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#### Indicted by the Grand Jury.

The grand jury reported true bills, one against William Crump, for murder in the first degree. It will be remembered that about a year ago Crump, while engaged in a fight in Tennessee, threw a stone which struck a half-witted negro named Eli Wallace on the head, and from his injury he died. Crump escaped to Tennessee, but was captured and brought back, and is at present in jail.

Another bill was against F. X. Byron, for embezzlement of money belonging to Taft & Curdy. Byron is also in the county jail.

Warrants were served on both parties, and they will shortly be tried.

#### State Fair.

It has been decided to hold the State Fair in this city next year commencing Sept. 27. The officers met last Saturday, and the report showed that the society is out of debt, and all cash premiums paid in full. A splendid showing, this. Premiums offered by the Lawrence, Bismarck fair are still unpaid, and no money in the treasury. Topeka's state fair will next year meet all demands for a big Kansas exposition.

This office has had a rush of job work this week and we have turned out in first class style.

5000 doggers for Brooks & Bradshaw.  
2000 cards for National Land Office.  
500 letter heads " "  
500 envelopes " "  
1000 cards for Palmer & Roberts.  
500 envelopes " "  
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3000 doggers for F. E. Brooks.  
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500 letter heads for H. H. Harris.  
500 envelopes for F. E. Brooks.  
1000 envelopes for J. S. Morse.

Tickets to the library course of entertainments of three concerts and five lectures, have been placed at \$4.00 for the season. It is needless to say these entertainments are of the very highest type, and the cause for which they are given, one of the best.

A new bank is to be opened on the north side.

Samuel Dolman has a contract with the Rock Island Company.

Real estate transfers last Saturday amounted to over \$52,700.

Washburn library and Holbrook hall will be dedicated on the 23rd instant.

Rev J. C. Miller, the former popular pastor of the Presbyterian church on this side, filled his old pulpit last Sunday.

The south pier of the Rock Island bridge begins to loom up and makes quite a showing from the Avenue wagon bridge.

Rev. Riley of the north side Baptist church, and Rev. Peters of the south side, exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

The old soldiers reunion will be held in this city next year, which experience has demonstrated to be the most suitable place.

If you get your stoves all in order during the cold weather, you will not get out of humor in doing it some cold morning in November.

Messrs J. A. Barney and J. H. Dearborn Esq. of Silver Lake, were among our callers this week. The SPIRIT is having a big rise in Silver Lake.

H. C. Townson, who jumped from a Santa Fe car window, near Fifteenth street last week, died on Friday at Christ's Hospital, after two days of suffering.

A new gymnasium will be fitted up in connection with the Y. M. C. A. hall. Mr. Wm. Sloan of Des Moines, Iowa, will be instructor. He arrived in the city this week.

The republicans have begun their campaign in favor of the ring county ticket. The only thing that can be said in its favor is that it is the regular republican ticket.

Charley Conkle will not go to Manhattan to become a horny handed farmer at the Agricultural College, but will leave next Sunday to begin his studies at Hesper Academy.

Dr. J. N. Lee, of the Good Shepherd, preached to a good house at the cathedral last Sunday morning, Dean Ellery being absent in Chicago, attending a general convention.

Topeka burglars have taken to the country for their health. Frank Newland started them with his little gun. Last week they raided the store of John Dyke, of Auburn, where they got cash \$13, and goods \$20. They then took in Padgett Bros. and got cash \$23 and goods \$25. Try Alderman Newland's remedy—a dose of No. 9 shot.

#### Veterans' Public Meetings.

Meetings will be held under the auspices of the Shawnee county Veteran Association as follows:

Rice School house, Tuesday night, Oct. 12. Speakers: N. Miliken, D. F. Wyatt, W. M. Hess, and S. S. Lawrence.

Mission School house, Wednesday night, Oct. 13. Speakers: I. H. Collier, Dr. Canniff, J. T. Bradley, F. S. Stumbaugh.

Lux School house, Monday night, Oct. 18. Speakers: N. Miliken, D. Overmyer, W. M. Hess.

Miliken School house, Monday night Oct. 18. Speakers: S. S. Lawrence, P. H. Coney, D. F. Wyatt.

