

*Logan County Republican*  
*April 26, 1888*

**Surrendered by a Bondsman.**

One of the bondsmen of Elmer G. McFadden, who was under bonds for his appearance at the next term of the district court on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, came into town last week Thursday and took his name off the bond. The sheriff went after McFadden at Augustine and brought him to this city last Friday, taking him to the jail at Hays City the next day. The assault was made on the persons of G. W. Bowers and his father, near Augustine, this county. Mr. McFadden presents to his friends a professional card, which reads as follows: "National Detective Bureau. All legitimate detective business performed with professional skill in any part of the U.S., Canada and Europe. All business strictly confidential. Elmer G. McFadden, Augustine, Logan county, Kansas." Thus will it be seen that Mr. McFadden has mingled with the best professional detectives, such as Pinkerton, in the "U.S., Canada and Europe," and is somewhat out of his sphere among us uncouth denizens of Logan county.

*Logan County Leader*  
*April 26, 1888*

Logan county should have a jail of its own. It will only be necessary to place a steel cage in the court house basement to afford a secure trap for persons in the Sheriff's custody. We hope the county commissioners will take the necessary steps to provide the county with jail privileges.

*Oakley Saturday Press*  
*April 28, 1888*

J.R. Tipton of Lees township, was arrested on a complaint of one of his neighbors for incest,

his victim being his 15-year old daughter, who gave birth to a child last Sunday. His hearing was had before 'Squire Henderson at Russell Springs who bound him over to the June term of court. The daughter and her mother are said to be two prominent witnesses. Tipton is reported to be a justice of the peace for Lees township.

Bud Perryman, sheriff of Logan county, was in town Tuesday night having in custody J.R. Tipton whom he brought up to take to Hays City jail for safe keeping from an infuriated mob. It is said that parties were there with a rope to hang Tipton while his trial was in progress but the execution was adroitly avoided by the scheming of Sheriff Perryman. Tipton now pleads insanity.

*Logan County Republican*  
*May 3, 1888*

**City Election.**

The first city election of Russell Springs was held in Hobert & Smalley's office last Saturday. Following is the result:

For mayor, Walter Elliott 45;  
J.E. Hilts 44;

For police judge, J.E.  
Cummins 89;

For councilmen, N.G. Perryman, 88; C.M. Campbell, 87;  
E.R. Faulkner, 80; Samuel Stevens, 73; W.O. Disney, 65;  
A. Chitwood, 31; scattering, 16.

The inclemency of the weather prevented a full vote of the city, there being about fifty who did not get out. The judges were J.E. Cummins, J.H. Kerlin, C.F. Miller. Clerks, George Ford and Frank Kerlin. The board of canvassers, consisting of A.M. Crawford, N.G. Perryman and Walter Elliott,

met Monday afternoon and declared the result as above. The council met that night and organized by electing E.R. Faulkner president. The mayor appointed C.F. Miller city attorney, and Frank Kerlin city clerk. The council confirmed these appointments and adjourned to meet Saturday evening, the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The result of the city election last Saturday is highly satisfactory to the larger part of the citizens of Russell Springs. The only fight was for the office of Mayor. J.E. Hilts, the defeated candidate, made a personal and determined fight for the office, but his opponent's popularity among all classes of our citizens was too much for his candidacy. Mr. Elliott did no work at all for the office, but some hard-working friends were determined that he should be elected and he was. The result can truthfully be called an illustration of the office seeking the man. He has a first-rate good council to work with, and they will look carefully to the city's interests.

*Logan County Leader*  
*May 10, 1888*

E.P. Hovey, Esq., established his residence this week on his claim two miles east of town.

The big spring that caved in a few weeks ago is to be repaired and rendered so strong as to make it absolutely safe for many years.

*Logan County Leader*  
*May 17, 1888*

A passenger train on the Santa Fe ran into a freight car loaded with naphtha and dynamite at Fountain, Colorado, Monday. Five persons were killed, a large number wounded and the passenger train wrecked.

