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Four years ago we vigorously supported the national and state prohibition ticket. Our paper was the first in the field in support of the third party. We took an active part in the Lawrence convention and insisted up on the necessity of a separate state ticket.

It was the wise and only consistent thing to do at that time. To day the situation is changed, and what was policy then may not be policy now. The prohibitory law was not enforced. Saloons were open and the law defied in many towns. Many leading republicans boldly opposed the enforcement of the law and others in official places coolly winked at its violation. The republican party gave no clear utterance in its platform and its candidate for governor had been opposed to the constitutional amendment, and was not in sympathy with the principle of prohibition. The republican party could not fairly claim that it had given the prohibition amendment to the state, and even in its platform declared it had been adopted regardless of party. John A. Martin, candidate for governor, refused to give the prohibition party the least satisfaction, when approached by the writer hereof as a representative and secretary of the state prohibition committee.

What could be done, but to proceed with our third party organization. It was absolutely essential, and so when the Lawrence convention broke up without making state nominations, the writer of this, as secretary of the committee who had called the convention to order, in the absence of the chairman, immediately recalled it in extra session, and a full ticket was nominated.

For the last two years and a half the management of the party has been a series of blunders, while the republican party has gone on improving and strengthening the law until we now have in the state of Kansas the very condition of things we asked in 1884. The party has been forced forward by public sentiment although many of its leaders have no sympathy for prohibition.

In our view of it the wise course for the prohibitionists of Kansas to pursue, is one of clean, independent consistency. It should be such as will intrench the army of prohibitionists throughout the country and disarm the enemy. This policy involves the absolute and indignant repudiation of the late Chicago republican convention and a most determined opposition to the nominees, Harrison and Morton.

The milk and water temperance plank, rushed thro at the last moment, was an insult to the real temperance sentiment of the country, far deeper and more humiliating than its former refusal to give the subject the least recognition. The refusal to

mention the subject was at least an honest way to ignore it. The plank as adopted, was an attempt to make the people believe the convention endorsed what it manifestly repudiated. It was low, dishonest political strategy.

No honest, fully informed prohibitionist, accustomed to the methods of politicians will be misled by such tactics. He will revolt at the attempt to deceive.

So far as concerns the national republican ticket.

In state matters the situation is entirely different. The saloons are banished. Prohibition is effective. Third party leaders, all over the land, draw conclusive arguments from Kansas.

As prohibitionists supporting the national ticket, are we excused from fighting the very men and measures that our party elsewhere approve and endorse.

Do we not rather brand ourselves as scoundrels, grumblers, malcontents, in still finding fault when we so nearly have all that we demanded four years ago, and what would be so satisfying to our party in other states?

It does not follow that we should blindly approve the action of the republican party in our state. But it does follow that we can exert a wider and deeper influence by the exercise of greater independence and by rising above party prejudice.

If we can afford to condemn the national republican party when it repudiates prohibition, as it really does, we can as well afford to approve republican action in the state when it is favorable.

No man in the state has practically done more for prohibition than Judge John Martin, the democratic candidate for governor. If the republicans fail to put up a man whose life has not been as clean and pure, and whose influence has not been as great for temperance as that of Judge Martin, the prohibitionists of the state can in no way have so much influence as by voting a thoroughly independent ticket, headed by Fiske and Brooks, followed by Judge Martin and the best men on the other tickets, of whatever party name.

The result would be to prove that the prohibition party of Kansas is catholic and broad gauge, and not as sometimes charged, narrow and illiberal. It would prove its devotion to principle. It would make it respected for honesty and consistency.

Owen G. Lovejoy, of Princeton, Ill., a son of Owen Lovejoy, of anti-slavery fame, has declared his intention to support the St. Louis platform and the Democratic ticket. For some years Mr. Lovejoy has been in favor of a reduction of a war tariff, and only remained with the party because of its promise four and eight years ago to reduce it. He has now announced his retirement from that party, and, like Hon. L. D. Whiting and a large number of equally prominent old-time Abolitionists, will support the Democratic nominees.

Mr. Robert Douglas, the well known forest tree planter, thinks the wild black cherry more profitable than the black walnut. They can be planted more closely, grow well in a dry soil are not injurious to vegetation about them, are rapid growers and the wood brings a high price.

Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, the prohibition candidate for president, being interviewed by a press reporter the other day said:

"We will gain largely in New York, and will probably increase our vote about 50 per cent, drawing chiefly from the republicans. We will gain largely in New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee and Missouri; also in the New England states. Our gain in the north will come largely from the republican party and in the south from the democratic party. Our strength in the south comes from all classes, white and black, except the uneducated negroes. The latter class seem to think that one of the boons conferred on them by Abraham Lincoln was liberty to drink like their old masters.

The following State ticket was nominated at Hutchinson by the prohibition party. Governor, Rev. J. D. Botkin of Wichita; lieutenant governor, R. J. Finly of Abilene; secretary of state, L. K. McIntyre of Dodge City; state treasurer, R. M. Sloan of Anderson county auditor, Rev. Gabriel Burdett, a colored man of Marshall county; attorney general, Stanton A. Hyer, of McPherson county; superintendent of public instruction, Miss S. A. Brown, of Lawrence; associate justice of the supreme court, J. O. Pickering of Olathe.

The platform advocates woman suffrage, government control of the telegraph and railroads, reduction of the surplus, repeal of tariff laws, absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic, and other things.

Only Catnip Tea.

Gen. Clinton B. Fiske, the candidate for president on the national prohibition ticket, tells the following good story on Albert Griffin and the adoption of the prohibition plank in the platform adopted by the Chicago convention:

The temperance plank in the republican platform, says Gen. Fiske, doesn't amount to anything. A friend of mine, who was a delegate to the Chicago convention, told me that before it was inserted it was submitted to Sheridan Shook, the New York brewer. Shook was the great representative of the liquor interests in New York, and was evidently authorized to speak. "Why, of course put that in," said Shook, "that will answer the purpose, and it isn't half as strong a temperance plank as we brewers adopted. That's only as a little catnip tea for the republican party; we don't object to it." Shook's remark about its only being a little catnip tea has been caught up in the east, and now when a fellow invites another to go and take something, he says: "Let's take some catnip tea."

A Brave Correspondent.

August Rogy, a traveler of some note has just sailed from New York on a tour around the world in the interest of Agriculture and stock raising combined with a love of adventure. He proposes to make a comparison of agricultural methods and stock raising in foreign lands with those of America, and has equipped himself for adventure in the jungles of Africa and among the wild tribes of Arabia, which latter country he will penetrate to the interior in search of the history and origin of the noted Arabian steeds. Mr. Rogy will carry a battery comprising an elephant gun, a rifled and smoothbore barrel, a 50 caliber express rifle, a double 12 gauge fowling piece, and two Smith & Wesson revolvers. He will also have a detective camera, which does its work instantaneously and he has asserted with determination that he will take a photograph of a lion before killing the animal. The American Farm News of Akron, Ohio, has commissioned Mr. Rogy for this gigantic enterprise, and will publish and illustrate all his letters.

It would be a good thing for the city if the present officers would all resign and let us begin anew.

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

It graduated its first oratorical scholar this session.

Rev. Dennis Osborne and Ernest represented India in the procession.

Secretary Rudisill is already enthusiastic over the prospects of next year.

Among the graduates at the assembly were residents from Texas, Illinois and New York.

Rev. Mix of the Church of the Good Shepherd attended the assembly and was greatly delighted.

