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Sedgwick County's Double Deal.

The Democratic and Populist parties of Sedgwick county are no longer distinct or separate. They are one in everything. Each succeeding year, in platform, in candi- dates, and in action, they are one. Scratch the back of one of these combination candidates and you will find him as much one thing as the other, professing both. The poli- ticians who work the combine for their own interest keep up two conventions. But the double convention is but a blind to catch gudgeons. There is a stamp of Democrat who has no use for the socialistic-municipal- ownership crankism of the Pop. And there are Pops disgruntled with both of the old parties. In order to handle these two elements or classes of fellows on election day, and have them vote for the same men, the pretence of independent conventions is annually gone through with. This double convention farce fools no level headed man. The scheme is employed by the fellows who are holding the offices and by a few others who are proffiting from money paid out by the county, and it is solely to herd and round up that class of Democrats who don't like Pop doctrines, and that class of Pops who haven't got sense enough to do anything except as directed by their leaders. The men who compose these two factions, or rather the voters who sustain this double deal, have no voice in the matter. The deal is all fixed beforehand, the candidates agreed upon among them- selves and the same day is named by both, upon the ar- rival of which day two halls are filled with delegates and the farce is gone through with endorsing the candidates previously selected for them, which selection is in reality made by the candidates themselves and their fellows whom they have agreed to deputize or otherwise help, in con- junction with the fellows already in office. There is no in- dependence or manhood possible. It is but a double play upon ignorance, prejudice and blind partisanship, such as would do no honor to the Filipino followers of Aguinaldo. The fixers say down with the flag in the Pacific, and both conventions respond: "Down with the flag." The push de- clares that Dewey's victory was a disgrace, and the war on the murderous Tagals an oppression, and both conven- tions denounce the patriotic efforts of our national ad- ministration and demand the retreat of our boys in blue. The pull says vote for Jim Jam for this place, and for Slick Sam for that place, and for Dan Diddle for the other and both conventions so agree to do, finally winding up the cut-and-dried program of their double-faced aggrega- tions by resolving that everything is a failure except the corn crop, and expressing doubts as to it, thence back to their respective halliwicks to support identically the same ticket. The fixers of the push and pull and the nominees of the double back-action coup then go out winking at each other over the plicancy of their fool following. Such inde- pendent Republican action as electing a Democratic city treasurer, a Democratic district judge and a Pop county commissioner is incomprehensible to such a blind follow- ing. Public interests might possibly be better served should Republicans conclude that there is no honor in being an- nually defeated by such an open dicker, in which party prin- ciples are juggled, positions of honor bartered away, and the very flag of the country trailed in retreat.

Kansas Counties Paying Up.

A number of western Kansas counties, during the boom years, bonded themselves for various enterprises and im- provements, some of them to the extent that when the re- action came so few taxpayers were left and values were so annihilated as to render the payment on their outstand- ing obligations a physical impossibility. For the past two or three years these counties have been gradually gain- ing ground, not along boom lines, but upon their actual and natural advantages. Some of these counties have made a success of agriculture, which had been abandoned, others are growing strong in cattle interests. The people getting their heads above the wave which so unexpectedly engulfed them, and being honest, now seek to redeem their financial pledges. In the mean time money rental is much less than when the obligations were assumed, and it is natural that they ask a reduced rate of interest. News comes from Topeka that Pratt county has submitted a proposition to its creditors to compromise its bonded in- debtedness. It has about \$300,000 in 8 per cent bonds out- standing. It quit paying interest on them in 1895, with a view of forcing a compromise. The bondholders never took action to collect on the bonds because they were afraid if they got into the courts the bonds would be declared illegal. They simply played a game of wait. Now Pratt offers to refund the \$300,000 at face value and pay one-third of the defaulted interest, providing the bondholders will accept 4 per cent bonds.

The state school fund holds only \$4,500 of Pratt county bonds. The rest are held in the east. In order to effect a compromise all the bondholders must sign an agreement to take the 4 per cent bonds. The officials of Pratt county have asked the state school fund commissioners to sign the agreement on the part of the state. The matter has been referred to the attorney general and he will recommend that the state school fund commissioners accept the com- promise.