*Logan County Republican*  
*May 17, 1888*

**DIED.**

On Thursday evening, May 10, 1888, at her home south of Russell Springs, Kansas, wife of Squire McDaniels, aged 35 years. The funeral was held on Saturday, May 12, and the remains interred in the Russell Springs cemetery.

In order to help Mr. McDaniels, whose wife died last Thursday, several parties interested themselves in his behalf and T.C. Ralston circulated a paper among our citizens and succeeded in raising \$25 with which to buy the coffin. Mr. McDaniels is a worthy citizen, but his circumstances were such that he was unable to bear the expenses alone.

*Logan County Leader*  
*May 24, 1888*

Moyer Bros. inform us that they have purchased Smalley Bros.' livery stable and hack line in Russell Springs, and that they have taken the contract for carrying mail between Winona and Russell Springs.

J.H. Longden and family moved out onto their claim Monday, five miles west of town. It is on the margin of a neat little lake and he has had one of the row-boats hauled out there from Russell Springs.

*Logan County Leader*  
*May 31, 1888*

G.W. Bower has a neat sign over his blacksmith shop.

Thomas Hosman, Esq., went up to Boaz Tuesday. He will help plaster the new hotel at that place.

J.B. Travis is putting his entire tract of 80 acres under cultivation. It adjoins Russell Springs on the west.

Messrs. Frank and Noah Zeigler came down from Oakley Monday evening, behind their handsome grays.

N.C. Phinney is having portions of his homestead adjoining town broken, intending to plant trees in great abundance. A road or avenue will run through the place from east to west, being in fact a continuation of Broadway. Lined with trees it will be a handsome avenue in years to come.

At the Pioneer Town Site Company annual election held in Russell Springs last Saturday, the officers were elected as follows: President, J.E. Hilts; Secretary, G.S. Morgan; Treasurer, J.W. Kerns; Vice-President, F.M. Burdick.

The brick and stone lying in the court house yard are being hauled down to the new hotel site on Broadway. It costs the Company \$200 to get the hauling done.

*Logan County Leader*  
*June 7, 1888*

B.F. Cannon has been appointed city marshal by the mayor. Benjamin is undoubtedly the right man for that place.

J.C. Meredith, Esq., sold his timber claim in section twenty-four, this township, to Geo. Buel. Consideration \$400.

Douglass Lamb was the purchaser of the horse owned by Mr. Taylor, that was sold by the sheriff Monday, twenty-five dollars being the purchase price.

Rev. Thos. Marsh, of Wallace, preached an interesting sermon to a large congregation at the Union Church last Sunday night.

Monday evening little Charlie Hosman attempted to jump on the hind end of the dray wagon,

but was unable to secure a hold, and fell backwards on the ground, breaking a bone in his right arm. This should be a warning to other youngsters who are in the habit of jumping on wagons in the streets.

The wolves killed two sucking colts for Mr. Jordan, south of town last Sunday night. One was about one month old and the other only a few days old. We have heard of several instances lately where the wolves killed and devoured colts and calves. This should be a lesson to those having small stock and at night they should put them in a stable for protection.

A running race took place in Russell Springs last Saturday, between E.G. Davison's sorrel mare and a brown horse owned by V.J. Beeson, and resulted in a victory for the latter. Jack Norris and Mr. Finan were the respective jockies. The distance was five hundred yards and the brown horse come out about twenty yards ahead. The race was rather exciting, and a number of people were present.

The ball given at the town hall last Tuesday night proved to be a grand success. About forty couples were present that "tripped the light fantastic" until one o'clock, when the crowd disbursed feeling more than satisfied with the good time they had had. Woodford's orchestra, of Monument furnished the music. Those in attendance from Winona were Messrs. Ed. Newport, F.F. Burton, Chas. Healy, John Simon and Dr. Moulton; Misses Putnam, Girard, Thresher and Gardner.