Rev. McKirahan of the United Presbyterian church tented on Missionary ridge during the assembly.

The assembly is over and there comes the sense of relief as when a pleasant task is accomplished.

M. C. Holman and Leon Stanton have been "wheel horses" in the assembly by way of conducting the music.

Miss Foster who had charge of the primary department is a member of the Baptist church and an earnest worker of the Sunday school.

Miss Dillon has spent most of her time among the Episcopals. We predict calls to various parts of the state. Her services will be in demand.

Yesterday quite a number of tents were engaged for next year, and locations selected should the assembly be held at the park. Among the members are several Presbyterian families.

The assembly has been a success to the careful student; it has been a financial success, that is, self sustaining. Before night most of the campers will have loaded up their things and gone home.

The assembly management have arranged for Dr. Geo. W. Miller, who thrilled large audiences in the assembly of 1887 and in the assembly of 1889. With McIntyre and Miller on the programme next year there will be immense gatherings.

The camp was overjoyed to see Rev. Dennis Osborne and his son Earnest walk inside the gates yesterday. They took the wrong Kansas City train at St. Joseph and went to Atchison. Rather than wait six hours they came to spend the day at Garfield with friends.

The Chautauqua assembly closed at Garfield Park last evening. Marshall's band was not present, as advertised. The assembly has not been so successful as was anticipated, in point attendance. The programme was an excellent one, and the class studies and lectures have also been excellent.

Assistant Labor Commissioner John Coughlin has been making investigations into the manufacturing industries of Shawnee county, and finds that during the past eighteen months over \$1,315,000 capital has been invested in manufacturing in this country. The county now stands third in manufacturing in the state.

The proposed trades displays during reunion week would be made a grand thing and a wide reaching advertisement for Topeka. It is to be hoped that it will be carried out.

Insurance Commissioner Wilder has improved the library of his office materially by adding a complete set of the supreme court reports.

The state board of health announces a determination to enforce all of its regulations upon practicing physicians and others who are by the law required to send reports to the secretary.

The railroads are all hauling big passenger trains these days, but the teachers and editors who are flocking to California by the train load are going over the main line of the Union Pacific.

We have just received from J. C. Groene one of their latest songs called "Hungry at Somebody's Door," by Charles A. Davies. It is a beautiful song and will become as popular as his last song, "There's no one like Mother to me," which we noticed some months ago. Any one of these songs for only eleven 2-c. stamps. Address J. C. GROENE & Co., 30 and 46 Arcade, Cincinnati, O.

The Santa Fe announces a \$17 rate for the round trip to Cincinnati. This is about \$1 less than one-half rate for the round trip, which has been the rate heretofore during the exposition.

The Western Fair Association will hold its Fair at Bismarck Grove, Lawrence, September 3 to 11.

Liberal is only two miles and a half from the southern Kansas boundary, and the track has been laid seven or eight miles beyond that point, reaching over into No Man's Land. This is not yet in use however except for banking up a great deal of material for future construction work.

FRESH NEW CROP

TURNIP SEED.

SEED BUCKWHEAT.

SEED RYE.

At TOPEKA SEED HOUSE, 304 Kan. Ave.

TOPEKA, KAN.

On Wednesday the 25th instant the republican state convention will convene in the hall of the house of representatives in this city for the purpose of nominating a state ticket. It will be one of the most exciting and best attended political conventions ever held in the state and will probably last for several days. Already the "boys" have commenced to arrive and by Monday morning the managers of the booms of the several candidates will nearly all be on the ground.

The market for American land in Great Britain may be lost to us because of the over-reaching greed of those who would make it out of cotton seed oil much as has our market for butter and cheese; but there is, after all, no sense in the ruling of our beef cattle out of that market under the pretended superstition that they are afflicted with pleuro pneumonia. It is a very easy matter to follow our cattle from their pastures to those of Great Britain if the people of the latter were anxious to do so.

In New York school board are two ladies, Miss Dodge and Mrs. Agnew. The majority of the male members, who are foreigners, show them every possible discourtesy, addressing them as "Dodge" and "Agnew" while they address each other as "Mr. Murphy" or "Mr. Schneider," and in hundreds of ways their desire to make it unpleasant for the female. An exchange suggests that New York does not need ladies so much as it does gentlemen on the board.

Copperas (sulphate of iron) is an excellent disinfectant and should be freely used on the farm during the hot weather. It is very cheap and the expense need not deter any one from using it. A double handful, dissolved in a pail of water, makes a good and efficient solution. Sprinkle this in the vaults, cesspools and house drains once a week and you will be safe from any malarial influence in that direction. It is one of the best articles for this purpose.

The preparations made and being made in Florida for the cultivation of fruits and veg tables, mainly strawberries and all the early vegetables, are surprising in their extent and magnitude. At hundreds of new points and places where the industry has heretofore been unknown, parties are engaged in the preparatory work for the coming winter. The character and extent of the labors in this direction, if fully known, would prove somewhat alarming to the thousands at work in the same calling in the Southern States. Increased railroad facilities and lower rates to Western markets have given an impetus to the business that brings about the facts referred to.

It is said that President Cleveland gives very close personal attention to every bill passed by congress, and particularly study in every case where he has exercised the veto power. The probability is that most of his vetoes, if not all, have been judicious.

The population of the United States and Territories at the date of the taking of the last census was 50,155,783. Many are beginning to figure on what the number will be in 1890. Some claim it will reach 65,000,000, and just now it looks very likely they are correct.

The editor of the Kansas Farmer is preparing a little manual on the Tariff question which will probably be very useful. It will be sold for 25 cents and can be had by addressing H. A. Heath of the Farmer office.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

July 21, 1888.

The Spirit of Kansas is the oldest prohibition organ in the state. It led in support of St. John and Daniel in 1884. It is vigorous in its support of Fiske and Brooks in 1888. The Spirit of Kansas is working more for the future than the present. It does not believe in antagonizing prohibition republicans in Kansas and Iowa, at every step. It believes the National Republican Party will this fall be beaten to the death. The Prohibition Party has, therefore, nothing to gain by waging unrelenting personal warfare upon those who are soon to become leading supporters of the new party. This is especially true in the state of Kansas. There is no possibility of electing a single local third party candidate. There is nothing especially to be gained by even showing a large third party vote, except it be for the presidential ticket.

In fact, there is a reasonable view that is urged in favor of a very independent third party action. It is more or less contingent on the action of the republican state convention. If that body shall stand firmly by prohibition, without condemning the prohibition party—without stooping to approve the namby pamby temperance plank of the Chicago platform, but possibly regretting it does not say something positive—if it shall then nominate a representative prohibition ticket—there will then be no way in which the prohibition party can do so much as by supporting the national prohibition ticket and the state republican ticket.

The strength of this position may be found in this:

The popular idea of the nation favors a greater degree of personal independence. The Prohibition National platform is a better presentation of the original republican idea than that of any other party. This is true of the tariff, and of other questions. It is the only one distinctively representative on the saloon question. In all these respects the national prohibition party is in harmony all the way through with most prohibition republicans.

One of the main charges made against the third party is that it is unkind and uncharitable toward those who do not believe as its members do. This is particularly true of the churches. We have before us the Indiana Advocate, an uncompromising advocate of constitutional prohibition, and in it we find this same objection. It is a powerful representative of the Methodist church. It wants broader ideas.

