

KANSAS LETTER.

R C Welborn Gives Interesting Facts Well Worth Attention of North Carolina.

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DEAR EDITOR COURIER:—Having seen an article in your valuable paper from the pen of "Doc Vickory" of Level Cross (now in Emporia, Kansas) some weeks ago, we want a word through your columns. In the first place we do not always see things alike but as a general rule we see, or find what we are looking for. Now as to "Poor Kansas" having troubles enough of her own, that is usually so with any State as well as with private individuals, as to the "whiskey" I want to say I have been here two years, have seen and mingled with thousands of people in cities and the country, have not seen a drop of whiskey, nor a single person under the influence of intoxicants.

But now for the facts and figures which are on record, for I verily believe the figures which I shall give will be interesting to those who are putting forth every effort in their power for the betterment of the public school system in the good old North State, as well as to the improvement of the public roads etc.

Kansas as every school child knows, is not a far Western State, but is the Central State in the Union. It is not bleak and barren, inhabited by normadic and erratic people, but by a people among whom there is a less percentage of illiteracy than in any other State in the Union. 10,000 school houses adorn its landscapes; 12,000 teachers are engaged in educational work; \$6,000,000 are annually spent upon its common schools. Over 200 universities and colleges furnish higher education; nine finely equipped eleemosynary institutions reflect its benevolence; its penitentiary population is less than any among similar number of people in this county. Uncle Sam, who knows a good thing when he sees it, has located with in its domain too of the greatest military establishment in the world.

It raises more wheat than any other State in the Union; and the value of its wheat and corn exceeds that of any other State.

Its live stock aggregates several million; its oil wells yield 60,000 barrels per day with little tax on their capacity; its salt deposits are unequalled; its zinc mines are the richest in the world, its gas flow is sufficient to furnish light and heat in every home, factory and mill, and motive power for all its machinery; its mineral deposits, such as lead, coal, gypsum, cement brick clay and other subterranean wealth are simply inexhaustible; and \$200,000,000 of its mortgage debt has been liquidated in fifteen years leaving but little legacy of financial obligation to be paid; its banks are overflowing with money containing more than 80 dollars per capita; and pauperism is almost unknown, and no equal number of people on earth exceed these 1,600,000 Kansans in intelligence, in sobriety, in all the elements of good citizenship, and in material prosperity. These are facts and figures taken from the official record, and not merely guess work from the writer.

We appreciate the great improvement in the COURIER and with this you will find our subscription for the next year.

We would like to congratulate Prof Way for the great stand he has taken for the upbuilding, and advancement of the cause of public education in Randolph county. But until all the people are waked up to the fact that they must put more money into the work, employ better equipped teachers at better salaries, and give them longer terms it will not be a success. Every public school in Kansas is a graded school from 6 to 10 months with as many teachers as needed at a salary from \$35 to \$75 per month. A large number of 1st and second grade teachers get \$50 to \$60; third grade \$37.50 to \$45. The school buildings are neat and clean and a janitor paid by the month attends each school.

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All my children are at work,
And dinged if I ain't in a lather,
Everybody works at my house—
Everybody works but father.

An observant young man in the crowd heard him singing the above and wrote the song.

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Botetourt county, Virginia, is notable as the situs of a flourishing canning industry which has grown up during the past few years. The pack this year is expected to be on a large scale, and a writer in the Fincastle Herald states that packers have every reason to hope for good prices, notwithstanding the prospects of a large output. The Virginia Can Co., at Buchanan, so the writer states, furnishes practically all the cans used in Botetourt, and already an agent in the southern part of the county, where the largest business is done, has made contracts for the coming season for more than 2,000,000 cans, and it is estimated that about 125,000 cases of cans have been contracted for the whole county. Should the probabilities eventuate this year's pack in the county will be more than 200,000 cases, and the tomato crop there will represent more than \$300,000. Botetourt's experience can be profitably duplicated in other counties in Virginia and the States generally. It involves, of course, foresight and business judgment on the part of both the growers of tomatoes or other vegetables and fruits for canning and of the packers. At present the South is a big customer for goods canned elsewhere. It has within itself ability to dominate the packing industry.—Southern Farm Magazine, Baltimore, Md.

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Will Sue Thomasville Spoke Works Account of Accident to Son.

Mr W P Bumgarner, of Davidson, for his son, Mr Earl Bumgarner, have instituted proceedings in a suit against the Thomasville Spoke Works, of Thomasville, for the recovery of damages on account of injuries sustained by Earl Bumgarner, who is a 16-year-old youth. While working in the plant of the defendant company the young man had the misfortune to get both hands cut off in the machinery. The complaint, which will be filed in the near future, will allege that defective machinery and negligence of the company in general, are responsible for the accident.

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Cultivating season—men, without board	\$1.75
Grinding season—men without board	\$1.25
General average	\$1.00

The laborers are furnished with houses, gardens, and given other privileges, besides being allowed Saturday afternoons off two or three times per month. From this it will be seen that the lowest and most ignorant class of negro labor in the country is better paid than the private soldier in the army. The negro requires little clothing, whereas the soldier must always be decently dressed. The negro gets his Saturday and Sunday holidays, whereas the soldier is for duty at all times, by night as well as by day. In addition, the soldier is at all times subject to orders which may cause him to give up his life in their execution.—American Review of Reviews.

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