J.B. Travis moved a building over from Logansport last Friday and placed it on a lot immediately west of the Republican office.

*Logan County Leader*  
*June 21, 1888*

The Grand Jury indicted Tipton for the crime of rape.

Sheriff Perryman left for Hays City today with J.R. Tipton, whom he will lodge in jail until the next term of court.

Sheriff Perryman and J.W. Jones escorted McFadden and the three youthful house-breakers to the Leavenworth penitentiary Saturday afternoon. McFadden was sentenced to one year for assaulting Bower with a slung-shot.

Dr. Moulton, of Winona, was indicted by the Grand Jury for violating the prohibitory liquor law. The bill contained four counts. Mr. Moulton gave bonds in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at the next term of court.

Charles Stevenson, druggist at this place, appeared before the Judge Wednesday and pled guilty to one count for violating the prohibitory liquor law. He was fined \$100 and costs.

Chas. W. Evans was convicted of assault and battery and sentenced to six months in the county jail at Hays City. He had shot a man named Steele in the hand.

Sheriff Perryman returned last night from Leavenworth, where he had been taking the convicts to the penitentiary. Mr. Perryman informs us that Otis Berg, one of the three lads convicted of theft and sentenced for one year, made his escape while going through Manhattan. The facts of the matter are this: Mr. Perryman had been up all the night before, and feeling tired and worn out, he left the convicts in the charge of J.W. Jones--who accompanied the sheriff--and went into another car to sleep. The lad got privilege from Mr. Jones to enter the

water closet, from which place he jumped out of the window just as the train pulled out of Manhattan.

Settlers along the Smoky and Butte creek are making a great many tons of good hay this season.

MARRIED.—On Thursday, June 14, by J.E. Dodge, Probate Judge, Mr. Albert Fenn to Mrs. Carrie A. Nicholas. Both are residents of Logan county.

Young Scott, who shot the car-porter at Oakley, was put under \$300 bail till next term of court, in the absence of material witnesses for the defense.

George Wildrick, aged 14, and two other lads named McNutt and Clark, left their respective homes last Sunday, and their parents fear they have concluded to try the wild life of the cowboy further west. It is a very foolish thing for lads to do—leave a good home for the uncertainties of tramp life.

The ice cream festival given by the ladies at the Union Church last evening proved to be a success. The church was handsomely decorated with beautiful flowers and a large crowd was present to partake of the delightful cream and cake that was served. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. The receipts amounted to \$16.95, and the net profits to \$12.35.

A county-seat war is raging in Stevens county. Two troops of State Militia have been ordered to be in readiness to be called out at any moment.

Winona and Wallace will celebrate the Fourth this year, and it is likely that Oakley will do likewise.

The population of Trego county is 3223. Logan can beat that.

*Logan County Republican*  
*June 28, 1888*

#### **Court Notes.**

J.E. Cummins was deputized by sheriff Perryman during the latter's absence at Leavenworth.

Court re-convened June 20 and disposed of the remaining cases in short order, adjourning until Wednesday, Nov. 7, 1888.

The criminal calendar was disposed of as follows: Otis Burg, Geo. Nelson and Joyner Thompson, burglary, sentenced to penitentiary one year. W.P.H. Scott, assault with intent to kill, continued on application of defendant; bond \$300, furnished. J.R. Tipton, rape, continued; bond \$3,000, not furnished. Geo. A. Randle and J.E. Stinger, attempted highway robbery, was continued.

*Logan County Leader*  
*June 28, 1888*

While out hunting yesterday, Mr. Smith, of Winona, found in a dug-out about three miles west of that town, the body of a fine-looking, heavily-built man of middle age, with a bullet-hole in his head. A couple of revolvers, a bowie-knife and three cents in money comprised his personal effects, aside from his clothing. The inference is that he came to his death by his own hand.

Russell Springs and Winona clubs will play baseball at Winona on the Fourth.

W.O. Disney and wife, S. Stevens and wife, and A. Muntzing and wife drove to Wallace last Sunday to picnic in the old Fort.