Now, if this is an acknowledged want in Indiana, how must it be in Kansas? In this state we have constitutional prohibition. The official and other papers by our state authorities, all republicans, are everywhere quoted and used as the best evidence the national prohibitionists have. We are all proud of the position our state has taken as the leader in advanced prohibition.

Now this position the prohibition party of Kansas can afford to recognize. A large vote for Fiske and Brooks will give the party all the moral force it can secure in any event. If the Republican ticket and platform shall be such that third party prohibitionists can consistently support, they then have the means of setting a most noble example. Their vote for Fiske and Brooks will indicate their full party strength. Their vote for the state republican ticket will prove their devotion to prohibition wherever they find it. It will show they are not unkind nor uncharitable. It will be a rebuke to the national republican convention. It will leave republican prohibitionists throughout the entire nation, filled with kindness and respect for the independence and devotion to principle first and to party afterwards, and pave the way for the great union of prohibitionists after the total rout of the republican party. It will prove that the prohibition party is not an ally of the democracy.

The position of the Spirit of Kansas is not one that will be approved by the politicians of the Prohibition party. It is submitted for the independent consideration of the rank and file who have the capacity to look twelve months, or even four years ahead, and are not members of the ring, have no private axes to grind, and are the blind followers of no one man, but who are looking only to accomplishment of a great purpose.

Albert Griffin makes a mighty effort to explain the meaning of the Chicago platform on the temperance issue. The English language is rapidly becoming the language of the world. Almost any idea, however abstruse, can be set forth intelligently, in terse, strong English. Now, if the National Republican Convention had desired to say it was "opposed to saloon rule, that it favored high license, that it favored or opposed prohibition, it had the whole English vocabulary at its command. If it meant anything it could have saved the necessity of an interpreter.

The American party is yet to put a presidential ticket into the field.

Noble Prentiss is the choice of the best people in Kansas, for secretary of state.

The young German Emperor is getting a bad reputation with unexpected celerity.

M. E. Matthews is getting into a bad way writing cards to the papers. It indicates political verandcy.

When Judge Guthrie came out to the judicial pasture, he seemed to find the bar put up against him.

The register and receiver of the United States land office at Garden City have decided to recognize Syracuse as the county seat of Hamilton county.

While cleaning a well near Wellington, Bill Mather was overpowered by fire-damp and fell into the water at the bottom of the well and was drowned.

Andrew Goff, of Wichita, has just arrived home, having tramped all the way from Fresno, Cal., a distance of 1,200 miles, for his health. He gained thirty-six pounds in weight during the trip.

The Capital will say that no candidate for office has received higher endorsements from prominent republicans of Kansas than Superintendent John MacDonald of Shawnee county, in his canvas for state superintendent of public instruction. Among the leading educators of the state Mr. MacDonald has warm and enthusiastic supporters. His pre-eminent ability and his thorough knowledge of Kansas educational interests thoroughly fit him for the position.

Everything is fair in love. So it is in journalism. It matters little whether one steals a letter from a hook in the telegraph office, or purloins a proof from the composing room. That is all enterprise on the south side, but in North Topeka enterprise assumes a different shape. According to the Mail, it consists in stealing paper by means of transom. The good name of north side newspapers is in danger, but fortunately the eye of the public is discriminating.

At the late national political convention in Chicago one of the prominent candidates for the Presidential nomination was Mr. Chauncey Depew, president of New York Central and Hudson River railroad system (the Vanderbilt roads), from which and his official positions in other trusts and corporations, he receives, it is said, an annual salary of \$250,000. He found, however, a strong opposition, particularly from the great Northwestern States, from what was called the "Granger element," because of his railroad associations. He finally withdrew his name and in several of his humorous speeches since then he has spoken slightly of this "Granger sentiment," which some of the leading papers have also called the "ignorant Granger sentiment," etc., etc. Other papers have taken up his cause with the old arguments of the value of railroads to the country. "What would the farmer do without them?" etc., etc. All of which plainly proves the power of the Grange and its growing influence in public affairs. But it is not the ignorant Granger sentiment, but the educated Granger sentiment that has, more than all else combined brought about the wholesome regulation of railroads as instanced by the Interstate Commerce Law and others. The ignorance is on the part of those who cannot, or will not, see the true position it has always held as laid down in its Declaration of Purposes.

It is said that Mrs. J. Ellen Foster wrote the Boutelle plank that was added to the republican platform several days after the original platform was published. It is of no consequence who wrote it, since it is utterly meaningless. Every evidence goes to show that this plank was as strong as could possibly pass in a republican convention. That it is not prohibition, not anti-saloon, not even so strong a general temperance declaration as the liquor dealers themselves have adopted, is clear to all. It is a mere clap trap and is daily disgusting temperance republicans.

Nick Smith, the fool and fop who married a daughter of Horace Greeley, too proud to work, was put into a New York City jail last week, for beating a hotel out of his board for six months.

The people demand penny postage. No country is more noted than ours for wanting something for nothing.

The Prohibition state convention will be held in Hutchinson to-morrow. It is hardly probable that it will change the bigotted and small anger policy that has been followed for two years.

The republicans of the senate judiciary committee refuse to report favorably on the nomination of M. W. Fuller for chief justice. While it is claimed that he has not sufficient mental calibre, the true reason is, no doubt, political.

There are three or four labor parties with presidential tickets in the field and three or four more that have no tickets. Of course they are all mere factions. In several places small conventions or bodies of these so-called labor parties have met and resolved to support, some the republican and some the democratic ticket. This is always reported by the party interested, and the most possible is made out of it, when, in reality, it has no significance whatever.

The Leader, the paper representing the ring that is running the prohibition of the state on the narrow gauge route, has again appeared in Topeka. The thing has no office material and has to depend upon contributions for its support. The present ring management of the party has disgusted nearly all the old workers, as it is evident it is in the interest of one or two men only, and inspired by bigotry and hate, instead of moral principle.

The meeting of the board of county commissioners was held Saturday, all the members present.

On motion the bids of A. J. Tullock & Co. of Leavenworth, for building a bridge over Lynn creek, near Berrytown, for the sum of \$625, and for a bridge over French creek for the sum of \$600 and for a bridge over Wakarusa creek on the Hoagland road for the sum of \$625, were accepted and the contract was awarded to the said firm.

The bid of P. E. Lane for a bridge over Soldier creek on Central avenue for the sum of \$1,000 to be paid by Shawnee county was accepted and the contract awarded to them.

The following bridge commissioners were appointed to superintend the construction of the bridges hereinafter named: John E. Nail, bridge over Lyon creek; G. E. Flanders, French creek; John Deikay, Wakarusa; E. N. Gunn, Soldier creek. On motion Ira C. Williams, trustee of Silver Lake township, was directed to repair a bridge over a small stream near the Edwards bridge in Silver Lake township.

On motion the supplemental report of the county auditor on the claim of J. H. Marple for fees as constable in seven state cases in the sum of \$20, and the claim of W. E. Craig for fees as constable in State vs. Zarker in the sum of \$6.30, was approved and the county clerk directed to draw warrants on the county treasurer in payment of the same. Adjourned sine die.

Live Stock Notes.

If farmers want to make money by raising horses, breed to draft horses. A three year old scrub is worth \$50 to \$75. A three year old draft horse is worth from \$150 to \$250. See the difference: one pays, the other don't.

Sell your best geldings if you are offered more money for them than they are worth to you on the farm; but when you sell your best mares, at any reasonable price you are taking a step backward. You can not afford to do it.

