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Dear Kingsbury,  
Here's the latest on what's going on in Kingsbury!

September Is Here!

This week will see the first days in the month of September!

September is the ninth month of the year, the third of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fourth of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere September is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere.

September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, with March (Latin *Martius*) the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.



METEORS

Meteor showers that occur in September include:

-  *Aurigids - August 28 - September 5 ~~ Peak: September 1*
-  *Epsilon Perseids - September 5-21 ~~ Peak: September 9*
-  *Daytime Sextantids - September 9 - October 9 ~~ Peak: September 27*
-  *Southern Taurids - September 10 - November 20 ~~ Peak: None. They just ramble on with no sharp peak.*



Get ready for fall! The Autumnal Equinox falls on September 22, 2020 at 2:20 p.m. our time. At this time, there are approximately equal hours of daylight and darkness.

September, in **Old England**, was called *Haervest-monath* (Harvest Month). This is the time to gather up the rest of the harvest and prepare for the winter months.



*There are flowers enough in the summertime,  
More flowers than I can remember—  
But none with the purple, gold, and red*

*That dyes the flowers of September!*  
—Mary Howitt (1799-1888)

September's birth flowers are the aster and the morning glory.



The aster signifies powerful love, and the China aster expresses variety or afterthought in the language of flowers.



The morning glory symbolizes affection. It can also mean coquetry, affectation, or bonds in the language of flowers.

The September birthstone is the sapphire, which was once thought to guard against evil and poisoning.



Sapphire is a form of corundum that is typically blue, a color caused by tiny bits of iron and titanium; the vivid, medium blues are more valuable than lighter or darker forms. Due to various trace elements, sapphires also appear in other colors. Those with red colors are called rubies.

Sapphires were thought to encourage divine wisdom and protection. They symbolized purity, truth, trust, and loyalty. Some believed that if they were placed in a jar with a snake, the snake would die.

The sapphire, along with the related ruby, are the second-hardest natural gemstones, with only the diamond being harder.

#### FOLKLORE FOR THE SEASON



*Heavy September rains bring drought.*



*September dries up ditches or breaks down bridges.*



*September blow soft, till the fruit's in the loft.*



*Married in September's golden glow, smooth and serene your life will go.*



*If the storms of September clear off warm, the storms of the following winter will be warm.*



*Fair on September 1st, fair for the month.*



#### There's A Day For Everything

In case you didn't already know ... there's something every day to **celebrate!**  
Here are some of the fun, unusual, or forgotten holidays this week:

August 29 - National Chop Suey Day, National Lemon Juice Day

August 30 - National Toasted Marshmallow Day, National Grief Awareness Day, National Beach Day

August 31 - National South Carolina Day, National Matchmaker Day, National Diatomaceous Earth Day, National Trail Mix Day

September 1 - National Burnt Ends Day, National Acne Positivity Day, National Chicken Boy's Day, National No Rhyme (Nor Reason) Day

September 2 - National Blueberry Popsicle Day, National V-J Day

September 3 - National Welsh Rarebit Day, U.S. Bowling League Day, National Lazy Mom's Day, National Food Bank Day, National College Colors Day, National Chianti Day

September 4 - National Spice Blend Day, National Wildlife Day, National Newspaper Carrier Day, National Macadamia Nut Day, National Tailgating Day, World Beard Day



### Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department

Regular meetings of the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 at KVFD Fire Station #1. The next is

Thursday, September 2nd

Stop by to learn what you can do to help your **community** as a firefighter, a supporter, or as a first-responder.

The KVFD Auxiliary has their meetings on the first Thursday of most months starting in March. The next meeting of 2021 will be Thursday, October 7th and all meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Kingsbury VFD fire station. Come by and be a part of the awesome KVFD Auxiliary!



All the **news** that's fit to print about what *was* happening in Kingsbury . . .

The April 13, 1876 edition of the Galveston Daily News reported on the "Murder of a Freighter", Mr. Thomas Edwards, who was from Kingsbury. It appears to be robbery but they left his horse and his "load of potatoes." He "leaves a large family in destitute circumstances."

The article also goes on about Kingsbury growing "slowly and steadily" and that the "freight passing westward is still undiminished." Then there is a bit on a "social free fight" where a couple of men were cut ... but what is a social free fight??