Several immigrant wagons passed through Russell Springs last Saturday on their way to Washington Territory.

The injunction case of Smalley vs. Town Company will be heard in Topeka on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.

*Logan County Leader*

*July 5, 1888*

**DROWNED.**

A sad accident occurred near Augustine last Sabbath afternoon. Jonathan Bower, aged 22, accompanied by two grown companions, went bathing in one of the deep ponds of the Hackberry, and being unable to swim, young Bower got beyond his depth and was drowned. The deceased was a brother of our fellow townsman, Geo. W. Bower. Many friends regret the sad occurrence.

A man named Noland, living near Russell Springs, was snake-bitten Monday night. He had risen from his bed to get some medicine for a sick child when a snake, which had entered the house, struck him with its fangs. No whiskey being obtainable in town he procured ammonia and at this writing is still living.

Gene Hill and Will Smalley went up the river on a fishing excursion Tuesday. They caught a nice string of fish.

Three daily hack lines now run between Russell Springs and Winona.

A special school meeting of district No. 17, Logan county, will be held at Perryman & Kerlin's office in Russell Springs, on Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of electing a school board of three for one year, and the transaction of other business.

*Logan County Republican*

*July 12, 1888*

**A Defaulting Treasurer.**

On Saturday, June 30, a stranger drove a team into Jones' barn at this place and left it. He went to the Illinois House and engaged a room and the next morning was missing and has not been seen since. The circumstances were mysterious,

especially when it was known that his name on the register, Thomas Goodin, showed him to be the treasurer of Rawlins county, whose accounts last fall were \$8,000 short. Inquiries in every direction showed that after leaving the hotel here he had gone south of town and hired a boy with a team of ponies to take him to Wallace. Before reaching that place he bought one of the ponies, worth about \$40, for \$125 and proceeded alone. Nothing has since been heard of him. B.F. Cannon, our city marshal, communicated with the sheriff of Rawlins county and received the following reply: "Arrest Thomas Goodin and hold him for embezzlement and defaulter to the amount of \$18,000." Mr. Cannon holds the team, but has heard nothing about Goodin.

*(the following are excerpts from a very long article...)*

Down in Kearney county, this state, a pretty fair specimen of the genus county seat fight is on hand. The main contest is between Omaha, a fine young town in the center of that thriving county, and Lakin, in the eastern and southern part on the Santa Fe railroad. ...the town of Lakin has recently hired and imported from this city two men(?), J.E. Hilts and G.S. Morgan by name, who are not credited with either honesty, veracity, or the possession of the average business capacity. In fact, were their records fully known and freely exposed in a court of justice...

A bit of past history of Hilts and Morgan might not be uninteresting reading at this time...

At one time, while the secretary of the town company

was east on a visit, Hilts deeded a large number of lots to his own wife. Fearing that this would not hold, he had things so arranged so that he and Morgan, the treasurer, could sign the deeds in the absence of the secretary. Then his wife deeded the lots back to the town company and the company, in the persons of Hilts and Morgan, redeeded them to Mrs. Hilts. This is a matter of public record and was done without "value received."...

Morgan has acted as agent for a lady by the name of Miss Martha Walk, who is interested in property here. He has collected rents for her and appropriated them to his own use....

These two shysters are now \$3,500 in debt to the Pioneer Town Site Company. It will never be paid.

*Logan County Leader*

*July 12, 1888*

Messrs. Beeson and Muntzing, we understand, intend leaving Russell Springs about the middle of August, to seek a location somewhere in Colorado. We are sorry to lose them from our midst as both are competent business men and good citizens.

One day last week two women, driving two horses hitched to a buggy, and leading three others, passed through the southern part of the county. Their actions aroused the suspicions of the people living there, but nothing was done to detain them. A day or two after their departure, came the sheriff of Hamilton county, Kansas, to Russell Springs, in search of the ladies. They had hired the team from a livery stable, and stolen the other three horses from farmers in Hamilton county. At this writing they have not been captured.