Long distance horses are apparently rare, or at least there are few trials at this day, says the Live Stock Indicator. In 1845 the mare Fannie Jenks traveled on the Albany, N. Y., track, 101 miles in a little less than ten hours, and in 1853 Conqueror made 100 miles on the Long Island course in less than nine hours.

The draft horse interest which a quarter of a century ago was greeted with jeers and laughed to scorn, is now the most popular and the most profitable improved stock interest. He has achieved the most remarkable success. Applauded and admired now in all civilized countries, his sphere of usefulness is widening and the demand increasing beyond the supply.

The storms of last week wrought sad havoc in the Central States. In West Virginia bridges were swept away, roofs torn from buildings, trees and fences thrown down and crops left in bad condition. The amount of damage can only be approximated, but it is very great, while two fatalities are reported, that of John Thompson, a farmer, who was instantly killed by being struck by lightning, and Howard James, who was washed down with the torrent in attempting to ford a swollen stream.

A Fraudulent Railroad.

The railroad commissioners received an inquiry from F. Ireland, of Chicago, as to the standing of the Kansas Central & Southwestern railroad, which, he says, is supposed to be a line running from Junction City to the state line in Clark county, Kansas. He says he holds a bond of \$1,000, being one of the issues of July, 1881, a first mortgage on road bed, rolling stock, equipments and franchises.

Secretary Rizer replied as follows: "Your favor of July 14 asking to be informed regarding the standing of the Kansas Central & Southwestern railroad is received. In reply I have to state that no such railroad exists in this state. There may be a charter for such a road, as a great many charters are issued by the secretary of state for the designated sum of \$1 for enterprises that never materialize. It is very apparent that some fraud has been practiced by some one in this paper institution. The bond for \$1,000 or any other sum issued by the road in question is not worth a dollar, so far as any material structure is concerned in this state. There is no data in this office concerning this enterprise, but a member of this board resides at Junction City and knows as a matter of fact that no such road under that or any other name has been constructed. Yours truly, H. C. RIZER.

The very flippant manner in which Secretary Rizer refers to the cost of obtaining charters in this state, and the possible results implied, serves to again illustrate the fault of our law in this respect. The fact is, it does not even cost a dollar to organize a company. If some notary friend will acknowledge the papers without a fee, it costs nothing and the secretary of state will furnish convenient blanks at the expense of the state.

It ought to cost something to organize stock companies, and the laws regulating them should be strict. It is not a credit to the state that it can virtually become a party to a swindle like the above.

As in many other things Missouri is ahead of Kansas in its regulation of stock companies. It there costs \$50 to obtain a charter, and then the stock must be fully subscribed and one half actually paid in. Consequently, there are very few stock companies for fraudulent purposes.

Lawrence has a new daily, the Evening Democrat.

Sunday night's rain was very general throughout the state, extending to the Colorado line. The wheat has been secured, and the corn was never more promising. This rain insures an abundant crop, but there are no indications of a drought.

The Salina Rising Sun says the Leader, the new self-styled prohibition organ, is intended only as a campaign paper. That is about like the management of the state party. It will be a very dear experiment. The Sun has been considered the party organ for some time past. Meanwhile, the Spirit of Kansas remains the only independent third party paper that has been published continuously since the campaign of 1884. The Spirit does not aspire to be a party organ, but it was long ago endorsed by the state committee.

Many carrier pigeons are in use in Wyoming.

Congressman Davis is unwilling to be re-elected.

It is said the fortunes of Shakers are declining.

The prospect for a large apple and peach crop is good.

A glass ball dancing on a jet of water is a novel rifle target.

Severe drought and heat occasions great suffering in India.

There are 214,000 names in the new directory of Chicago.

Most of the summer hotels are not crowded this season.

There was a \$40,000 fire at Paterson, New Jersey, June 10.

Senator Hoar made a strong speech on the fishery question, July 10.

The crop of hay harvested in Nevada this season will not be half an average.

There are 71,284 Buddhist Temples and shrines and 73,759 priests in Japan.

Memories of last spring's blizzard are delightful in these scorching July days.

Most of the business houses of Chicago, have adopted the half holiday system.

A million dollar hotel is talked of in Omaha. It will be seven stories high.

Photography is a pet diversion among young ladies of the first society in London.

The rival cable lines are said to be about to raise their rates to twenty-five cents a word.

China bugs in great numbers attacked Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, one day last week.

Business Tact and Opportunity.

A streak of pure, good luck in business, or the sudden achievement of success and wealth by a happy hit is rare, but there are many lucky and prosperous folks who are so because they watch their opportunities and make the best of them. Mr. Koehler, of Rochester, N. Y., tried his hand at canvassing for "Plain Home Talk," and made four dollars in the first two hours. Mr. Sandford, of Maine, took forty-three orders from forty-seven persons to whom he showed the book. Mr. Taylor, in Cleveland, took nineteen orders in one day. Why do smart, capable men complain of hard times and "nothing to do" when equal opportunities are open to them? They have only to call for circulars, prospectus and terms of the Murary Hill Pub. Co., 129 East 28th St., New York.

An exquisite portrait of Helen Keller, the wonderful little deaf dumb and blind girl of Alabama, is the frontispiece of July Wide Awake; and Sallie Joy White, in an illustrated article, "The Story of Helen Keller," gives details about this marvelous child that will interest old and young, school-children and metaphysicians. Another very delightful piece of biography is the Monroe chapter in "The Children of the White House, the fine Presidential series which has been so long preparing for Wide Awake. Very little has ever been given to the public concerning President Monroe's two beautiful daughters, Eliza and Maria, but for this paper the most interesting matter has somehow been unearthed. Eliza was educated in Paris at Madame Campan's famous school, where her intimate schoolmate was the future Queen of Holland, Hortense Beauharnais, the daughter of Josephine, and the school-life is the most interesting reading; and as Mrs. Hay, in the White House, this same Eliza started most of the vexing questions in Washington etiquette—the entire chapter is piquant reading for everybody. Susie Coolidge has a fine old-world story, "Etelka's Choice." John Burroughs, in "How To Observe Nature," tells some of his charming secrets. Geraldine Butts has a beautiful illustrated four-page ballad, "The Little Princess." Edward Everett Hale in "The Story of Boston Common" gives an account of "The Artillery Elections" when he was a boy. There is a capital coin collector's story, "The Red Red copper." Mrs. Humphrey tells "How To Keep Mosquitoes Away." Mrs. Leonovens describes "The Tsong Tsing Tsue." In "Double Roses" Mrs. Sherwood draws a good picture of a fashionable New York rector and his parishioners, while Mrs. Crowningshield, in her serial, "Pucky Smalls: His Story," gives a rollicking experience among the boys on a training-ship and tells "how they executed Charlie Noble."

Other delightful things "too numerous to mention." All for 20 cents \$2.40 a year. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston, Mass.

DODGE & CHANDLER, of Cambria Mills, Michigan, wrote Dr. Shallenberger:

We are selling five different kinds of Ague Pills, but yours are in the lead. After trying all other remedies our customers invariably fall back on Shallenberger's Pills. They never fail to effect a cure, and living in the midst of the Fever and Ague country, we speak from experience.

Unity church will be closed during the warm weather until September 2.

The treasurers of 40 out of the 106 counties in the state had made their semi-annual settlements up to last evening.

Ross Dingham, who has been running the Capital Resort, pleaded guilty to selling intoxicating liquors and was fined \$100 and sent to jail for thirty days.