**KINGSBURY.**

### Murder of a Freighter.

[Special to the Galveston News.]

KINGSBURY, April 12, 1870.

Thomas Edwards, a freighter between this place and San Antonio, whose family live here, was shot and killed last night on the Rosillo river, seven miles east of San Antonio, by an unknown man. Edwards left Kingsbury Monday with a load of potatoes, which he was selling on commission, and some of which he had disposed of at Seguin and Valley P. O. As he left Seguin, the supposed murderer asked for passage to San Antonio, which was granted, since which time he has not been seen.

Two boys discovered the corpse this morning, and taking the lead horses of his team (it being unmolested), went back to San Antonio and reported the same. He was found shot through the head, and his pockets were rifled. Officers are in pursuit, but no arrest has been made as yet. Edwards leaves a large family in destitute circumstances.

Kingsbury holds its own and grows slowly and steadily. The quantity of freight passing westward is still undiminished. Construction material is accumulating, and business at the front will soon be brisk.

A social free fight Saturday night resulted in the cutting of one man and the shooting of another; neither mortally wounded.

In other news from 1876, Zach Chandler (a founder of the Republican Party) is whitewashing Babcock (I have no idea what that means) while "immortal young souls" are in the "jungles of Africa", boys in Illinois were arrested for "throwing snowballs at a funeral procession", and news from "Prussia" (the Prussian Kingdom at that time) was that tensions are high between Austria and Russia, and in "Bohemia" (the Kingdom of Bohemia in 1876) the University of Prague is prohibiting women from lectures.

Closer to home, Mr. William Kelso had an arrowhead in his side for twenty years that finally broke out "covered with gristle" (eww), get your Liverpool salt from C.W. Adams, the big news from Laredo is that it is "quiet", in

London "Gray, alias Morgan, alias Colletso" was charged with "uttering forged paper", and poor Dr. Martin went behind a horse which kicked him and "severely fractured his thigh."

Elsewhere in 1876, Deputy Clark picked up a prisoner in Fort Worth then promptly "got drunk" and the prisoner took the buggy "and left for parts unknown", John Lang has his "Brick Store" for rent (is that a store made of brick or a store that sells brick??), and in Illinois the peach crop will be a "decided success" if no more "frosts occur" but wheat is only "So-so."

In addition, Mr. Home "the great Spiritualist" died in a railway carriage "for convenience sake" and made a "flying visit to some remote quarter", in Jasper County wolves are "getting quite numerous" and with a "boldness" that is "astonishing", and the May and Volksfest festival in Galveston will be at Schmidt's Garden (let's all go!).

**THE BROOKLYN ARGUS** says: "Thousands of immortal young souls are running wild through the jungles of Africa, without clothes and without a God, and yet here's Zach Chandler giving \$1000 to whitewash Tubenock."

The boys in Belleville, Ill., amused themselves during the last snow, by throwing snow-balls at a funeral procession. They didn't find it so amusing when they were arrested.

**Prussia.**  
BERLIN, April 12.—Dr. Traube, the celebrated physician, is dead.  
LONDON, April 12.—The *Daily News* Berlin dispatch says the German government is apprehensive for the continuance of good relations between Austria and Russia.

**Bohemia.**  
PRAGUE, April 12.—The Senate of the University of Prague have prohibited attendance of women at lectures in that institution.

**MEDINA COUNTY.**  
Some twenty years ago Mr. William Kelso, who now lives at the mouth of Nueces canon, was attacked by an Indian and was shot in the side. He succeeded, however, in killing the Indian. He has suffered at different times ever since from a pain in the spot where the Indian's arrow penetrated him. Recently he has suffered considerably, and a large rising came on his side. Finally it broke, and an Indian arrow-head was taken out covered with gristle.

**Coarse and Fine**  
**LIVERPOOL SALT**  
In store and for sale by  
JESSE C. W. ADAMS & CO.

**LAREDO QUIET.**  
[Special to the Galveston News.]  
SAN ANTONIO, April 12, 1876.  
No news from Laredo of importance: all is quiet there. The Revolutionists are in possession and orderly. Col. Merriam was ordered to release the Mexican federal troops if there are no charges against them.