Deer Creek School house No. 12, Tuesday night, Oct. 19. Speakers: N. Miliken, J. T. Bradley, R. A. Freiderichs.

Valencia, Tuesday night, Oct. 19, speakers: F. S. Stumbaugh, F. H. Needham, E. H. Vaughn and H. A. Needham.

Richland, Wednesday night, Oct. 20. Speakers: J. T. Bradley, N. Miliken, P. H. Coney, and Ed Vaughn.

Menoken Hall, Wednesday night, Oct. 20. Speakers: F. S. Stumbaugh, J. B. Evans, W. M. Hess and D. Overmyer.

Wakarusa, Thursday night, Oct. 21. Speakers: R. A. Freiderichs, S. S. Lawrence, and H. A. Needham.

Auburn, Thursday night, Oct. 21. Speakers: W. F. Clond, J. T. Bradley, Dr. Canniff and F. S. Stumbaugh.

Balz School house, Friday night, Oct. 22. Speakers: C. W. Marsh, S. Bell, S. F. Groesch, N. Miliken and F. S. Stumbaugh.

Teconsek School house, Friday night, Oct. 22. Speakers: H. A. Needham, S. S. Lawrence, E. N. Gunn, D. Overmyer and E. H. Vaughn.

At the Court House in Topeka on Saturday night October 23rd. Speakers: W. F. Clond, S. S. Lawrence and J. H. Moss.

Dover School house, Monday night Oct. 25. Speakers: P. H. Coney, I. B. Evans, C. H. St. Clair and E. N. Gunn.

By order of the committee,  
W. M. Hess, Chairman.  
JOHN BAUM, Sec'y.

#### Miserable Whitewash.

The so-called report of the Prohibition State Committee exonerating C. H. Branscombe, third party candidate for governor, from charges, mostly gathered from the court records, is as feeble a protest as was ever penned. It is the more humiliating as it comes from a minister of the gospel.

Nothing but bungling disgrace has come to the Prohibition faction since A. M. Richardson was put at its head. He is a man without a particle of political acumen, no better evidence of which is needed than this very attempt to cover up the faults of a candidate for public office. This report very sagely "finds that the complaint is purely personal and confined wholly to family affairs."

Mr. Branscombe borrowed money from his wife's father, which he did not pay, perhaps because he could not, after putting it in an extravagant residence. When pressed to secure its payment, the aged father-in-law is turned out of doors, and when sued, he pleads the statute of limitations.

Now if Mr. Branscombe had been a drunkard and had spent his father-in-law's money, and turned him out of doors, would Mr. Richardson have called it a "purely personal" affair "confined wholly to the family?"

Would it have been a personal matter if Mr. Branscombe had been a saloon keeper and a republican candidate for governor?

The fact is this "finding" is not the report of the prohibition state committee. It is Mr. Richardson's stupid blunder. There was no meeting of the committee, as a body. Members were not notified. Two or three of the committee got together and Richardson, who thinks he is all there is to the third party, in which he is nearer right than usual, declared for this whitewash and it was put on.

The prohibition party of Kansas is dead for this year, and the egotistic, ignorant chairman of the state committee has done the most in killing it. Why don't Richardson and Branscombe retire and let Corning and Vrooman take their places?

N. B. This last is a goak.

If the party expects to revive so as to command the confidence and respect of the people it must be a little more consistent than this, and must have the good sense to place at its head a man of some moral force and political judgment.

#### EARTHQUAKE IN VERMONT.

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The ordinance granting the right of way through Tyler street has passed, but the railway company is limited to two tracks and will be required to keep them level with the street so that they will impede travel as little as possible.

Mr. T. M. Brintnall, agent for the celebrated Diebold safe, has moved from St. Jo to this city which will henceforth be his headquarters. St. Jo has heretofore been quite a wholesale point, but Topeka is rapidly getting the inside track. With the completion of the railroads now building to this city, and the securing of the Missouri river freight rates, this trade will rapidly multiply. It may be said that our boom has hardly begun, but there are lots of straws to tell the way the tide is setting.

