish.

Logan County Leader
October 27, 1887

The citizens of Winona and vicinity have pledged themselves to support Winona for county seat at the December election. Logansport, the opposing town in the temporary contest, we understand is out of the race, and now comes Winona, almost in the extreme northern part of the county and asks the citizens of Logan county to vote her the county seat. It is an imposition on the settlers to ask them to vote for Winona for the county seat. Winona situated as she is in the northern part of the county will cut no figure whatever in the contest. The good people in the county and especially those

living in the southern part of the county do not want to travel twenty and thirty miles to the county seat, for this reason they will vote for Russell Springs.

Alizond & Peters will move their extensive dry goods and millinery stock this week into the room immediately north of Chase's drug store formerly occupied by N.C. Phinney. When wanting anything in their line call and see them.

W.L. Stalons and Ed. Hovey went down to Elkader the latter part of last week to replatt that 'burg' and boom the town. Mr. Hovey—we understand is to be manager of the town company and Mr. Stalons will live on his claim near Elkader and watch the boom.

Rev. N. Taggart, of Oakley, will preach at the Union church Sunday morning and evening.

Logan County Leader
November 3, 1887

The Illinois House had 150 guests for dinner last Monday-convention day.

R.I. Rea, we understand, will form a partnership in the law business with N. C. Phinney.

James Stalons and family will move to Oakley this week and will make that their home for the present.

Logan County Leader
November 10, 1887

A boy named Hecker shot a large lynx near town a few days ago.

Tom Wilson has moved his paint shop to his premises west of the Logan House.

A. Chitwood moved his stock of general merchandise into his new building this week.

Geo. McKinstry & Co. are moving their hardware stock into the building formerly occupied by A. Chitwood.

Messrs. N. G. Perryman and J. H. Longden have formed a co-partnership in the land, loan and insurance business.

The billiard and pool tables of Mr. Hill have been removed into the room formerly occupied by Alizond & Peters.

Geo. Peters has purchased Bradford Stone's homestead, one and a half miles north of Russell Springs.

G. B. Cellars has sold out his interest in the real estate business to Thomas Armstrong. The firm will now be Armstrong & Kerlin.

J. W. Reece has sold his barber shop to a Mr. Norris.

Logan County Times
November 17, 1887

Mr. Childers is completing a comfortable residence and building a good barn on his lot in the southwest part of town, and an addition on the east side of his feed store, on Broadway, that is to be occupied as an office by Thorpe Bros.

Mr. Whetstone has traded his fine cottage, in the west part of town, to Booton, of the *Winona Messenger*, for property in Hamburg, Iowa, and has gone there to live.

N. C. Phinney has had two wells bored on his claim east of town and struck excellent water in one at 14 and the other at 32 ft.

Logan County Leader
November 24, 1887

Twitchell & Wright have sold out their meat market business to Ben Cannon.

W. O. Disney and wife have moved into N. G. Perryman's residence on South Grand Ave.

Work on the foundation for the water tower is slowly progressing.

Logan County Leader
December 1, 1887

On account of the blizzard the mail did not get in last Saturday but came in on Sunday all right.

J.E. Cummins, J.C. Meredith, J.W. Jones, N.G. Perryman and others were out antelope hunting last Monday. They shot one.

A Sad Accident

Jessie Keekmyer, aged two years, living in Wichita county, fell in a tube well Nov. 17th and when rescued the little child was found dead. The well was about 120 feet deep and the tube extended down to a depth of 80 feet. The little child slipped down the tube, her mother noticing her just as she fell in but too late to catch her. Neighbors were called to help rescue the little one. They at once proceeded with a hook trying to pull the child up the tube, but all of no avail. The parents of the little child lay by the tube to hear her scream 80 feet down in the tube, and were almost shocked with grief. The neighbors then began to dig down 80 feet. After a search of nearly two days they came

down to that depth, the tube was cut off and there the little child was fast in the tube dead, and had both hips broken. The parents of the child are almost heart broken and the mother is not expected to get over the terrible shock. It is said that about 2,000 people witnessed the scene when the little child was rescued.

The Oakley Opinion says two horses were stolen from the stable of Mr. J.T. Hilton west of town on Monday night. One has since returned. No clue to the thief has been discovered. How do you know it was a thief if one horse returned? The other one may return too.

Logan County Leader
December 8, 1887

**BY THE LADIES OF
RUSSELL SPRINGS!
AN OLD-FASHIONED
BARBEQUE!
"WITHOUT MONEY AND
WITHOUT PRICE!"**
Russell Springs will entertain
Her Friends on Thursday,
Dec. 15th, 1887!
**A Grand Free Dinner in the
New School House all Day
Long!**

Eloquent Speeches in the Court
Room by Noted Orators,
**Hon. T.B. Gerow, of Atchison,
and Hon. J. R. Burton, of
Abilene.**

All to Conclude with a
Grand Free Ball in the
Court House at Night!
**EVERYBODY INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE!**

Logan County Leader
December 15, 1887

City Meat Market in the old RECORD building. C.H. Gooder, successor to B.H. Cannon.