*Logan County Leader*  
*July 19, 1888*

Last Saturday morning, unknown to the people of our community, J.E. Dodge, Probate Judge of this county, left Russell Springs, accompanied by his wife. Nothing was heard from him until Tuesday, when the LEADER office received a letter from him, written at Topeka, in which he said that "if I do not go back to Russell Springs, I will have my successor in office appointed at once to go on with the proof business." His wife, we understand, will remain in Oakley with her brother, and he will go on to Hiawatha, Kansas. Mr. Dodge held a good position here, and appeared to be prospering, financially. A great many settlers have advertised to make final proof before the Probate Judge, and unless an appointment is made soon, many of them will be compelled to re-advertise. Who the new Probate Judge will be we are unable to say, but we hope he will be as courteous and competent as Mr. Dodge was.

George Hirschberger, of Butte P.O., Logan county, called Tuesday and subscribed for the LEADER.

W.O. Disney returned from Kit Carson Tuesday evening. He reports a water spout in Wallace county, this side of Sharon Springs washing out the railroad track and doing other damage.

J.A. Norris, of Knox county, Illinois, brother-in-law of Dr. W.T. Royce, arrived at Russell Springs Tuesday and will make this his future home. Mr. Norris is a graduate of the St. Louis Medical College. He has formed a partnership with Dr. Royce.

Settlers from the south could not come to town to do their

trading Monday, on account of the Smoky River being up so high.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on Sunday night, July 22, and it will pay all to observe it. The moon enters the shadow at 9:54 p.m., the total eclipse begins at 10:53 p.m. and the middle of the eclipse is at 11:45.

**FROM RASEKA. (EDITH)**

Mr. J.B. Warren is hauling stone to erect a barn on his claim one mile south of town. The building is to be 40x60 ft.

P.W. Nudd passed through last week enroute for his cattle camp, which is situated a few miles south of Monument.

Mr. Heller journeyed to Monument last week and returned with his "runaway" horse.

J.E. Currah has purchased a new mower and is harvesting his oats this week.

J.T. Evans made proof on his claim Friday of last week.

J.E Currah made a trip to Oakley the latter part of last week, and brought down a load of goods for Mr. Luther.

Material is being hauled for a blacksmith shop. Mr. Weis will wield the hammer.

*Logan County Republican*  
*July 19, 1888*

A couple gentlemen were in town last week from Gray county. They thought from the description given the unknown man whose body was found near Winona a short time ago was a resident of Gray county and if that was the case they were of the opinion that there had been foul play. He left home with plenty of money, and they proposed to investigate.

A heavy, soaking rain fell throughout this region last Sunday night. It was particu-

larly heavy west of this city and the Smoky river was out of its banks all day Monday. The storm was timely in some localities and assures for us a good corn crop.

We understand that several parties are prospecting in this county for coal. When approached they are very reticent on the subject of their business, but they keep busy digging and taking out specimens. They are backed by eastern parties who are confident of finding coal here. This product added to the fine building stone we have would open up a great future to Logan county.

W.H. Spears, deputy sheriff of Rawlins county, was in the city last Friday after Thomas Goodin's team. He said Goodin was a defaulter to the amount of \$15,300, and that he had sufficiently good bondsmen to secure the whole amount. He was last heard of at Denver.

*Logan County Republican*  
*July 26, 1888*

The Winona Clipper says that the two gentlemen from Gray county by the name of G.W. Whiteside and Peter Lown, mentioned by us last week as looking for a missing neighbor, came to that place last week and exhumed the remains of the man recently found in the suburbs of that town. They had a picture of the missing man, Henry Barnhart, and those who have seen this and the dead stranger pronounce the resemblance very close. The supposition is that they are one and the same person and that he was murdered for his money, as he had plenty of it when he left home.

Anyone wanting stone sawed call at the H. Allen residence one-half mile south of Russell Springs.