Wallace county and Barber county are also trying to compromise their bonded indebtedness on a 4 per cent basis. The bonded indebtedness of Barber county is 112 per cent of its assessed valuation. During the boom the county's assessment was about eight times higher than it is at present. It was bonded to the limit under the big assessment. The assessment shrunk, but the indebtedness kept getting bigger on account of the accumulation of in- terest.

Poor Carlotta and Old Chapultapee.

The visitor to the city of Mexico will not fall of being reminded often by the older inhabitants that this or that enhancement of this or that historical or other attraction is due to the spirit and pride of their last empress, poor Carlotta, whose beloved Maximilian was made to stand be- side a freshly dug grave on the hill above Querretaro and shot to death. That same volley of Mexican muskets shat- tered the brain of the wife of the man who fell. Her name has appeared often in the prints of late. She still lives, but her mind is hopelessly lost. A recent visitor says that time has dealt gently with her looks, and she still has a queenly presence and youthful appearance. For thirty-three years she has been banished to an oblivion that is worse than death. In Belgium her name is an unspoken one, but in Palace-Lacken, on the outskirts of Brussels, she has passed a third of a century waiting her soul's release from its use- less prison. She believes that she is still Empress of Mex- ico, awaiting the return of Maximilian, who has gone at the head of his army to quell a revolt against his author- ity. Since Carlotta entered her retreat she has been seen by no one outside her household, which is conducted in an imperial manner from the fortune left her by Leopold I. Every month of the year Carlotta holds mimic court. The members of her household, which numbers more than 300 persons, are presented to her in the same ceremonious man- ner in which Queen Victoria holds her drawing rooms. She presents them with gifts, which are formally received—the

pictures taken from the walls of the palace are presented, and then the following morning they are restored to their places—merely to indulge her demented fancy. Every coun- ter and lady of honor plays the part assigned with mimic dignity. The grounds surrounding the palace are not less in area than Manhattan Island itself, and there Carlotta drives about daily in her coach of state, with her cavaliers in attendance. There, too, she sometimes wanders among the flowers, planning improvements, as she did about the grounds of Chapultapee, in Mexico.

An Embarrassing Mistake.

The state department at Washington made a blunder the other day in a diplomatic way which would indicate somnolence or ignorance. It was over the president's mes- sage of condolence to the czar of Russia on the death of his brother, the heir apparent. The message was carefully prepared by Assistant Secretary Adee, whose duty it is to see that all letters of congratulation and condolence are correctly dispatched, and when the president's message was written, by some peculiar error it was addressed to "His Imperial Majesty, Alexander II, Czar of Russia." The cablegram was sent to the telegraph office and went over the cable, and press copies were prepared and given out. About noon the state department was somewhat startled by being informed that the cable company could not deliver the cablegram to his imperial majesty, Alex- ander II, because that personage was dead. It was then discovered that the cablegram had been addressed to the late czar, instead of to the reigning monarch, Czar Nicholas II, his son. This mistake was immediately rectified and Ambassador Tower was notified to see that the proper ad- dress was put on the cablegram before it was delivered to the czar. The dispatch given to the press was also cor- rected, but not before it was printed in several of the af- ternoon papers in their early editions.

The Bumptious Briton.

At the close of the opening speech made for Great Britain before the Venezuelan arbitration tribunal the British attorney general, Sir Richard Webster, was guilty of a most unwise and unworthy threat. He declared that if the claims of Venezuela were sustained by the court he was addressing its action would be the death knell of arbi- tration in international affairs, because it would give un- supported pretensions the force of actual possession and a good title. This was but an insinuation that the commis- sion might fail of finding for the right coupled with a bluff. He meant, obviously, that if a great power, such as Eng- land, were worsted by a little and weak state like Venez- uela before an arbitration court, the result would be the refusal of strong nations to abide by any other tribunal than that of physical force. It was a threat entirely out- of keeping with the place and occasion, and altogether un- worthy of a humane and enlightened power. Sir Richard ignores the fact that Great Britain never consented to arbitrate anything with Venezuela. The United States took up that country's cause in pursuance of the Monroe doctrine and it became a case of "mus" and not one of settlement.

Cubans Becoming Americans.