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In the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas. Mary Ann Gennett will take notice that she has been sued in the above court by James R. Gennett for a copy of the "Missouri and Kansas Farmer," the petition filed in said suit, and that the petition will be taken as true, and judgment divorcing said James R. Gennett, from said Mary Ann Gennett will be rendered accordingly. JAMES R. GENNETT, by G. M. Starbird, his attorney.

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# THE SPIRIT OF KANSAS.

For the week ending Oct. 16, 1886

## Republican Ticket.

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Governor, JOHN A. MARTIN.  
Lieut. Governor, A. P. RIDDLE.  
Secretary of State, E. B. ALLEN.  
State Treasurer, J. W. HAMILTON.  
Auditor of State, TIM. MCCARTHY.  
Attorney General, S. B. BRADFORD.  
Supt. Pub. Instruction, J. H. LAWHEAD.  
Member of Congress, THOMAS RYAN.

**Veterans' Rights Union Ticket.**  
District Clerk, H. A. NEEDHAM.  
County Attorney, J. T. BRADLEY.  
Probate Judge, F. S. STUMBAUGH.  
County Superintendent, N. MILLIKEN.  
County Surveyor, Ed. F. VAUGHN.

Evidently the kids on the county ticket fear they will not get the county pap.

It will be money in the pockets of the people if J. T. Bradley is made county Attorney.

No indictments will be found against any druggist who has kept himself well within the ring.

The kids are getting frightened and are putting their heads together to learn what will save them.

The Commonwealth-Mail has dropped the county republican ticket and has not a word to say for the ring candidates. The Mail is as dead as the ticket.

A Topeka druggist permit is worth from \$100 to \$200 a month to the county ring. Every Topeka druggist will probably vote for Col. J. T. Bradley for county Attorney.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars recently in session expressed its disapproval of the present liquor law and demands its revision so that the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be placed in the hands of state agents with no interest in amount of sales.

We hope to never see another saloon in this city, but the present system of liquor selling is about as expensive to the seller as the high license system and the money that would go into the city treasury now finds its way into the pockets of the ring.

The democratic central committee met last Saturday and resolved that Pension Agent Glick and Marshall C. Jones ought to give Judge Martin a more cordial support for congress, and appointed a committee of ten to wait upon them and point out this line of duty.

The Commonwealth's labored defense of County Attorney Curtis last Sunday was as weak as it was labored. But little reference is made to his action in any except whiskey cases. We would like to have the Commonwealth explain why it is that so many sick people lawfully leave so many medicine bottles in the alleys of this city.

Geo. W. Bell has been nominated by the independent voters of the 42nd district for the legislature against J. B. McAfee. We know nothing of Mr. Bell, but Mr. McAfee, the regular republican candidate, is an old citizen who would make a most admirable representative and we believe the people of that district can do no better than to elect him.

But a little more than two weeks remain before election. Every good citizen should do his very best in that time to secure as large a majority for the veterans ticket as possible, not simply because the candidates are soldiers, but because they have come forward as the defenders of the people's interests. The misrule that has characterized the government of this county must be ended for the good of the people.

Kate Claxton says a fortune awaits the man who will invent a cheaper way of advertising theatres. We have nothing to suggest on this line, but we know that Leavenworth is getting an immense amount of free advertising on account of its 225 saloons. Attorney General Bradford went over there some days ago to take down these bill boards, but as soon as he struck the river he turned floater, and when next heard from was advocating his claims to a re election in southern Kansas. Our prosecuting attorneys fly the track too easily.

More drugstore permits have been promised "after election."

Some one has said that a ring has no end, but the old vets purpose making an end of the Shawnee county ring.

Nothing could do more to strengthen the republican party of this year, than the defeat of an unworthy republican county ticket.

The Veterans had a rousing meeting at Richland on Thursday evening of last week. It seems that the people are every where determined to overturn the county ring.

Just so long as the present corrupt ring is allowed to exist, just so long will it enrich itself by robbing the people of this county. If it buys itself poor, it will be sure to sell itself richer.

Is it not a significant fact that the ring candidates are making no campaign? The idea has been that a nomination is all that is needed in this county, and that this is the cheapest thing to buy. Let the people prove this year that a nomination is not equal to an election. Shatter the county ring.