*Logan County Republican*  
July 26, 1888

During the storm Sunday night lightning struck the house of Mr. E. Mills, entering the roof and passing through the floor between the wall and a bed. Fortunately no one was injured, although about 12 feet of the west end of the building was damaged.—*Augustine Herald.*

**Sad Accident.**

We learn of a sad accident that happened last Sunday north-east of this city whereby a boy about twelve years of age lost his life. He was herding cattle and rode up to a farm house to water his horse. He started away upon a run and his horse was soon seen running around riderless. A search was instituted and the boy was found lying on the prairie with his neck broken.

Sheriff Perryman was at Hays City Tuesday with the three Winona horsethieves, named John M. Russ, Leroy Bigby and Wallace Patrick. The circumstances of the theft are as follows: Bigby and Patrick have been hanging around Winona several weeks, making Russ' house, about two miles north, their headquarters and helping him with his haying. Russ finally suggested there was an easier way of making money and that the boys, being young and single, could easily get away. He showed them a team of good horses belonging to Mr. Aughinbaugh and the boys proceeded to appropriate them. The constable at Gove City gathered them in as soon as they reached that place and telegraphed to our sheriff, who took them to Winona Sunday. The examination was held Monday and they were held for the district court.

**Horsethieves Captured.**

Early yesterday morning Sheriff Mullen succeeded in capturing two ladies who had in their possession five horses, which it seems they had stolen in the neighborhood of Syracuse, Hamilton county, Kansas. The arrest was made nine miles north of town and our sheriff was assisted by the deputy sheriff of the above named county, who had traced the thieves to this part of the state. The women claimed to be sisters and admitted they had stolen the horses, one of them exultingly claimed she had been following the same business for the past eight years. They were taken by the deputy sheriff to Syracuse this morning for trial, where they will undoubtedly plead guilty to horse stealing.—*Smith Center Pioneer.*

These are the ones mentioned last week and whom the deputy sheriff of Hamilton county was in town looking for.

J.E. Dodge resigned the office of Probate Judge of Logan county last week and Governor Martin appointed E.R. Faulkner, of this city, to fill the vacancy. The appointment is a good one, as Mr. Faulkner is well qualified for the position.

*Logan County Republican*  
August 2, 1888  
**Nearly Fatal.**

Last Tuesday evening, just after supper, the little daughter of Douglass Lamb, of the Illinois House, Willie E., met with an accident which came near ending fatally. The child was in the back yard and fell into the well. Bill Smalley, who happened to be near, immediately procuring a rope, lowered himself into the well

and brought the little one up just in time to save its life. The accident brought on a high fever, but the child is doing nicely at this writing.

*Logan County Leader*  
August 2, 1888

Our friend Blair McMillan was married last Saturday to Mrs. Lillian Phillips. We wish Mr. and Mrs. McMillan a long life of happiness and prosperity.

*Logan County Leader*  
August 9, 1888

Telegrams from Dr. Hilts, at Leavenworth, relative to the Town Company case on trial in the U.S. court at that place, state that the injunction has been dissolved, the motion for appointment of receiver denied, and the validity to Ellen F. Hilts affirmed.

Charley Kerlin is hotel clerk at the Logan House, during the illness of Walter Elliott.

Wheat that has been thrashed in this county is reported to have yielded on an average about fifteen bushels per acre.

Seven men in Stevens county supposed to have been implicated in the murder of Sheriff Cross and deputies, were arrested by U.S. Marshal Jones last Tuesday, and were taken to Topeka. The charges against them are conspiracy and attempt to restrain others from their liberty.

*Oakley Saturday Press*  
August 11, 1888

Constable Haman Scott arrested Jack Allen in the southern part of the county Thursday, who was wanted by the authorities of Graham county, charged with committing rape upon a young girl in that county. The sheriff of Graham county came up and got his prisoner yesterday.