Governor General Brooke has issued a decree allowing Cubans who, during the insurrection against Spain became American citizens, to regain their citizenship by registering their intentions in the cities where they live. Few, if any, of the Americanized Cubans are likely to take advantage of this opportunity, those who hold property especially being anxious to retain their present status. The volun- tary relinquishment of the allegiance of citizens of Cuban birth can indicate nothing else, and the forthcoming de- cree will no doubt calm the fears and destroy the evil in- fluence of those hot-heads who either believe or affect to believe that Cuba is to be seized, willy nilly, to make a United States province. Any further urging on their part that the Cubans rise to repel the "new invaders" can have very little effect.

On the other hand, the determination of naturalized Cubans to stick to their present allegiance, and remain American citizens, tends to show the true feeling existing in the island toward the nation that freed it from the thralldom of Spain.

Americans Blamed for Yellow Fever.

American enterprise and energy are blamed for the outbreak of yellow fever in Santiago that first appeared among the natives, then spread to the troops there. Pas- sengers returning from the Cuban city say too much heat is being displayed in the reformation there, and that the American idea of doing a thing at once is playing sad havoc with the old institutions of Cuba under the Spanish regime, and incidentally stirring up all the old yellow fever germs that have lain undisturbed in the soil so long. The complaint from business men who have been there is that American contractors have torn up the streets in that city without a regard to season or climatic conditions, and thus unearched the latent hotbed of yellow fever, all of which is far fetched and very thin. Santiago has not missed having yellow fever since the first appearance of that disease. It is not likely that cleanliness and disinfecta- nts are giving the Yellow Jack an energetic boost.

Dewey is a very modest, gentle old man. But his stomach is out of order and he should hide himself. The reporters will be after him to describe his underclothes when he gets back, and he will have to offend them.

There is no power on earth that can make the United States withdraw from the Philippines. The gulf coast and the west are going to dominate this nation's commerce and the Philippines are an essential part of the plan.

Does any one doubt for an instant that if McKinley had withdrawn our troops from the Philippines, Bryan and the Democratic party today would be whooping and howling against him for doing it?

Thank heaven, Dewey is getting more human the nearer he gets to us. He was sick at the stomach the morning of his battle, it turns out. He says it was bad coffee. It was nervousness.

The chances are that Elihu Root will be made secretary of war. Being from New York, he will be known to the New York papers, and by failing to attack him, they may save him.

Perhaps the shortest way with the Tagals is to ship 'em to Guam and call it the Indian Territory. That's the way we treated the noble beef-eater of the prairies.

It will be seen later that Bryan has tied up with Harrison and left Algeid in the lurch. Algeid hasn't the pull that Harrison has, and that decided Bryan.

Dewey is in favor of keeping America armed for every emergency. If Dewey were a frontiersman he would set a loaded rifle behind the kitchen door.

Greggs failed refused to be transferred from the attor- ney general's office to that of secretary of war. He doesn't want to be riddled just at present.

That Hawaiian volcano is a little late and didn't begin exactly on July 4, but for a newly made part of the United States it came mighty near it.

The war department should go into the hands of either a volunteer general or a civilian. The country doesn't want any of Miles' management.

Dewey is against the disarmament fol-de-rol. He knows it is nonsense. Dewey knows the rooster that flows in humanity's veins.

The people of Sedgwick county now have an oppor- tunity to vote to keep the American flag up in the Philip- pines.

The volcano Mokuawewe of Hawaii is active again, belching forth rock, lava and the mixed letters of the al- phabet.

Bob Ingersoll did not do his duty by his splendid mind.

The Monument.

I think I may fairly claim to know more of Monty's possibilities than most people, for I have known him all my life. Therefore, when he told me one after- noon that he was going to be married, I felt in a position to pity the girl from the bottom of my heart. "Monty," by the way, is a contraction of "Monument," a name I specially invented as summing up neatly both his physical and mental aspect.

He is tall and extremely handsome, af- ter the style of the later and more degenerate Greek gods, bearing on every fea- ture and in every movement the stamp of languor and of lassitude.

His indolence pervaded, and, indeed, if you take that away, there remains little or nothing but obstinacy (with a big O). This combination, blended to- gether with the influence of self-com- placency, produces, metaphorically speak- ing, a stone wall.