If the working of the Shawnee county ring could be seen as plainly all over the county as it is in this city, the old veterans would not need to skirmish all over the field. The present drugstore law is one of the prettiest schemes for the benefit of the ring that was ever conceived. Some of the pharmacists of this city find that not a little expensive diplomacy is required to get a permit, and a Topeka druggist without a permit would be a miserable failure to most of them.

The Commonwealth is posing as a railroad reformer. It would prohibit the heads of departments from engaging in other outside business. The Osage Press would prevent railway companies from engaging in anything but that of carrying freight and passengers. Our local contemporary would go the Press one better. Of course there is nothing practical in these ideas. It would be a big job to prevent men from having stock in two corporations. Such beating about reform is simply acknowledging the prevalence of a great evil and indicates a clearer conception of this fact than of any practical remedy. Place the carrying business in the hands of the government as the postal service is, and divorce it from politics by disfranchising all government employees so long as they draw a government salary, and many of the evils that are now complained of will disappear. Express, telegraph and telephone business as well as the postal business, can all be done by the government much better and cheaper than it is now done. No salaries exceeding \$2,000 should be paid, and postmasters getting over that amount should be reduced as well as all other salaries.

The workmen of New York city have very sensibly resolved to appeal to the ballot box, and have secured the nomination of Henry George, the land reformer and political economist, as their candidate for mayor. In one plank of their platform we find the following:

"Independent political action affords the only hope of exposing and breaking up the extortion and speculation by which a standing army of professional politicians corrupt the people whom they plunder."

Just what the laboring men of New York city are trying to do, the people of Shawnee county are going to do,—that is, to break up the extortion and speculation that has been going on in this county. The veteran soldiers have led off in the effort to do this by independent political action, and in this praiseworthy effort they are supported by the men from the shops and the farmers from the field. It is their will that the little army of professional politicians that has been corrupting and plundering the people shall be mustered out of service. It is a very healthy sign when we see the producing classes, the laboring men, coming together from the shops, the farms, the stores, the mines, the yards and all the varied fields of industry, to unite at the ballot box in an attack upon corrupt and base political methods and in behalf of an honest administration of public affairs. It is a healthy sign to note that this sturdy appeal to the ballot box is going on all over the country. If faithfully followed it will prove of more service to the wage worker than strikes and boycotts.

The Veterans are making a very thorough canvass of the county, and from every corner there comes favorable reports.

Geo. W. Veale will not have an easy job to get into the legislature from the 41st district. The workingmen have nominated Michael Heery, who will make a lively run.

If the tax-payers of the county will take the pains to inform themselves how they have been swindled by the present county ring, there is nothing more certain than the election of the Veterans' county ticket.

The boy Vrooman, who is persistently courting notoriety, was arrested a few days ago in St. Joseph. The worthless young scapegrace seems to be beyond all parental control, or the parental control is of but little account.

We desire the SPIRIT OF KANSAS to distinctly understand that the DEMOCRAT was never known to steal anything. We are above it. The item which our north side contemporary probably refers to, entitled "Quit Monkeying" which appeared in this paper a few days ago, by an oversight was not properly credited to the SPIRIT. Is our neighbor satisfied?—DEMOCRAT.

We want the Democrat to know that on general principle we never care how freely our paragraphs are copied no matter whether credit is given or not given. We do not like to have this done, however, by papers so near home, since it may lead the public to place us with that unprofessional and contemptible class of papers that are edited without brains, by stealing. It was not our "Quit Monkeying" to which we referred but another paragraph which the Democrat copied, and which the Leavenworth Times reproduced and credited to the Democrat. We are aware that the Democrat is not edited in this way habitually, and that the Commonwealth is, and so is the Mail.

Mr. C. H. Branscombe, prohibition candidate for governor, is getting a great deal of advertising on account of a family difficulty. One can hardly avoid the conviction that it would have been wiser if Mr. Branscombe had been permitted to withdraw after his private family affair was made so public. Such was his desire and it was a sensible and a natural desire. The party has nothing to gain, neither has Mr. Branscombe. His "personal affair" becomes a public affair, by virtue of his position. The attempts to explain the matter only seem to make it worse. The report of the central committee, which was only the report of the chairman, and one or two others, was simply a weak and ridiculous explanation that does not explain, and only affords another instance of the aforesaid chairman's ignorance of political methods.