*Oakley Saturday Press*  
*August 11, 1888*

Hilts and Morgan, the president and treasurer of the Pioneer Town Co., of Russell Springs, won the injunction suit at Leavenworth on the 6<sup>th</sup>. The suit was brought by the stock-holders of the town company, asking that the president and treasurer be restrained from doing further business, and a receiver be appointed to settle up the affairs of the company. The court did not sustain the injunction.

*Oakley Saturday Press*  
*August 18, 1888*

A hardware dealer named Nottingham was murdered at Colby at 9 o'clock yesterday morning by a homesteader named Harris. No particulars.

*Logan County Leader*  
*August 23, 1888*

Mr. J.H. Norris is building a barber shop on Grand Avenue, and will occupy the same as soon as completed.

Mr. G.J. Buel, living one-half mile east of town, had the misfortune of having one of his mules killed by lightning Saturday night.

Misses Millie Beymer and Beatrice Murray and Messrs. E.P. Hovey and G.E. Egger visited Wallace and the old Fort last Sunday. Many of the buildings at the Fort, where troops were stationed in the early days of Kansas, are beginning to tumble down, but many interesting sights can yet be seen.

We will send the LEADER for one year to the party bringing us the largest and best water-melon this season.

Jack Norris, the leading tonsorial artist of Logan county, placed the LEADER under obligations this week by donating the largest,

ripest and sweetest water-melon produced on Logan county soil this year.

Dr. F.P. Gray, of Beloit, Kansas, stopped off at Russell Springs Monday, on his way to Washington Territory. He owns a large amount of property here and was well pleased with our town and county.

C.O. Smalley, Esq., formerly of this place, has traded for a large hotel in Kansas City, called "Hotel Woodland," and is now running the same. It is located on the corner 8<sup>th</sup> and Woodland Avenue.

The Kearney county muddle is still unsettled. At last accounts the Sheriff was trying to serve a writ of mandamus on the county clerk and the commissioners, but was unable to find them.

I.B. Hathaway, Esq., moved into his new stone house in the western portion of town last Saturday.

The reported find of nickel is located in Twp. 14, Range 36, about eight miles southwest of Russell Springs.

*Oakley Saturday Press*  
*August 25, 1888*

It isn't healthy for editors in Logan county to go unarmed, because such lunatics as G.S. Morgan are permitted to carry concealed weapons on their person, and he is such a coward, and besides being pronounced by physicians as laboring under an attack of delirium tremens, is just as liable to shoot as not. If it had not been for a coal shed, which we used at Winona Thursday as a breastwork, there might have been a funeral and ye editor would have been riding in the front carriage. As it was, thanks to the coal shed we fled from Morgan, who was

flourishing a loaded revolver at us, and threatening to shoot, which caused his arrest before he got out of town. He waived examination, and the justice put him under \$500 bond, and the last we heard of him he was with the officer at Russell Springs hunting bondsmen.

Frank Zeigler's horse won the race at Colby last Tuesday, and Frank took the boodle.

A RICH NICKEL DEPOSIT  
FOUND ON THE SMOKY IN  
LOGAN COUNTY.

Great excitement prevails in Logan County over the find of a large and profitable deposit of nickel ore. The secret was exploded a few days since, when two prospectors, who have since the first of April been digging and prospecting down on the Smoky river, a few miles west of Russell Springs. The citizens of Winona and Russell Springs, and all the settlers are flocking in and taking claims, and some two hundred miners' claims have already been taken. The prospectors found on section 3, town 14, range 36, at a depth of seventeen feet a large deposit of nickel, and report that in their search they also found iron, silver and coal. The samples have been sent to all the different assayers in large cities, and to the U.S. Mint, at Philadelphia, and they ran from 2 to 25 per cent pure nickel. A company will be formed and work commenced at once. If as we are led to believe, this find proves as rich in reality as supposed, Logan county will be doubly assured of a great boom, for her rough land will be turned into mines, and the table lands have already proven to be fine and profitable agricultural lands.