You cannot argue with him; he will nei- ther be convinced himself nor at the trou- ble of convincing you. You cannot inter- fere against his will, and he seldom tries to be interested. Finally, you can- not even have the satisfaction of quar- reling with him, for he will not be roused, and looks on your supremest efforts to anger him with the easy tolerance of a victorious Pegasus watching Medusa's snaky locks entwine themselves around his fingers, and strive to make him relax his hold.

At one moment of our lives he would have had me believe in his lordly way that he was not unwilling to link my de- cency with his. But, strange to relate, I am inclined to think that the golden pros- pect of his companionship, protracted in- definitely—perhaps eternally—and his ten- tative hints lapsed easily into oblivion. To return to the afternoon in question: Being aware of his artistic temperament, I naturally jumped to the conclusion that his choice had fallen on "a daughter of the gods."

"O, no!" he said, in his slow way, "a beautiful woman is delightful to look at, but not to marry. She would be impos- sible to manage." I asked, though my curiosity was somewhat damped, "Then, is she young?" I asked, though my curiosity was somewhat damped, "Then, is she young?" I asked, though my curiosity was somewhat damped, "Then, is she young?"

"Excuse me, Mimmie, I would rather she were still younger. Marry a child and you may hope to educate her into the wife you would cherish in your old age."

"I gaped, "then, what is she like?"

"Inclined to be frivolous, but I shall soon remedy that. The poor girl is only too glad to be a man's property, and I am giving her for my paltry five or six hundred a year."

"That I could really believe, and, in jus- tice to Monty, I must say that money, as mere money, does not in the least ap- peal to him. Perhaps that is because he has always had enough to be comfortable."

"But he was not a good lover! He was even then far more interested in the academy than in his fiancée's charms. There were three or four portraits of lovely women that he spoke of in a way that made me glad the originals did not come within his sphere of acquaintance—"

"He did not carry his photo in his pocket. It took him several months of hard thought to remember her address, and—"

"I asked, determined on no ac- count to do so."

"Because," he answered, impressively, "Effie is too insignificant for a married woman, and I have a strong objection to her name."

"When," I inquired, sternly, "when did you ever in the whole course of our lives call me by my baptismal name?" Monty smiled indolently.

"That is different. You are not going to be my wife."

I confess I revealed in this consol- ing thought, for nothing in the world could ever reconcile me to the peculiar atrocity of my name, and if his full hideous- ness were to be hourly accompanied by the memory of my married life I should be afraid of the consequences. It is Jemi- ma. Now, you may say (and with perfect truth) that "Jimmie" is not a particularly odious, but at least you will admit that nothing could be worse than Jemima, and anything might be better.

"I said, "Monty, after a pause, "I believe there was a time when I had a fancy for you, Mimmie, and thought you might not make me a bad wife."

"There may have been," I answered calmly, "for I can distinctly remember a time when I decided that certainly you would make me a bad husband."

"And Monty bestowed upon me one of those all-forgiving, albeit sad, glances that are so abominably irritating when one is trying one's best to snub him."

After Monty's casual remarks, I was surprised to find Effie a nice-looking girl, though with, of course, no pretensions to beauty, and that Monty's demands of an ideal woman. She was young, indeed, but had an old-fashioned way with her that was infinitely attractive. I had guessed as correctly that she knew neither father nor mother, although many people might say that this was judging my cousin too harshly. Her guardians were an elderly uncle and aunt, who didn't mind what she did as long as she didn't worry them, so I was glad to help her with her trou- sers, and see as much of her as possible.

I soon observed that Monty objected to her having to many friends.

"Ancestral," as she was made to call him, though he showed "empty-headedness."

"But, my dear child," I exclaimed, "he surely doesn't expect you to drop your friends just because you are going to marry him? Why, you will want them more than ever. What do you suppose you'll do when he's at work all day?"

"The he hasn't told you he is going to resign the partnership?" said Effie, timidly.

"My heart froze, and the fact must have been instantly evident to her, for she re- sponded to add: "You don't think he spoils me too much, do you, in giving it up for my sake?"

And the recording angel should put it to my credit that I only answered: "Effie, if he ever spoils you, let me know!"

Yesterday I tackled him.