Mr. Branscombe is more to be pitied than blamed. As we have said, he should have stood by his first instinctive impression that he should withdraw. He is the victim of an error, or a fault not of a crime. No great party is impelled to speak in his vindication and there are many, now that a silly and weak attempt is made to apply political white wash, who find in it an excuse to make the matter worse than it is. Unfortunately, his friends do not improve the matter.

The facts are, that Mr. Branscombe is a very honorable gentleman. He borrowed money from his father-in-law. No doubt he intended to repay it. He had reason to expect that he could do so. He had lands in Iowa, and bought and greatly improved certain residence property in Lawrence. He improved beyond his means and this was his mistake. Like many others, he failed to realize on his land, and was forced to mortgage his residence property, for all it is now worth, and although it is in his wife's name, it is no security for the debt due her father. Mr. Branscombe has not paid that debt simply because he could not. It does not make him the less honest, or the less worthy as a private citizen, but it does make him the less available as a candidate and no intelligent executive committee would have asked him to "brave it out" although he may have the conviction that his purposes were honorable.

These matters are private and they should have been left private. But if they are to be bandied about the only defense that Mr. Branscombe's friends can make without leaving a dark and uncertain shadow, is in the simple truth as we have in part outlined.

The greatest outrage yet done to Mr. Branscombe is that perpetrated by the committee.

Compounding Crimes.—Trafficking in Justice.

We are informed that positive evidence exists, that some time last spring, a certain prominent attorney of this city was retained by a well known druggist to defend and clear him from several indictments found against him by the grand jury. This druggist paid said attorney \$150 as a fee for clearing him. The attorney advised the druggist to plead guilty to one count and be fined \$100, and that when this was paid the other counts would be dismissed. This advice was taken, and the credulous druggist imagined the case to be ended. But a few days ago he learned that all the indictments still remain against him. Whereupon he went to his attorney to see why it was that the cases were not dismissed as agreed upon. He was assured that it was all right and that nothing more would be done about it unless a new county attorney was elected.

"But" said the druggist, "Curtis may not be elected, then what condition will I be in?"

"I can't say," replied the attorney, "for no one knows what Col. Bradley will do."

From this it would seem that Mr. Curtis is trafficking in justice, and using the great powers of his office to secure his re-election.

To what extent this is true we are not able to say, but there are too many similar stories afloat to allow one to suppose they are without foundation.

It strikes us that the proper thing to do is to make these charges specific and then support them by such proof as will leave no room for doubt. The people are satisfied that corruption exists, and that base use is made of official positions, but if possible the evidence of this should be made overwhelming.

## Robbing the Tax Payers.

The complaints made against the action of the grand jury and county attorney Curtis are loud and deep. Last week a large number of citizens of Tecumseh township, were summoned to appear before the grand jury, and when they responded there was nothing for them to do, except to hear that a republican meeting would be held on Saturday evening in favor of the dude ticket.

In one case a citizen is said to have claimed his fees when he was informed that bailiff Hickey would attend to that. But he was told that fees could not be collected before January, but that Jailer Curtis sometimes cashed jury certificates. It is said that he then went to Curtis, who paid him 75 cents on the dollar, and then collected the full amount from the county treasurer. This we understand to be a very common practice under the present ring rule. Costs are piled up almost without end and the people are called upon to foot the expense. Meanwhile a system of plundering just like the above is going on, people from the country who are not convenient to the city being the most frequent victims. The swag so stolen is then divided among the ring, who play into each others hands like so many thieves.

Is it not time to stop this infamous system of plunder? And yet this is but one phase of the stealing that is going on. It is not the most important but it is an instance of the very low, petty system, that with professional thieves such as forgers, check-raisers and cracksmen would be classed with the practice of pocket picking.

Let the people come up to the polls and vote this whole ring out of power.

## Who Supports Curtis?

Every ex-saloon keeper who is now violating the law, led by Madame Ragsdale, Madame De Foy, Jerry Taylor. Why do such people support Curtis?