Logan County Leader
December 22, 1887

The hall over the bank building is nearly finished and will soon be ready for service. It is the intention to start several societies here as soon as the hall is completed. A Masonic Lodge will be organized, also an I.O.O.F., the K. of P., and the G.A.R.

Logan County Leader
December 29, 1887

Quite a brilliant wedding took place at C.O. Smalley's residence in Russell Springs Tuesday evening last, at 8:30 o'clock. The happy couple were Elizabeth J. Alizond and Mr. J.M. McCornack, both of Russell Springs. Rev. Mr. Griffith of Hoxie, Kansas, performed the ceremony. The bride has a millinery business and the groom is a prominent real estate dealer.

TOWNSHIP 15, RANGE 33,
Dec. 24.

The Pleasant Hill Literary Society met last night and carried out a short program in a creditable manner. Meetings every Friday evening. Everybody invited.

There was a social hop at J. Swink's house in timber canyon last night. T. Evans, leader of the Chalk Creek orchestra furnished the music.

Logan County Leader
January 5, 1888

I.B. Hathaway & Co., have started a dray line in Russell Springs. They will run one team to a dray for general transfer and will also run the water wagon purchased of Mr. Hunt.

Says the *Augustine Herald*: Russell Springs is now the permanent county-seat of Logan County. And now let us forget all differences, settle down to hard work, and make our county the leader of Western Kansas. It can be done. Let us try it.

Russell Springs has well earned the county-seat, the location is near the center, they have done good work and won honestly, and the parties that talk contest are not genuine citizens and tax payers of Logan County.-*Winona Messenger*

Our neighbors at Logansport will soon be our neighbors no more. Messrs. Barr Bros. have sold their stock to Noah Zeigler, who will remove the same to Oakley, and mine host Gorton, of the hotel, will make his future home in Scott City. We wish the boys had all decided to locate at the Springs where business would have greeted them with both hands full of profit.

Dr. J. E. Hilts has erected an ice-house on his lot and will store away some of the beautiful ice that lies in the reservoir and lake.

School commenced last Monday. Thirty scholars were enrolled. Mr. J.H. Longden is

engaged as teacher and will give entire satisfaction.

Logan County Leader
January 12, 1888

Messrs. Bale & Burdick are the new proprietors of the drug store at Russell Springs.

The County Commissioners have rented the two lower rooms in the school house to be used for temporary County offices until the court house can be finished.

The County Commissioners last Tuesday duly and formally accepted the court house from the hands of the trustees, and caused entry of their actions to be made on the records.

The Commissioners have ordered publication of a notice calling for sealed proposals to finish the court house, and the structure will be finished as soon as the work can be lawfully done.

The *McAllaster Herald* last week got a final proof notice. As usual with that sheet, it blundered the job and printed the proof without affixing the Register's name.

John Hill, Esq., is erecting quite an extensive ice house back of his billiard hall and expects to store away considerable ice.

Logan County Leader
January 26, 1888

The most enjoyable social event of the season in Russell Springs occurred Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hilts, the occasion being the celebration of the sixteenth birthday anniver-

sary of their son, Hiram E.

Logan County Leader
February 2, 1888

Charles Bickell and family, of Pike Stone, Minnesota, have arrived at Russell Springs to make this their future residence. Mr. B. is a brother-in-law of our genial townsman J.W. Jones.

Logan County Leader
February 9, 1888

Douglass Lamb, of the Illinois House, informs us that he will soon remove to his desirable claim near Augustine.

Henry Edmonson's team broke from their hitching post in town to-day and ran a muck through the streets. Everybody gave them right of way on the thoroughfares they selected for the ramble, and they made good time until they tried to climb the steep bank east of town. That made them tired, and they tamely surrendered to the first comer. No damage done.

DIED:-Last Friday evening, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson, of Russell Springs. The remains were taken to the Russell Springs cemetery Saturday, where they were buried.

Simpson, Disney, & Co. shipped yesterday several hundred pounds of butter to Kansas City and Denver, the first butter shipped out of Russell Springs. This butter was all made in Logan county, and yet this county is but a "yearling."

Logan County Leader
February 16, 1888

A. L. Barton has purchased lot 5 in block 34, and will erect a large stable for the dray and water line.

C.L. Ogilvie has moved his stock of furniture into the room formerly occupied by the O.K. Restaurant on Grand Avenue.

Ben Cannon is taking a load of lumber out to his claim four miles west of town, to-day, where he will build him a house.