"What do you mean?" I asked, "by re- siding from business at your age?"

"And why not?" he said, "Isn't a hus- band's place at his wife's side?"

"Most emphatically, no," I rejoined with deadly earnestness. "A husband's duty is to make money for his wife to enjoy herself with."

"My dear Mimmie," he begged patheti- cally, "don't put those sort of ideas into my head. You are too frivolously minded to understand that a woman should be a man's handmaid mentally as well as physically, and not his plaything. I don't want a wife who requires amuse- ment, or who wishes to amuse me. If I want relaxation I can come and see you. I want her to be useful, and domesti- cated, and—"

"And," I interrupted, "what do you think she will want to be?"

Monty gaped. Then he recovered him- self sufficiently to answer characteristi- cally: "She will want to be what I make her."

For Effie! And the wedding is to-mor- row!—Westminster Budget.

An Undesired Friend.

Outlines of Oklahoma.

City Editor is in a box this time. The market grad a worked out. Ball was refused Doc Ashby, who tried to get out on habeas corpus.

There are some cases of typhoid fever in Oklahoma and the physicians are watching them.

The escape of Taylor Kirk is an out- rage. The man should have been guard- ed more securely.

The Ponca City Courier is for General Oils against the sensation hunting reporters at Manila.

S. C. Hiltcock, the deputy marshal who was shot by the negro at King- fisher, is getting well rapidly.

A Kansas paper charges Senator Bid- dison with being the champion of the first Populist legislature of Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Todd of Fort Reno are happy parents of a fine eleven- pound boy, who arrived on July 13.

George Outcalt, new census supervisor, started in life in Oklahoma politics as a member of the Tecumseh townsite board.

The twins of Stephen B. Lovell of Ponca City were buried in the same grave the other day. They were three months old.

Jerre Johnson of Nowark believes that President McKinley could restore har- mony in Oklahoma if he would use a club.

On and after July 20, the sheriffs of Ok- lahoma are armed with warrants for de- linquent taxes and a lot of hard feeling results.

The Newark Republican believes there is a show for his town to receive the Missouri Pacific extension which sooner or later will penetrate the territory.

Near Ponca City the other day a man who was walking through a corn field, got out of it and stumbled along three miles in a forest before he noticed the difference.

A new compress company with a cap- ital of \$1,000 and Cash Cade, W. S. Search, J. M. Apple and A. J. Deane as charter members has been organized at Shawnee.

D. Lade Hubler and W. F. Shracken- gauth have been appointed by Governor Barnes to appraise the land through which the Santa Fe's extension in Kay county will pass.

The editor of the Nardin Star thus ad- justs sweethearts: "So, sweethearts, in choosing your partners, for God's sake be careful that you are not disappointed in your choice."

Charles Hunter of Enid expects to leave for New York to reside next month. He will reside permanently there for about two months and then get back to Ok- lahoma in a hurry.

Gradually all the newspaper offices in Oklahoma are announcing that they have kissing bugs on exhibition. The young women, as a rule, are afraid to call for fear the editor means himself.

A country correspondent in the New- kirk Republican tells the truth in rhyme as follows: "Making ice cream, butter and cheese, keeps us all as busy as bees; moving, thrashing, hoeing, keeps four or five boys a-going."

Will Hill, son of old man Jester, who lives at Norman, says that Mrs. Street is insane, and he will be able to get evi- dence that his father was in Texas at the time the murder is alleged to have taken place in Missouri.

Oklahoma City Times-Journal: W. H. Lookey is in the city from Hegler, O. T., for the purpose of establishing a "quick- tanning" plant. He has a method by which he can tan hides in a very short time and at a very small cost. To tan a horse or cow hide costs ten to a dollar, and the tanning can be done in a few hours. To tan a cat's hide it costs but five cents. A partnership will be formed for the purpose of tanning hides by this quick process. It will be a big in- dustry, and should be encouraged. The abundance of hides in this section will provide plenty of work for the establish- ment.

Along the Kansas Nile.

More men are offering to enlist from Kansas than the government needs. It is announced from Washington that Fred Punston will accompany the Twen- tieth Kansas home.

The Kansas boys in the Philippines will get home in time to vote. And they will vote to keep the flag where it is.