Send one dollar, or ask the Postmaster to do so for you. Have the Kansas City Journal sent you for one year. You will get the best paper in the west and never regret having it.

The wife of John Musselman of Meriden who gave birth to triplets [all boys] about a week ago, died at her residence Friday night. The little ones only lived a short time.

W. H. Randall, the railway postal clerk who was arrested July 6, on a complaint filed by Postoffice Inspector Maguire, charging him with abstracting packages from the mails, was taken before a preliminary hearing and there being no evidence against him, he was discharged.

Sheriff Fuller yesterday destroyed 400 bottles of beer and fourteen pints of whisky. Deliberately, and with malice aforethought he poured the much sought for and difficult to be obtained fluid upon the highway, and as it trickled through the dust into the sewer strong men who stood around and gazed upon the officer as he performed his duty were seen to completely break down and weep. This lot was secured and confiscated at what is known as the Capital Resort last Saturday evening. It was merely a small consignment which the owner had secured "for his own private use." Owing to the fact that he failed to explain why it was necessary to lay in a supply sufficient to run a wholesale house for his "private use," he was compelled to see his entire stock destroyed.

A valuable white mare belonging to A. L. Allen was stolen from his barn on Friday night and no trace of the animal has been obtained.

The several railroad lines in Kansas have agreed to sell tickets from all points in the state to Topeka, to the republican state convention, at the rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, the same to be sold July 24 and 25, and limited to return until July 28.

R. J. Colver will on Wednesday take a position on the editorial staff of the Commonwealth. G. W. C. Rohrer has assumed editorial control of the Abilene Gazette.

The Moore we have is the Moore we don't want.

The Supreme Court has adjourned until September.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

July 21, 1888.

General Greeley chief of the Signal Service Bureau is out with a statement to the effect that there will be no protracted heated spell during the month of July for the reason that the existing conditions are such that they cannot generate a hot wave. The present cold weather is directly traceable to the storms that have recently passed over the country from northwest to southeast and drawn the ice cold air from Manitoba and scattered it over the eastern portion of the United States.

Heated terms are caused, according to General Greeley, by the earth throwing off the heat of the sun's rays, accumulated during the long dry spell. The recent severe rain-storm throughout the country, during which in some places 3 inches of rain fell in less than twenty-four hours, has so moistened the earth that it is impossible for it to become heated sufficiently to cause a spell of excessively hot weather such as was experienced in the east in July, 1887, and other years. The storms of wind accompanying the rain have so cooled the atmosphere and scattered the cold of the northwest over the states that it is almost impossible that any unusual heat should occur at present.

At the meeting of the Republican club Monday night it was decided to have a special meeting Monday evening next at which two delegations would be selected to represent this ward in the county convention to put up a county ticket and in the senatorial convention to nominate a senator. It was further decided to place the names of the various candidates for the offices to be filled upon the tickets below the delegates, that voters might express their choice by striking off the names of such as they did not wish to support. The secretary was instructed to publish a notice in the city papers setting forth the foregoing facts and to invite all Republicans to be present and participate in the proceedings.

A picnic party from the north side took their lunch baskets to Garfield park yesterday noon and spent the remainder of the day enjoying the delights of the assembly. Among the party were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Morse, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and Miss Phelps.

There is an idea, far too prevalent, that productive toil on the part of a woman is a disparagement to her dignity. A sillier and more senseless idea never entered the brain of mortals, whether male or female. A woman must have her passage through life paid by some body. Is there any good reason why she should have an absolutely free ticket? None whatever. She owes to the world at least an equivalent for what she gets from it.—Independent.

Gov. Oglesby has made an innovation in the educational affairs of Illinois by the appointment of Mrs. Ella F. Young as assistant superintendent of the city schools of Chicago, to fill the vacancy on the State Board of Education caused by the death of B. G. Root, of Tamaroa; and Mrs. Mary F. Eitchens, of Springfield, to succeed Isaac Lessem of Quincy, resigned from same board. These are the first women ever appointed to the Board of Education of the State.

Queen Victoria has given \$350,000, the balance of the woman's jubilee offering, to St. Catherine's Training Hospital for nurses for London poor.

How many people know it to be a fact that the legislature of Kansas years ago offered a thousand dollars to the first man who raised a family of thirteen children within the borders of the state? Such is a fact.

The type-writer is creating a revolution in methods of correspondence, and filling the country with active, competent young ladies who are establishing a distinct profession and bringing into our business offices, editorial sanctums, etc., an element of decency, purity and method which is working a perceptible change.—Penman's Art Journal.

An exchange intended to say that Gen. Harrison had clasped hands, etc. and the printer got it collapsed.

The colored vote is a more uncertain factor than ever. It is said that this is notably true in Illinois, where there is said to be more independence among the colored voters than in Kansas.

One of the labor parties has decided to support Cleveland and Thurman, and another will support Harrison and Morton. In other words democrats and republicans will support their respective tickets.

The senate has passed the bill to place John C. Fremont on the retired list of the army as major general.

The campaign badges are about the only things that sell now.

Senator Whiting, one of the best-known Republican state senators in Illinois, has deserted the Republican ticket and come out squarely for Cleveland. The senator is a farmer, and, therefore, does not intend to encourage the high taxation scheme which has become such a darling theory with the republican party. In a late interview Senator Whiting said:

"I do not like to take my Republicanism from B. F. Jones, for it is so unlike the doctrine which Abraham Lincoln advocated. William Walter Phelps is not an acceptable substitute for Wendell Phillips. No protected lumber barons can interpret to me the Republicanism which was taught by the lips of Owen Lovejoy. In the old days the Republican party was not run in the interests of factory and mine owners, and a railroad man controlling \$300,000,000 of capital was not supreme dictator.

Continuing the senator referred to the action of the Chicago convention as follows.

"I regard the action of the Chicago convention as a new departure, dictated by powerful interests for perpetuating an unjust advantage which the existence of war had given them. I consider it a robbery of the West to enrich the East. I think it is drawing the life blood from Western agriculture to give large bounties to a class interest.

By bold, timely action Inspector Bonfield probably saved the lives of himself and Judge Gray and Prosecuting Attorney Grinnell. In a small frame house in the vicinity of Ashland avenue and Thirty-third street, were found twelve dynamite bombs, a revolver and a knife and as the owner of the articles stepped to the sidewalk he was arrested by Bonfield in person and taken to the police station. Two other arrests were made later. When questioned as to what the prisoner intended to do, Inspector Bonfield confined himself to saying: "There was a conspiracy of long standing, and it was about to be effected, they intended to use the dynamite on Judge Gray, Judge Grinnell and myself. The chief prisoner is an old-time anarchist, and was prominent in the scenes of the Haymarket times.

A Republican newspaper printed in the whisky-making town of Peoria ridicules the Republican platform declaring in favor of abolishing the tax on alcohol made for use in the arts, and retaining the tax on the article made for other purposes, as impracticable. The paper adds that in a month "every Southern moonshine distillery would be in full blast, manufacturing alcohol for use in the arts and sciences—the art being the painting of noses a vivid purple and the science consisting in being able to walk a crack after absorbing a quart of the product." It is all very well to poke fun at the southern "moonshiners," and there is no risk in assuming that they will not pay any more whisky tax than they can help. but it is also a tolerably safe conclusion that all the "moonshine" concerns in the mountains of the south have not turned out as much free whisky in twenty years as the truly loyal Republican distilleries run out in a single year of the halcyon days of the "ring" during Grant's administration.—Chicago Globe.