How does it come that Charlie Curtis prosecutes, and his partner, H. P. Case, defends and compromises all cases?

J. G. Wood, who is deputy county attorney, and is county auditor, passing upon his own and Charlie Curtis' claims, and the claims of the corrupt county ring of which he is a member, is the chief fulegman for the "dude" ticket falsely called republican. Is he a worthy man to believe, much less listen to?

No republican violates his party fealty or identity by supporting the "Veterans' ticket."

There are better republicans on our "Veterans' ticket" than are on the "dude ticket" disgracefully called the republican ticket.

## The Veterans Vindicated.

The following extract from one of Col. Robt. A. Friedrich's county campaign speeches is a manly and soldierly vindication of the old soldier in politics, and refutation that it is any office that he is seeking:

The charge that our primary object is to secure the offices and are actuated by such motives is a cowardly contemptible slander, emanating from ring politicians, and certain newspapers whose editors wear the brass collars of party servitude and whose boasted championship of the freedom of the people and of the press is a burlesque and travesty on the true spirit of American journalism.

It is well known and susceptible of the most convincing proof, that nominations for county offices on our ticket went a begging, and it was only after persistent effort, and the strongest pressure of personal friends being brought to bear, that the consent of the gentlemen to allow the use of their names could be obtained.

The average political demagogue and office hunter, from his very nature, education and training, can conceive of no higher motive governing a man than one purely of self interest and greed. They rant of patriotism duty to party and the like, this is a part of their stock in trade, but as a matter of fact, they know and care as little, and are as incapable of understanding the noble enthusiasm of a high order of patriotism, as was the dwarfed and blistered soul of the Babylonian Magdalen from sharing and sympathizing in the sense of ecstatic exaltation which transfigured the Virgin Mary when she realized the Immaculate Conception.

That Spartan love of country which moved one of our candidates to abandon a young wife and child whom he dearly loved, a home of comparative ease and luxury, a position that paid him \$125 per month with prospect of rapid promotion, to enter the union army at the princely stipend of \$13 per month, is as much a stranger to, and is as foreign to the make up of a Shawnee county ring politician, as was the golden loyalty of John the Baptist unknown to Judas Iscariot. Strange and unnatural as it may appear to these gentlemen, the old soldiers are standing on principle and that alone. If service to the country—such service as involves the very life of those who serve—devotion to its flag, and defense to its honor is hereafter to go for naught, let it be understood.

If the American people propose to say by their acts, that the road to honor, preferment and emolument is to be over the prostrate forms of those who fought to maintain the perpetuity and glory of this nation,—that those who stay at home, who deride the soldiers of the Republic and sneer at their poverty and infirmities, shall be preferred, we certainly have the right to know it. Hence to the people of Shawnee county, we tender "these issues."

We tender the old soldier bearing the wounds received on the battlefields of the Republic, as against a ticket composed for the most part of wealthy, smooth-faced "dudes". We tender honesty, as against fraud and chicanery. We tender ability, age and experience as against youth and inexperience. We tender an honest and economical administration of county affairs, and expenditure of the people's money, as against unexampled extravagance and peculations. We tender a claim for great services rendered the country in the hour of its greatest need, as against those who never sacrificed an hour of time nor a dollar in money in the interest of the people of either county, state or nation since the day they were born. In short we tender the patriotism, unflinching devotion to country, and the unblemished and emblazoned records of our gallant standard bearers, together with their poverty, as against selfish greed, love of office for revenue only, and a barrel of money.

## The Laboring Man.

The ablest congressional canvases now going on in the United States is that conducted by Jehu Baker in the Eighteenth Illinois district, against Wm. R. Morrison.