Mr. V. Jagger, of Colby, Kansas, was in Russell Springs this week, looking for a location to engage in the farm loan business.

Prof. J. H. Longden informs us that there will be an entertainment given at the school house in Russell Springs at the close of school, in about two weeks, the proceeds to go towards purchasing a school library.

A telephone proposition submitted by Winona people to citizens of Russell Springs to construct a telephone line connecting the two towns.

Logan County Times
February 23, 1888

Some miscreant has been plundering the town company's boat house and other property and a reward of ten dollars is offered for the conviction of the thief.

On Tuesday Mr. Bickell began work on his house west of the church. It will be 16x26 with a wing 14x16 and will be finished in good style.

The Smalley Bros. have

purchased the interest Mr. Wisdom had in the stock of the livery barn and will continue the business.

The Town company, on Monday began moving the engine from the "stone mill" to the springs where they will erect an engine house and put in the pumping works for the water system that will now be rushed to completion.

You will find V. Jagger's loan office in the old RECORD office with Hobert & Smalley, across the street from F. Chase's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray, who reside in Nebraska, have been visiting at the home of Peter Draullard, father of Mrs. Ray. Tuesday their little daughter, two and a half years old, died, and was buried to-day in the Gooder cemetery near town.

While Wisdom & Smalley's team was hitched to the front post of the Logan house last Thursday night a crowd of boys, for a little amusement, marched up to the front of the Logan house, when one of the "gang" shot off a gun and at the spur of the moment the team took fright, ran up to the church crossing the ditch and coming down Grand Avenue at the rate of about twenty-five miles an hour, making a break for the barn where they made a dash for the front stable door and going clear through the barn with the two-seated buggy at about two jumps, a distance of eighty feet. They were finally captured north of town. The carriage was smashed up to a smaller extent than pre-

dicted by those seeing the team go through the barn.

Logan County Times
March 1, 1888

Last week Joe Jones successfully moved a story and a half building from Logansport to Russell Springs, and placed it on his lot on Broadway, and two more are to follow suit.

One of the two buildings mentioned elsewhere came into town and was placed on one of Mr. Bickel's lots and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Logan County Leader
March 1, 1888

A party was photographed yesterday while boating on the lake.

Logan County Republican
March 8, 1888

The large reservoir gave away, on the south side last Saturday morning. The force of the hard freezing caused the planking to give away at the bottom where insufficient anchorage had been made and the water escaped leaving the embankment to slide in.

Mr. Buel's fine team took a lively spin around the east part of town, on Monday, and finally landed in a heap in the rear of the town company's Board of Trade building on Lake avenue. They were not much hurt nor very badly scared.

Miss Kerns, who has been copying Logan county records for several weeks past, left for her home on last Saturday evening. *Trego County Republican*

Logan County Republican
March 29, 1888

The mountain lion was seen again Saturday afternoon in this vicinity. Several parties got a shot at him, but Jerry is said to be the only one that got more than one crack at him. He is still at large.

Mr. G.S. Morgan has sold his fast pacer to Dr. Burdick.

Logan County Leader
April 5, 1888

J. M. McCornack sold the residence house on his farm near Russell Springs to Mr. J. B. Noble, and that gentleman has moved it into town just north of the billiard hall and will make a meat market of it.

Dr. Burdick is converting one of the drug store show windows into a museum. A grim wolf and a fierce-looking mountain lynx show their teeth over a handsome duck standing between them. They are worthy specimens of taxidermy.

The Parsons & Smalley lumber yards at Russell Springs and Winona will be sold at U.S. Marshal's sale on the 16th.

Mr. J.E. Irwin, north of town, has a number of good milch cows for sale. Prices, \$25 to \$30.

Logan County Leader
April 19, 1888

Friday noon, as the west-bound passenger train was pulling out of Oakley station, the colored porter, Jo. Hoard, discovered a tramp on a car platform and summarily

ejected him. No sooner had the tramp struck the ground than he drew a revolver and fired a ball into the back of the porter, who had turned to enter the car. The train was stopped and the tramp captured. Hoard was taken to the hospital at Denver, and physicians pronounced his wound very serious. W. P. H. Scott, as the tramp gave his name, was taken in charge by the Oakley marshal, but about dark he got away and took to the prairie. Sheriff Perryman was sent for and gave him chase. Scott wandered all night, aiming to travel to Oberlin, but got lost and in the morning found himself within a few miles of Oakley, where he was captured. Sheriff Perryman brought his prisoner to Russell Springs, and subsequently returned with him to Oakley. Scott is a boy of about 18 years, and says he lives in Hannibal, Mo., and was going to Denver. He will probably be cured of the trick of carrying a revolver handy to his grip.