Governor Luce, of Michigan, Past Master of the State Grange, says of Grange work: First of all we must seek the highest good of an Order that has before it such magnificent possibilities. Let each of us address to ourselves the honest inquiry, "What can I do to advance the interest of the Order in such a way as to contribute to the upbuilding of agriculture and the agriculturist?" For, rest assured that any course of policy that will accomplish this adds to the prosperity and safety of the State. What can we do or say that will aid the cause of education? This is a theme that always attracts earnest attention at our annual gatherings. It has been said, and is now repeated, that education is the crowning glory of all our work. And now what thought, word or action can we contribute to a cause which underlies not only the existence of the Order, but all that is best in State and Nation? In our judgment and conviction, nearly all rest upon the rock of universal education of the millions. For nearly forty years the mandate that free schools must be maintained has remained undisturbed in the word education our thought turn to the school-house, the text book, the school teacher, and sometimes the mind wanders back to the birch and the ferule.

An affidavit of the death of E. A. Taft was filed in the probate judge's office yesterday afternoon. An affidavit showing that a child had been born since the death of Mr. Taft was also presented and an order given that the will be not admitted to probate. The birth of the heir of a deceased person has the effect of setting aside and annulling the will unless provision is made for the expectant heir.

The production of Pinafore at Garfield Park, has been postponed. Due notice will be given through the press and otherwise, when the company decides to give it.

The Senate has passed the Agricultural Appropriation bill, and the work of farmers who are intelligently discussing their needs in the thousands of Granges all up and down the land is plainly manifested in the encouraging items contained in this bill. That the Department of Agriculture in the hands of a practical man can be made of great value to our class, and to the whole country, is being plainly demonstrated, and this has had its weight upon Congress and united with Grange effort is bringing long hoped for results. Among the items provided for are the following: For grass experiment stations \$22,500, expenses of silk culture stations \$5,000, continuing sorghum experiments \$100,000, for investigating the peach yellows \$10,000. The item of \$590,000 for experiment stations was approved, of which \$15,000 is to go to each State under the Hatch act and \$5,000 may be used by the Commissioner of Agriculture in facilitating the work of the stations and collecting the results or the same. The appropriation of \$500,000 for the bureau of animal industry is made on the same terms as last year, which gives the department full powers so far as it can be legally done. The appropriation for the study of hog cholera was reduced to \$15,000, as it was not believed that more could be advantageously spent on this work in one year.

The Breeders' Gazette said that while Senator Vest's committee was inquiring into the doings of the cattle trust in Chicago they might as well, while they are about it, call the Ruler of the Universe to account for sending blizzards winter before last and the drouth of last summer. I yield to no man in my opposition to trusts or combinations of any kind that rob the people. A trust that limits production and increases the cost to consumers is an outrage upon the people, and should be abolished forthwith. It is an enemy, a conspirator, as was Catiline, whom Cicero publicly denounced in the Roman Senate as an enemy to Rome. The people, by representatives in Congress, can drive out of the country any combination, trust or monopoly that may be an enemy to the highest. "Rejoice and be glad," for the people rule. The wealthiest and most powerful corporations in the world—railroads—acknowledge themselves to be servants of the people, and submit to be ruled by them. The Interstate Commerce law shows it, and the various State Railroad Commissioners show it. This is pre-eminently an omen of good to the Republic. It demonstrates the practicality of our form of Government, and assures its perpetuity. "A Government of the people, by the people and for the people."—H. MOHLER, Osborn Kan.

"Wise laws, judiciously administered lie at the very foundation of a nation's prosperity. Self-constituted law-makers, machine politicians, rarely enact proper laws for the whole people. They become selfish, arrogant and avaricious, and misuse their power for base and unjust purposes. It is the positive duty of the people to see that such men are removed, and efficient, patriotic law-makers are put in their places. The great body of the people consists of farmers, and if they properly discharge their duties as citizens they will regulate this law-making power by selecting proper persons for the proper discharge of their duties. Farmers cannot do this without organization of some kind."

In one column the Democrat speaks in very high terms of Judge Guthrie, but in another it pours out a whole column against his re-election. We fear the Democrat is a good deal tempest tossed.

The Shawnee County Republican league has made arrangement for a grand ratification meeting on the evening of July 31. It has not been decided where this meeting shall be held, but it is the intention of the club that it shall be a grand ratification of both the national and state tickets. Major William Sims was appointed a committee of one to secure speakers for the occasion. Music will be furnished by the Republican Flambeau club drum corps and Marshall's Military band. Captain A. M. Fuller has conferred with the band for this purpose. A special meeting of all the committees of the Republican club is called for July 23, at Dr. Sheldon's office.

A. L. Allen found his horse which strayed away last Friday night, several miles out of the city on the Burlington road.

Gov. Geo. T. Anthony telegraphed yesterday to this city for accommodations for sixty people during the state convention. The ex-governor is slightly behind the times. His alert cousin and the other candidates secured a corner on the hotels several weeks ago, and there has not been a single unengaged room in a first class hotel in this city for a month.

Prof. Young gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture on Palestine, illustrated with the stereopticon at the Chautauqua last evening. At least it would have been this if the hoodlums of both sexes at the boat landing had not been allowed precedence.

The politicians who have been in the city during the past few days, looking the ground over, have nearly all gone home. They will be back, with reinforcements, about Sunday.

The Assembly.

Many who have heard this interesting speaker will want to know more of him.

Robert MacIntyre whose lectures before the assembly have won for him such unbounded praise is an unassuming man who greets you cordially and talks pleasantly on all subjects. He was born in Scotland and at the age of seven years removed to America and was reared in Philadelphia.

Seven years in Bonnie Scotland is an enviable preface for any life. Seven years to inhale the air from the hills and lochs, fraught with all that is staunch, sturdy and strong. Seven years to drink in the beauty and inhale the fragrance from its heath covered hills and ocean washed shores. Seven years culture of heart and body, a solid foundation for a noble life.

Mr. MacIntyre was converted in 1876 in St. Louis, and afterwards studied theology in Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tennessee. He has been preaching ten years, all the time in Illinois. He has lectured only two years, taking it up as outside work of week days and has filled his appointments every Sunday. Last Sunday is the first and only time he has missed for two years. Since last October he has delivered 184 lectures. Bob Burdette says it is the largest number of lectures in the smallest number of time ever delivered by any lecturer.

Robert MacIntyre is now pastor of the church at Urbana, Illinois. In the next conference, which convenes in September, he will be transferred to Chicago, to be the pastor of Grace church the largest in the city.

His success is wonderful, phenomenal. All his life, up to twenty years ago, he was a mechanic and helped rebuild Chicago. Within twelve years after laying down the trowel in that city he goes back as one of the pastors. Twelve years ago he handled a trowel instead of a text, and had for a pulpit a bricklayer's scaffold.

It does not consider that his success is due to himself, but to kind-hearted friends who have encouraged, and to a warm-hearted public, who have inspired.

He went home last night and goes directly to the assembly at Chautauqua, N. Y., the grand head center of all Chautauqua assemblies, where he is engaged to lecture. He will also address the assembly at Niagara and others now in the east. He has traveled extensively in America, through parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. He has no titles, neither does he desire any; plain Scottish Robert MacIntyre suits him better than all the cheap titles trailed over the country by pretenders to greatness.

Rev. Dennis Osborne and his son Ernest started yesterday afternoon for the east.

Ossawatimie will have a Chautauqua circle this year designated by the historic name of John Brown.