A DISPATCH to the *Herald* from London, April 7th, says that Gray, alias Morgan, alias Colletso, was brought into the Bow Street Police Court on the 6th on a warrant of extradition, charging him with forgery, and forging and uttering forged paper. A witness testified that he believed the prisoner forged certain United States bonds in 1869. The prisoner was remanded to await the arrival of an American officer.

**NACOGDOCHES COUNTY.**  
A painful accident befell Dr. J. P. Martin a few days since. It seems that he was trying to relieve a sick horse, and, passing near his heels, was kicked, which severely fractured his thigh.

**TARRANT COUNTY.**  
Mr. A. B. Clark, Deputy Sheriff of Dallas county, came to Fort Worth on Monday last after a prisoner. After he arrested him he got drunk and the prisoner took his buggy and left for parts unknown.

**FOR RENT.....FOR RENT**  
BY  
**BRICK STORE,**  
on the Strand, formerly occupied by BROWN & LANG. Possession given April 1. Apply to mrs J. M. LANG.  
JOHN W. LANG.

**ILLINOIS CROPS.**  
**Good Prospect for Peaches—Wheat Only So-so.**  
CAIRO, ILL., April 12.—The peach crop of Southern Illinois, if no more heavy frosts occur, will be a decided success. Only a small portion of the buds have suffered thus far. The early red are all destroyed, but the other varieties are uninjured. The wheat prospects are poor, but on the rolling and timber lands the crop will be as good as usual.

David Douglass Home, the great Spiritualist, died a few days ago in a railway carriage, while on his way from St. Petersburg to Berlin. Howe was a Scotchman by birth and about forty-three years of age. He was the most remarkable "medium" of his day, and if half the miracles attributed to him be true, he may yet turn up all right in some distant region, having only left his body behind in the railway carriage for convenience sake, while he made a flying visit to some remote quarter.

**JASPER COUNTY.**  
Wolves are getting quite numerous in this region. They assume a boldness in some instances that is astonishing.

**MAY FESTIVAL.**  
The May and Volksfest  
Will be celebrated as usual on  
**MONDAY AND TUESDAY,**  
The 1st and 2d of May,  
**AT SCHMIDT'S GARDEN,**  
IN THIS CITY.

Kingsbury Weather

Kingsbury weather for this week. You can always get the latest **weather** in Kingsbury on the Kingsbury website under [Calendar](#).



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## The Kingsbury Windmill

As reported in the December 24, 1878 edition of the *Galveston Daily News*, there was once a "large wind-mill" in downtown Kingsbury.

This street scene in 1913 shows the windmill, a huge cistern, and some local townsfolk (from left to right): Traveling salesman (name unknown), Jim Flowers (barber), Walter Hyman of Luling, Bill Averitt (Justice of the Peace), Matt Houchin (deputy Sheriff), Walter Jones, Frank Harris, Edgar Gorden, Dr. Benbow, Oscar Halm, Alex Jones, Emil Schmidt (on porch).

There are a couple of ladies in bonnets on the **boardwalk**, but their names are unknown. Mr. Avert, Dr. Benbow, and Mr. Halm are all wearing sleeve garters. Ever wonder why men wore these? Well it's because ready made shirts at the time came with only one sleeve length - extra long. Sleeve garters allowed men to customize sleeve lengths and keep their cuffs from getting dirty or at the correct length when worn under a jacket.

If you click on the picture to en large it, you can see that the building to the right says "M. Flynn & Co. Gen. Merchandise" and the next building down obviously was the Drug Store. The building down the street on the left was a lumber yard and still has the remnants of a Barnum & Bailey Circus banner still attached and hanging over the porch.

Several of the buildings have additional signs atop the porches and the cistern is marked "Manufactured by Vivroux and Sons" and has a saddled horse waiting patiently on the other side.

Maybe it's just the perspective of the picture, but that really does seem to be one heck of a tall windmill!

*Excerpt from the December 24, 1878 Galveston Daily News:*

scissors-tail, etc.

—At the town of Kingsbury, on the Sunset route, which was named in honor of the present immigration agent in England, one of the principal features of the place is a large wind-mill.

—The Rev. Johnson Reed, of San An-



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