R. T. Simons, the editor who is at present at Manhattan, says he has yet to meet a man who is not armed with a Kodak.

In September the Democrats of Kansas will have a conference at Hutchinson. Carter Harrison of Chicago will be present.

Oris Morris of Hutchinson, formerly of Sumner county, will be census supervisor in the Seventh district. Morris is a Le- land man.

The county treasurer of Rice county was caught by a surprise party of 150 men the other night, with his shoes off and his bare-feet in the refrigerator.

The oldest inhabitant was silent and glum at the breakfast table yesterday morning. He had never seen in his life before in July, in Kansas, a frog.

The "vinegar factory" of Wellington the spider inmates of which catch more flies than sugar, has been twice raided by the officers in the last week.

Judge McCabe of the new city court at Topeka, refuses to perform the marriage ceremony. He says the fees belong to the clergymen and the probate judge.

It is not known just what animal the Democrats of Kansas pattern after in getting the bulk of the bait in fusion conventions, but it must be the craw- fish.

Johnson Jordan, the negro whose evi- dence convicted Collins, has been taken to Alma handcuffed, to answer for the murder there. He is afraid he would be lynched, and objected to going.

At Hutchinson a local croquet cham- pionship match is in progress, the prize offered being a loving cup. Hutchinson is Prohibition, and think of drinking Arkan- saw river water out of a loving cup.

Will Smart and Orville Spencer of In- dependence, now in company G, Twentieth regiment, found a cask of gold coins in the Philippines which is valued at \$250. Every man who reads that hopes it is true.

Wash Thomas of Reno county, an old soldier who was wounded at Chickamauga, and from his sufferings is occasionally insane, has been sent to the asylum. A strange thing in his case is that his mind is perfectly clear on one thing only—poli- tical events and their dates.

The old, hard, blue, dusty summer sky of Kansas is off on a vacation. And it has taken with it a chop-chope of the old, black-headed thunder storm which used to come up in the northwest, growl, turn somersaults, and flash and then pour willfully across the sky and never lose a drop of rain.

There is a new Democrat in Kansas named E. E. Brown, who is young and energetic and is trying to infuse new life into the party. He is a champion of the law, but from the way he is being ridiculed by the Topeka pap-sucking Democrats and their hangers-on, it appears that he is big enough to be feared.

Sam Jones at Garden City: "You wo- men think you have husbands; but they are not men—they are fools and idiots, or else they would close up the whiskey saloons. They have but a pair of pants. If he was a woman and had such a husband he would turn the baby out in the cradle and put the husband in, after knocking out his teeth, and cursing him. She would leave the baby to manage the affairs."

Judge City Republican: One reason why the beef is so tough in the growing regions is because the butchered animal has traveled over so much range for sub- sistence and this marching around in search of food has developed the muscles. There are no beef-fed herds in the ranch country, and fat cattle are not furnished that the growers sell their best cattle to the city markets and the poorer cattle are left for the butchers to purchase. But this is not altogether true. The local butcher furnishes the best beef he can get. With a little of stall feeding it would make some difference in the animal's fat and the tenderness of the steak.

100 Pieces Gold Band, Plain White, White, traced with Gold, A lovely White China, \$10.88, 8.00, 12.00, 17.50

I have a lot of doll, willow-framed wagons, and will give one with the sale of each set of China.

Ice Cream Freezers So cheap now that your ice cream won't cost you anything. A lot of Iron Wagons, I will sell them so cheap that it will hardly pay you to haul them away.

J. E. Caldwell. 130 N. Main.



The President of the W. C. T. U. in a Pennsylvania town describes the experience of her husband, who was treated by many physicians of note, but obtained no relief. "He was in a deplorable condition," she says. "Some physicians thought it paralysis, others thought it tobacco heart. His arms would get numb from the shoulders, and on rubbing them they would pain him severely, the hands being almost entirely helpless. Rest at night was out of the question. He had a bad stomach, a burning sensation after eating, and complexion of a yellowish cast showed that his liver was not discharging its duty. On receiving some Ripans Tabules he commenced the use of them at once, and I am most happy to say they have helped him greatly, and we would not be without them. The result is no doctor bill. Heretofore we have had large ones."

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