

## Bypaths of Kansas History

### TWO CROPS AT ONCE

From the *Inland Tribune*, Great Bend, July 13, 1878.

No one but an experienced granger would attempt to raise a crop of wheat and corn on the same piece of ground at the same time. Mr. R. T. Ewalt, Deputy Grand Master of the Grange in this county, thought the thing feasible. He sowed a spring crop of wheat, and believing it a failure, planted the ground in corn. About the time the corn needed plowing, the wheat had concluded to grow and was overshadowing the corn. Right here Mr. Ewalt began to scratch his head, whether to wait developments, or plow the corn. To cultivate one would destroy the other. He however waited a few days. The wet weather was bringing both crops right along; first the wheat and then the corn being ahead. The result is that he has a fine crop of both, but his wheat is ready for the sickle, and how to cut it without injuring the corn is the question. This point was not considered till it was too late. The last we saw of Dick he was sitting on a stump and chewing his quid mighty fast, racking his brain to invent a Corn Row Header.

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### HOW'S THAT?

From the *Elk Falls Signal*, October 22, 1880.

Scene low-down, vile, sneaking son of an unvirtuous canine of the female persuasion cut the flag rope on the Garfield and Arthur liberty pole last Friday night, and as it is about a hundred feet up to the pulley and as no one could be found who would attempt the feat of climbing the pole, it was feared for a while that the Republicans would have to forego the pleasure of seeing the stars and stripes fly from their handsome flag pole during the rest of this campaign. But it happened that Mr. Truby had an eye to something of this kind when the pole was being raised, so he had a little iron hook fastened on the side of the pole a few feet from the top, and last Monday, by the aid of a kite, a string was carried over the hook and a new rope drawn into position in less than no time. And now wonder if the sneak who cut the rope don't feel a little mean.

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### BUCKET BRIGADES WITH STICKY FINGERS

From the *Columbus Courier*, February 28, 1884.

The city marshal complains that after every fire we have had in the city that the council have had to pay for a lot of buckets given out by the merchants and carried away by some one during the fire. Anyone that would steal a bucket under such circumstances would purloin the coppers from a dead man's eyes. It is surprising that we have such miserable contemptible thieves around us.