W. W. Rudisill, wife and child of Pennsylvania are tenting on the ground, the guests of the secretary.

The members were too many yesterday for the assembly boarding tent and taxed its capacity to its utmost.

The stockholders held a meeting last evening for the election of trustees. The trustees will meet to-day to elect officers.

The interest increases as the days go by and each session brings interested listeners who have not before been attendance.

Seven new members designated their intention of enlisting under the Chautauqua banner last evening at the round table.

Eighteen cars were sent to Garfield park last evening at the close of the lecture. Every car was packed making in all about 1,500 who came away by street cars besides those who drove or walked.

Dr. Young's illustrated lecture last evening on the banks of the Soldier was fine. It was a long journey easily taken, with all the comforts and none of the inconveniences. The entertaining speaker will give a second illustrated lecture this evening.

At 5 o'clock the Holton band called the excursionists together at the park gates where the street cars were waiting to take them to the state house. After looking around for a time they were taken to the Rock Island depot where their train awaited them. The day was a happy one to all, not even the slightest accident occurring to mar the pleasure of the party or the assembly.

The management of the Chautauqua assembly can't be excused for rowdiness that prevailed last night at the boat landing during Professor Young's lecture. If there are "young ladies" and "young gentlemen" who are as coarse and ill bred as they proved to be, the Assembly management should have had the power to put an unceremonious end to all such conduct, without any begging or repeating, and if it had not this power it was a fraud to the people to pay their money for an entertainment that could not be enjoyed, because they had no means to wipe away the scum of Topeka that seemed to have rights prior to their own.

Mr. Jones the prosecuting witness against Arthur Woodford says:—

"I have been building a house for Mr. Woodford, who resides seven and one-half miles southeast of the city, and, often brought what he, (Woodford) said was hard cider, which was very intoxicating. On last Saturday Woodford and I came to town in a wagon. I assisted him in loading a twenty gallon keg filled with this same stuff, also carried it into cellar on the South side, saw him receive a \$20 gold piece in payment for same. Mr. Woodford is, and has been selling the goods to Rawley Bros., druggists of this city, for a number of years, and to my knowledge have paid Woodford as high as \$4 per gallon." Mr. Jones was then asked how the cider was manufactured, to which he replied: "The goods that he now has is three years old. Three barrels of apple cider are poured in together, then boiled down to one, wheat, raisins and other ingredients added, which makes a very strong beverage and is as intoxicating as apple brandy. I drank a glass of it last week and went back on the house nailing shingles and soon became so drunk that I was compelled to come down."

The death of Miss Minnie Anderson took place last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of her father, Major T. J. Anderson. She has been ill for the past two weeks with typhoid or malaria fever, but was not considered dangerously ill until Sunday, when she suddenly became very much worse. She sank very rapidly yesterday afternoon, and a short time before her departure she called her father, her sister and other relatives and friends to her bedside, she being perfectly conscious. Then followed a most touching and affecting scene. She asked them to bring her her box of jewelry and other treasures and keepsakes which she valued so highly, and, taking them out one by one she presented them to her sister and others around her. Then she kissed them, and bade them all good bye, and closed her eyes for the last time. It was a peaceful death, and upon her face was a calm and happy expression. Her death is a terrible blow to Major Anderson, who fairly idolized his daughter, and to her sister, Mrs. Trestrail, to whom she was so intimately attached. Miss Anderson was a most lovable young lady, and her death will be a sad blow to the community. At the time of her death she was 19 years of age, and having lived here nearly all her life, she had a very extensive acquaintance. The funeral services will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Monday was the 36th birthday of Rev. G. W. Bean of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Bean spent the day out of the city, and on their return were surprised to find their rooms at the Adams house occupied by about sixty members of the church sitting in total darkness. Mrs. Bean entered first and Mr. Bean remained below for a few minutes. As he came up the stairs he was met by Mrs. Bean who conducted him to their rooms. As he entered, the gas was turned up. He was unable to speak for several seconds, but on regaining his breath he bade all welcome in a few well chosen words. Not to be outdone in the line of surprising he presented Mrs. Bean with a large portrait of herself, father and mother. She will take them with her to her former home at Blairsville, Pa. Her own portrait she will present to her mother. An elegant lunch was spread in the large dining room of the Adams house.

Mrs. Caroline Haley, aged 47 years, died yesterday morning at her residence, north Kansas avenue, of consumption. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock this forenoon at the house, Rev. Buck officiating. Interment was made in Rochester. Mrs. Hanley had suffered for several years with consumption and for the last few months had been very low.

An election has been called in the school district in the Martin & Denis addition for the purpose of voting \$4,000 bonds to build an addition to the school house on College Hill. The meeting will be held on Saturday next.

The jury in Squire Hale's court in the case against Mrs. Sten of Holman's addition, brought in a verdict of guilty yesterday forenoon and Mrs. Sten was fined \$1 and costs, the latter amounting to somewhat over \$50. She was also required to furnish \$200 bail for good conduct, but had not been able to secure bondsmen yesterday afternoon.

A meeting will be held on Saturday in the Jordan school house, in the district just south of the city for the purpose of voting bonds to build two new school houses, one at Quinton Heights and one at Pierce's addition. The amount to be voted for the construction of both buildings is \$4,300.

Jesse Brooks who is well known in the city especially among the printing offices has opened a news stand at 304 Kansas avenue where all the city papers can be bought. Jessie is blind and is a deserving colored man. He is striving to make an honest living and should receive a liberal patronage.

A "doggerly" in a literal sense—a real dog farm where canines are reared for profit, on Clay street between Eighth and Ninth streets, is causing a great deal of complaint among the residents in that vicinity.

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Miss Flora Eddy, who has been in San Diego, California, for the past few months for her health, is much improved and will return home in the near future.

William Blinn hitched up a span of young mules he had just bought and started out for a drive. The team became scared and started off at a very lively gate, throwing Mr. Blinn and his four-year-old son out of the wagon and seriously bruising them.

The board of health is doing good work in having the water in all low places about the city drained off. The board is also compelling owners of lots below grades to fill the same in.

An excursion party of eight car loads from Holton, accompanied by the Holton band, visited the city yesterday. They spent a part of the day at Garfield park.

The infant son of General Nicholson of the C. K. & N. R. died yesterday morning.

The Salvation Army on the south side is finding their business rather unprofitable. It seems that times are too hard to even get salvation.

Another new wire is being stretched across the Kaw.

B. F. Kistler is making large improvements on his property, corner of Fairchild and Quincy. Operations were begun yesterday. His old house on the corner will be moved south one lot, making room for a large and handsome new two-story residence. He will also build two other houses on the lot adjoining. The three new houses will be occupied by tenants, Mr. Kistler living in his old house.

A cable line is said to be among things Topeka is to have in the near future.

TOPEKA, KANSAS.

July 21, 1888.

A touching sight was witnessed last evening upon one of the principal avenues on this side of the river. The attention of several gentlemen was attracted to a singular procession, consisting of a man, who walked at the head with a pick and shovel on his shoulder, followed by a small boy harnessed to a very rudely constructed wagon, such as is manufactured from a store box with the aid of a saw and penknife. In the wagon was a small box, over which was thrown an old shawl. Following this came a small girl, perhaps 10 years of age, who was weeping bitterly.