*Logan County Republican*  
*August 30, 1888*

W.A. Lyon has dug down on the Lyon mine and found nickel ore. He has estimated the amount and says he is worth a "billion and a half."

We understand that two men have put pre-emption and homestead filings on the two quarter sections of land embracing the mines filed on. They should know before going too far that they cannot hold them.

Up to last Monday fourteen mining claims had been filed in the office of the register of deeds. These are named the Nickel King, Eureka, Nickel Queen, Nickel Band, Western Chief, Phoebe, Hazzard, Nickel Canion, Willow Gulch, McAllaster Lyon, Jimmy, Big Medicine, Kirkwood.

The assayer at Lawrence, Kan., declared that the specimen of ore sent him was not found in the state of Kansas, and it was sometime before he could be convinced that it was a Kansas product. Which shows how little is known of the resources of western Kansas. Some assayers were so unfamiliar with nickel that they did not at first know how to go to work to assay the ore.

The best way to reach the mines from Russell Springs is to follow the Coronado road southwest until the top of the first divide is reached, where a new and well traveled road branches off westward to the camp. The views along this road are simply magnificent. They are the foothills of the Rockies and Alleganies transferred to Logan county.

G.S. Morgan, of this city, maliciously assaulted J.P. Israel, of the Clipper, at Winona last

Thursday. The assault was made with a revolver and he was arrested and his bond fixed at \$500. Mrs. J.E. Hilts and E.P. Hovey, of this city, went on his bond after he had tried for seven hours to get bondsmen.

The names of J.E. Hilts, J.S. Warden and Jas. Armstrong, which have occupied prominent places over the court house door, were recently removed by order of the board.

*Logan County Republican*  
*September 6, 1888*  
**Nickel City Items.**

County surveyor Meier is surveying the site of the new town at the mines to-day.

It is estimated that over three hundred persons visited the mines last Sunday. They came from neighboring counties as well as from ours.

A hack line now connects this place with Nickel City. Seventy five cents for the round trip, is the price.

#### **A Cowardly Assault.**

J.E. Hilts made a cowardly assault on the editor of this paper last Tuesday just before noon. We had stepped into the doorway of Finan's barber shop to wait for Sheriff Perryman, who was in the barber's chair. Two other persons were in the room, these being Hilts and John Hill, the former sitting in a chair at the back side of the room and the latter on the east side. After stepping into the doorway, we turned around and, placing our right hand upon the casing opposite, turned our face towards the street looking out the door. This seemed to be the opportunity Hilts wanted and as soon as our head was turned he rushed across on his tip toes and struck us on the right jaw as he came. He weighs about 230

pounds and is strong of muscle, we weigh about 130 pounds and don't claim to be a prize fighter. Considering the strength, weight and momentum of Hilts it is a wonder the blow did not dislocate our neck, but the only effect was to knock us from our feet to the ground, which was a foot lower than the door sill. We struck upon our left shoulder, and being dazed by the cowardly blow could not have helped ourself had we been so inclined. That his intentions were murderous is evidenced by the fact that as soon as we fell he threw his ponderous body upon us and struck us on the forehead twice. By this time Perryman, who saw Hilts rush by the looking-glass, was at hand and pulled the cowardly ruffian off. He immediately went up to the justice's office, where Mr. Hill entered complaint against him and the justice fined him five dollars and costs, a very light fine for so cowardly an act. Hilts was afterwards arrested by Marshal Cannon for violating a city ordinance.

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Dr. J.E. Hilts was this morning arraigned before Police Judge Cummins charged with violating a city ordinance by assaulting C.V. Kinney. Gen. Bowen was attorney for the defense and C.F. Miller appeared to prosecute. The defendant's discharge was demanded on the ground that he had already been prosecuted and fined in Justice's Court for the offense charged, but the court decided to let the trial go on. A fine of \$10 was imposed, from which an appeal was taken.

N.G. Perryman is building a barn on his premises in town. He now has a new horse and buggy, and rides like a lord.