J.W. Kerns was summoned to Oakley Monday as witness in the shooting scrape, he having seen some of the fracas from a car window. By the way, the porter who was shot is reported so decidedly convalescent as to be able to resume his run.

Young Scott was given a preliminary examination at Winona Tuesday for the shooting of Hoard, the car porter. He was held for trial in the District Court under bonds of \$500.

Friday morning the St. Elmo hotel at Winona, was totally

destroyed. Loss about \$3000. Charlie Black was called to Winona on account of the fire, to provide a new home for his family who had been boarding at the hotel.

Cheyenne Wells, Colorado, indulged in a hanging bee yesterday morning. A claimholder near Burlington shot two men who persisted in driving across his land and fled to Cheyenne Wells. The citizens conveyed the murderer to a coal shed and hung him.

The new town of Paxton, down on the Hackberry, was platted last week by County Surveyor Meier. Messrs. Bickell & Holmes own the town site, and will improve it at once. Logan county now has eleven towns, not counting Logansport, which is extinguished. There are one or two extra post-offices besides.

The post-office at the Baylor town site is "Edith," instead of Hamrick.

'Gene Hill, who is a skillful taxidermist, has completed the work of stuffing the enormous pelican killed south of town a couple of weeks ago. The big-pouched bird will join the collection in the museum window of Stevenson & Burdick's drug store.

Logan County Republican
April 26, 1888

W. N. Nankivel, of Bloomington, Neb., has been in town the past week taking photographic view of the city as a whole and of the different business houses and public buildings.

Logan County Republican
May 3, 1888

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

As a platform wagon from this place was crossing the railroad track at Winona last Thursday, the hind seat, containing county treasurer Black and T. B. Thorpe, became detached from its fastenings and the occupants went over backward, striking upon the ground with considerable force. Thorpe was not seriously hurt, but Black received injuries which rendered him unconscious for some time. It is feared that his spine is injured and it will be some time before he is able to attend to business.

BOUNTIFUL RAINS.

The fine rains which fell throughout this portion of the state last week have done an incalculable amount of benefit to this county and city. The farmers' waning hopes have revived and congratulations on the crop outlook are the order of the day. There is no disguising the fact that the dryness was beginning to cause a slight apprehension on the part of the people of north-west Kansas, but last week's deluge has set those fears at rest and has assured the crops of this region.

Every draw was running full and the Smoky valley was overflowed its entire length, so much so that communication cut off for several days. The high water prevented the Winona hack returning to this place last Saturday. It came Sunday and brought a big mail.

"Shorty" Harrup and Eugene Hill went down the Smoky in a

boat last Saturday after ducks. They succeeded in getting eighteen ducks, also in getting wet.

The stage from here to Scott City was unable to cross the swollen Smoky at Elkader last Friday and returned the next day.

A BIG PURCHASE.

A colony of Swedes have purchased a large tract of railroad land lying just east of Russell Springs and will move onto it this fall and next spring. The purchase was of 46,030 acres, or 72 sections, making four townships. The Swedes are a thrifty, industrious people and Russell Springs will be their nearest and best market. The tract purchased lies within four miles of Russell Springs.

Logan County Republican
May 10, 1888

Messrs. George Ford, Frank and Bob Smalley, Misses Peters, Bymer, and Gooder and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Longden drove to Ft. Wallace last Sunday. They took dinner with them and picnicked.

That Court House.

We took a drive to Russell Springs last Wednesday morning as we heard that all work on the court house had been stopped. But after getting there we found that the report was false in every sense of the word. There were about fifteen men at work just putting on the finishing touches. Carpenters are putting on the inside wood work preparatory to the skim coat of plastering and in ten days the house will be completed and if Logan county

cannot boast of a fine court house we do not know where there is a county that can---The work is all done in the very best of workmanship. Elegant offices for all the county officers. Iron door vaults in every office, a fine well ventilated court room, mansard roof with iron railing on deck. Double stairway, high ceilings, large double doors with swing transom over every door, four large windows in every office and in fact no pains has been spared to make the building the finest of the size in the state and at the nominal expense to the county of \$3,000. Anyone who would kick on paying out that for such a building would kick if he had to buy a coffin for his grandmother.--*Winona Messenger*

Logan County Leader
May 10, 1888

A boy living in Scott county, fourteen years old, whose name we did not learn, was out duck hunting, during the recent heavy rains, and was drowned in the Beaver. The boy is supposed to have shot a duck and waded into the water after it, when he was drowned. His clothes were found the next day on the bank of the stream, and the body was discovered a short distance from them.

The burglarious individuals who went through Louis' hardware store in Oakley Friday night were overhauled near Scott City and on Sunday the Sheriff took them to jail at Hays City. They gave the names of James Thompson, Geo. Nelson, and Otis Berg.