

Bypaths of Kansas History

SIMPLE ADVICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF RAILROAD ACCIDENTS

From a newspaper bearing the name *Santa Claus*, published at Leavenworth, Christmas, 1865.

Let an enclosed box be put in front of the Cowcatcher, and put the President or Vice President of the road in it.

A COME-ON FOR DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS

From the *Seneca Weekly Courier*, May 16, 1873.

The editor of the *Marysville News* is bound to hit some of his delinquents, and hence states he will take any of the following articles on subscription:

"Wheat, oats, cross-eyed cats, old dogs, county seat petitions, bran, second hand coffins, old shoes, defeated candidates, one cord of the candidates for sheriff, county scrip, brass rings, knuckles, old barrels, shingles, checks of Frank Schmidt's or Burtis, Powell & Burtis' banks, fish, buzzards, crows, cigars, tobacco, whisky, gin, cocktails, bustles, frogs, toads, hand organs, canes, John Wells' kind of mules, garters, ladies' worn-out hose, old shirts, fish worms, hens' teeth, board at hotels, hash, codfish balls, paper collars, fish hooks, old soldier tobacco, one-eyed spectacles, cigar stumps, old boots with the straps off, black cats, a limited number of shares in the Blue Rapids town company, castoff toothpicks, pills, purgative quinine, rattlesnakes, rails, saw-logs, hand saws, worn-out suspenders, pianos, woodchucks, coons, quail on toast, soft-shell turtles, bull frogs, Credit Mobilier, maple sugar, old billiard balls, glass eyes, second-hand false teeth, smeerouse, cold beans, cross-cut saws, hoop poles, rotten mackerel, sorghum, old clothes, second-hand nightcaps, old stockings and socks, cold slap-jacks, and other luxuries."

SURPRISE! THIS WAS WRITTEN IN 1876

From the *Ellis County Star*, Hays City, May 18, 1876.

Every day we see long lists of names appearing in the accounts of the proceedings of the divorce courts. What does it mean? It means that the youth of this day are not properly reared. The daughters, especially, are not taught any practical or useful knowledge that fits them to make a home what it should be. No matter if you are as rich as Croesus, teach every one of your girls the art of housekeeping. Teach them to bake, to cook meats, plain food, to keep the house in order, and all else pertaining to housekeeping. Then when father's or husband's wealth takes wings, your daughter may be able to make two rooms as comfortable and homelike as that place was, in other days. Also fit your girls for life, by teaching them some trade or profession, by which they may, if need be, live independent of the aid of others.