It was readily divined that it was a funeral procession of some sort and inquiry developed the fact that the box in the little wagon contained the remains of an infant of a few months' age, which had died after about a week's illness. The mother was lying sick at home and the family being too poor to afford the expense of any other kind of a funeral and too proud to ask the county to bury their baby, the father and remaining children had started out at dusk to perform the last sad rites for the little one themselves. The only other mourner in the sad procession was a dog which looked as if he had seen better days and walked along as if fully conscious of the affecting character of their mission and the necessity for making as little display as possible of either their grief or their poverty.

The mournful cortege passed slowly out of view in the gathering dusk of twilight and it was probably midnight before the simple grave was dug and the baby left to sleep in an unmarked grave which will soon be unknown as well.

The city council will hold an adjourned meeting to-morrow evening.

There was a dancing party at Elmont last evening and a picnic in the grove. A platform was erected in the grove and stirring music was provided. There were a score or more North Topekans present having gone down on the Rock Island at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, returning at midnight.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will give an ice cream social Friday night at the church. Everybody invited.

The Congregational church ladies will give an ice cream social Friday night at the residence of Mrs. William Green on Jackson street.

The case of A. R. Smith, charged with obtaining rent from Squire Salyer on false pretenses, was called by Squire M. W. Overton in Squire Salyer's office at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Smith appeared, and not being prepared for trial, asked for a continuance until 1 o'clock. At 1 o'clock all were on hand except Smith, who did not appear and has not since been seen. Late yesterday afternoon Squire Salyer replevined Smith's property in the Squire's house near the Rock Island station. Smith is said to be a hard character and a very troublesome tenant. It is said that he has been compelled at point of the law by several landlords to leave the premises that he rented.

A great crop of mosquitoes has been produced by the irrigation at Los Angeles, California.

The crops in Southern England were almost totally destroyed by hailstorms June 20 and 21.

A big pointer dog jealous of a little spaniel was discovered burying his rival alive, at Wallingford, Conn.

Rev. Stephen N. Cleveland, brother of the President, is busy writing the genealogy of the Cleveland family.

Buckwheat is recommended by a western journal to recuperate worn-out land.

If the farmer is to save his own seed he must save the earliest, largest and best.

The chicken-house should be thoroughly ventilated and kept cool in warm weather.

The crop of French prunes at Santa Barbara, California, is very heavy this year.

There are more than two hundred students at the Michigan Agricultural College.

The Princess of Wales has a fine dairy at Sandringham, in which she takes great interest.

Syrup made from sorghum grown on light soil, is said to be better than all others.

There are but four horses in Alaska territory.

July is true to its hot disposition this year.

The negroes in the Chickasaw nation are planning a general exodus to Oklahoma, where they intend making settlements and farming. Several thousand met at Wynnewood, I. T. and effected an organization.

NOVELTIES IN TOYS.

Some of the Amusing Things Exhibited During the Recent Holiday Season.

There is the new game of base-ball. It consists of a diagram of a ball field, a number of diminutive metal players and a disc furnished with a revolving arrow. The nine is placed upon the field in position, the batsman stands at the plate and the arrow is whirled round the disc. It may stop at a home run or an out at first base. The players are moved upon the diagram according as the arrow indicates. Almost every conceivable play in base-ball is comprised in this game, and the silicate score cards which come with it often indicate close and exciting matches. Then there is the district messenger game, calculated to inspire the small boy with laudable ambition. This also is played with a diagram and a disc and arrow. Upon the diagram is printed every position in the service of a messenger company, from the boy at four dollars a week to the president, and also such ominous words as "negligent," "lazy," "dishonest." The disc is furnished with numbers intended to indicate so many moves upon the board, according as the arrow indicates. The small boy may very easily find himself president of the company or in State prison, as fortune smiles or frowns upon him. A new game is that called Queens of Literature. It is precisely the same as the old game of authors, except that the cards are printed with exact likenesses and autographs of celebrated female writers. Among toys are the new bisque jointed dolls, whose limbs can be moved into every conceivable position. Some of these are very artistic in construction. Mechanical toys are plentiful and some of them expensive. One is a dancing girl who reels around to the strains of a musical box. The mechanism of this toy is remarkable, for the swaying of the body from the hips and the lolling of the head from side to side is perfect. So is mechanism of the lady in ball-room costume who fans herself languidly and raises to her eyes at intervals her lorgnette in a most affected manner. The lady at her toilet is also admirably contrived. She stands before a mirror applying powder to her face and neck. Now and then she lifts a hand-glass before her and gazes with contented nods of the head at the image reflected therein. But of all mechanical toys the most laughable is certainly that which represents a lean and slumped pantaloon who is endeavoring to annihilate a slippery mouse with a ladle. The tiny animal crawls out of concealment, and successfully dodges all efforts to kill it. At last the man makes a superhuman effort as the mouse appears dosing. Smash goes the ladle, but the mouse has disappeared. The expression of amazement upon the man's countenance elicits roars of laughter every time it is seen. Among more ordinary play-things are the new target toys which perform amusing evolutions when the aim is successful. Then there is the toy call destruction, which consists of a train of cars rolling down an inclined plane. At a certain part of the incline a spring is touched which throws the disjointed pieces in all directions. The chief characteristic of most new toys for children is the kindergarten principle of the designs. Almost all of them are calculated to instruct the young in one or other of the rudimentary branches of education.—N. Y. Mail and Express

Among the passengers on the European steamers that arrived at New York the other day were James Gordon Bennett, Prince Roland Bonaparte, and M. Blondin, who crossed Niagara river on a tight rope, in 1850. Hull City, on the north side of the Ottawa River, in Canada, was swept by fire, destroying the eastern section of the town and leaving nearly 1,500 people homeless, and entailing a loss of \$250,000. The monument erected on the spot at Chancellorsville where Stonewall Jackson received his death-wound has been dedicated, speeches being made by Governor Fitzhugh Lee and the Hon. John W. Daniel.

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Chinch-bugs are ravaging the crops in Missouri.

At Madison, Wis., the appearance of the seventeen-year locust is reported.

Rev. S. B. Halliday, for many years assistant pastor of Plymouth church, has sent in his resignation.

The tariff bill will probably be laid aside for a time and the army appropriation bill taken up by the house.

P. T. Barnum is to erect at Bridgeport, Ct., a building for the historical and scientific societies of the place at a cost of \$125,000.

The thermometer registered 102 in the shade at Nebraska City, Neb., one day recently, and there were several cases of sunstroke, though none were fatal.

General Bragg, minister to Mexico, has secured leave of absence and will return to his home in Wisconsin in August, to remain until after the presidential election.

The next general conference of Methodist churches is to be held at Omaha, which city offers to provide a place of meeting, and to care for delegates free of cost.

Mr. Dougherty, of Florida, has offered for consideration by the house a substitute for the Mills bill, which provides that all articles or products not manufactured or produced in the United States shall enter the ports of the United States free of import duty.

The new law of Massachusetts forbidding the sale of liquors on the four religious holidays—Fast Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas—worked well in Boston on Memorial Day. Only twenty-six persons were arrested for drunkenness, against eighty-nine on the same day last year.

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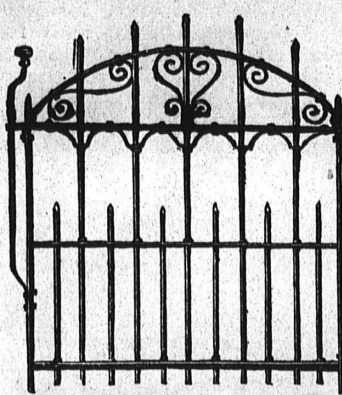
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