A few days ago, at East St. Louis, the scene of the labor troubles last spring, he discussed the labor question to some extent. From the report of the speech in the Globe-Democrat we take following:

The meeting was a good one, many Democrats being present, and the latter joined with the Republicans in heartily applauding the speaker when he pronounced his scathing denunciation of the election frauds that have been practiced in East St. Louis. After being introduced to the audience by Capt. John J. McLean, Mr. Baker took up the Alton platform and discussed it, plank by plank. He proclaimed that in providing a revenue for the Government it should be levied in such a way as to help the laborers of our country in their competition with the ill paid labor of other countries, to expand our home industries and augment our home markets, but not to produce inequality and monopoly. He held that, while the present hard times were not entirely due to the election of Cleveland, yet the reckless and bungling attempts to unsettle the existing tariff by the ring of the Democratic party under the leadership of his opponent, Wm. R. Morrison, greatly aggravated these hard times, and these tariff tinkers he pronounced nothing more or less than "quack statesmanship."

J. G. Wood wrote and urged the passage of the law for the purchase of the court house site and the erection law.

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEADERSHIP.

Let Us Reason Together.

NO. 1.

Far many years past the republican leaders in this county have been managing affairs without due regard for the interests of the people, and still the people have only protested by their complaints without resorting to independent action at the polls, except in a fragmentary way. It will be remembered that two years ago, charges of fraud in the manner of nominating were made and in one instance an independent candidate was brought out and voted for by the most sterling republicans. No one dared call them bolters by reason of their high character.

The county convention that met this year was more corruptly manipulated than any that has ever assembled to place candidates before the people of Shawnee.

The burden of complaint is not that it ignored the veteran soldier, and placed only an average lot of duds before the people for their suffrages. If these same men had been brought forward as the clearly expressed will of the people there would have been no revolt, however chagrined the old soldiers might have felt at the slight. They are patriotic enough to pass in silence any act of public ingratitude. But they, in common with other good citizens, who were not soldiers, are not willing to see corruption stalk forward and buy the front seats in our county conventions.

The county leadership had gone so far that it had become notoriously offensive. Hundreds of persons complained who did not care to lead an open revolt. From year to year it had gone on. The purchase of nominations had come to be as open as the sale of office in the declining days of Rome. During the last year some notorious proceedings were had by the county commissioners which called forth the protest of almost every interested tax payer in the county. It is so open and daring that even the friends of the ring did not dare to defend it. Some of the party papers condemn it, but say this is not the time to make it an issue. The people think otherwise; that this is the very time to hold the party leaders to strict accountability.

There are other grave causes of complaint set forth more fully in other columns of this paper. To evade the responsibility that attaches to this prolonged abuse of power, resort is now had to equivocation, deceit, and the ties of party affection.

There are no party questions in this fight. No better republicans live on earth than those supporting the veterans' ticket. Look at the record of the pretended republican candidates. Three out of the five voting for Glick. No, the veterans' movement is a true republican movement.

Three of the duds on the mis-called republican ticket voted for Geo. W. Glick,—Charlie Curtis, Willie Sterne and Allie Quinton. Charlie Curtis was local organizer of the Army of Liberty for Shawnee County. Willie Sterne was secretary of the Anti-St. John club. How can any voter lose partizan cast, or identity by voting against this gang of corrupt party bolters? You are a better and purer republican and democrat by voting for the faithful, honest old soldiers. Vote the Veterans ticket.

A cage of lions belonging to a circus at Kingston, Can., fell into a hole and capsized, the lid being knocked completely out. A fire was built around the cage in order to frighten the animals into remaining inside, and the cage was replaced by the exertions of two elephants.

Two young men of Augusta, Me., who were driving out lately thought it a good joke to scare an old soldier who was standing out in his yard. They fired a pistol at him twice, when the veteran dodged into the house, got a revolver and succeeded in wounding one of the young scamps in the hand.—Boston Journal.

Mr. Frank Stockton is credited by Arlo Bates with sending a ponderous door key to a friend just sailing for Europe with the message: "He says it is the key to one of the very best boarding houses in London. He is sorry he has forgotten the address; but if you try the doors until you find the one this fits, you may be sure the place is a capital one."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Patient—Then you think my finger will have to be amputated, doctor? Surgeon—Yes, it will have to come off. Patient—How much will the job cost? Surgeon—Fifteen dollars. Patient—Is that the best you can do, doctor? I'm a poor man. Surgeon—Yes, fifteen dollars is the best I can do for one finger, but I'll cut two of 'em off for twenty-five dollars.—N. Y. Times.







