

ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

Packet 14: *The German-American Advocate*: A Hays City, Kansas Newspaper

Teacher	Sequence
1. After looking over the reproduced page of the newspaper and reading the translation of the German ads and articles, would you say that the Russian-Germans had or had not been accepted in the area by other settlers?	It should be quite clear that the Volga Germans were quickly accepted into the areas in which they settled by those people who had settled prior to their arrival. The Volga Germans were hard working, clean, industrious people who, in short time, had a good deal of money to spend on goods and services. Those people with things to sell were just as eager to sell them to German immigrants as any other.
2. By reading the paper, find the assessed value of Frederich Karlin's property in 1884.	At the top of column 3 it indicates that the first row of numbers is the assessed valuation and the second row is the equalized evaluation. At the bottom of the column under Catherine Township Frederich Karlin is listed as having been assessed at \$310.
3. What does the name, <i>The German American Advocate</i> , tell you right off the bat?	It would seem to indicate that the newspaper was aiming, in part, directly at the German audience in the Hays area.
4. Is there any difference in the things which are advertised in English and those advertised in German? Do you think English speaking people were specifically trying to exclude the Germans in some of the ads?	Not really. The advertisements cover a variety of goods and services, in both English and German. Notice also that those ads which are in English only are accompanied by illustrations which, even if you can't read exactly what it is all about, make it clear what it is they are selling.