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SELF BEFORE PARTY.

John M. Brown Says He Looks Out for Number One.

ENDORSED FOR AUDITOR OF STATE

By a Meeting of Colored Men Called for That Purpose—Brown Now Places Party Fealty Sixth on the List.

Col. John M. Brown, "King of Shawnee county," as he is called by some of his enemies among the colored men, was last night endorsed for state auditor by a meeting of colored people at the court house, which was called for that purpose. Sol G. Watkins, Brown's able lieutenant, called the meeting to order and Rev. P. W. Barker was made chairman and W. T. McKnight was elected secretary. George W. Smith, who held a job as janitor at the statehouse under the last Republican administration, addressed the meeting and said he would like to have a discussion as to whether it was advisable to endorse a candidate or not without calling a conference of colored men from over the state.

W. I. Jamison wanted to hear from the committee that called the meeting. George W. Charles was the only member of the committee who was present and he said the members of the committee had held a caucus in which they decided it would be a good thing to endorse some home talent for state auditor. S. G. Watkins said the colored people showed what they could do when they endorsed a candidate for constable, and he urged the endorsement of a candidate for auditor. He said they should endorse some man who could put up his campaign expenses if he should be nominated as the Republicans have no administration to assess for campaign purposes.

Dennis Hope was called for. He said: "It is high time the colored men are looking after something more than janitor jobs; Ise had one of them all my life and Ise getting tired of it. I find I am Mr. Hope about pay day and Dennis ever afterward. I think we should endorse some colored man. I was raised in Kaintucky where Breckinridge was, but of course Ise of a different kind of stock."

W. I. Jamison addressed the meeting and said: "I did not know whose name was to be presented here tonight. Each county ought to be allowed to have something to say in the endorsement of a candidate for state auditor. It will not be a good thing to endorse anybody unless they can be united among all the colored people of the state."

The plan of the meeting to endorse Brown with a whoop was about to be blocked when Manager Watkins offered a resolution that it was the sense of the meeting that some colored man should be endorsed for state auditor and that that man should be John M. Brown. W. D. Driver, a colored man who has lately come to Topeka for the purpose of starting a newspaper, said: "I favor the part of the resolutions which endorse some colored man, but oppose the idea of naming the man for the state of Kansas which has 20,000 black ballots. I am in favor of the negro but against the endorsement of any individual at this time."

Rev. Mr. Price said: "I object to the word 'negro,' but this county ought to endorse its man."

About this time the Brown men became enthusiastic and cheered loudly. Editor Pope, of the Topeka Call, who was standing back in the court room, said: "I don't understand the resolution before the body."

"Then you can't discuss it," promptly responded Chairman Barker. George W. Smith again got the floor and said: "Brown will be met with more opposition at the state convention than any man that could be named here tonight," and said Mr. Jones, of Graham county, has some rights which should be considered in the selection of a candidate.

Editor Pope again attracted the attention of the chairman by declaring that "the 65 million negro voters of Kansas ought to be counted in this matter, but I am opposed to foreign dictation" (meaning Driver).

Driver was on his feet and shouted back: "I have been a taxpayer in Kansas for 23 years."

Manager Watkins walked across the floor and pointing his finger at Driver said: "This man is not a voter in Shawnee county," to which Driver replied: "I am going to vote here if any one does." Watkins then made his effort of the evening in Brown's interests, and the Brown backers cheered lustily. He said: "We are not going to have the wool pulled down over our eyes by these men who are here to darken counsel. There is a plot here tonight to defeat a man for state auditor and get a few janitorships." He urged them to endorse Brown and called for a vote.

The vote was taken and Brown was declared endorsed. There were cries for Brown, and according to the arranged programme, Brown was standing in the hall just outside the door and came marching in with his hat in hand and overcoat on his arm. In his speech of over an hour's length Brown convinced all present of what they had known before—that he could talk. He started out by giving his record, telling how he was educated at Oberlin college, Ohio; went from there to Mississippi, where he was elected sheriff, and afterwards came to Kansas, after he had some trouble and lost all his property.

He referred to the fight which was being made on him, and declared "there is not a county in the state where there is a corporate gain of colored people where I can't get an endorsement," and in the very next sentence denied that he had ever claimed to carry the colored vote in his pocket.

He said: "I had no thought of being a candidate for any office until about a week ago that I should allow my name to be used. I had intended to stick to my farm."

He denied all the charges that had ever been made against him, especially those that he had been an officeholder all his life, but in explaining he admitted his clerkship in the state auditor's office, his connection with the Freedmen's Aid bureau and his two terms as county clerk in addition to his experience as sheriff in Mississippi.

Continuing, he said, "If I am nominated all right, and if I am not nominated I will still be a statesman, though not 'out of a job.'" (He did not say he would still be a Republican.)

He said he was proud of his connection with the Brazilian movement, but said: "It is not a Brazilian movement; I am in favor of the colored people going to any point south of the line of old Mexico, where they can get cheap lands and can maintain their self respect."

In closing he said: "I used to place party first, but I think more of my people now, and now I place God first, my family second, myself third, my race fourth, my country fifth, and my party sixth."

When the meeting was ended Mr. Watkins asked the reporters not to mention that Driver took part in the meeting and said Driver was an ex-convict, that he was sent to the penitentiary from Kingman county and was pardoned out by governor Humphrey the record of which can be found on page 40 of the pardon record in the governor's office. Mr. Driver showed the reporter a letter of recommendation from State Senator McTaggart who said Driver had a good reputation and is a good writer and a good Republican although he "got into trouble in Kingman county through the age of consent law," but was pardoned by Governor Humphrey.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

The "barefoot boy" is here. Rev. E. S. Farrand's little son is improving.

The warm weather has brought out the tulip beds.

A recital was given at Washburn college last evening.

Treasurer Waite of the state board of charities is at the asylum.

W. G. Hubbard is one of the hardest workers in the state house.

Tonight occurs the experience meeting at the Baptist church.

J. B. Bartholomew rents his vacant lots in Oakland for pasture.

Miss Ida Smith, of Topeka, has been commissioned a notary public.

There was a small fire in the postoffice at Shorey yesterday afternoon.

Lincoln Post No. 1, will have entire charge of the memorial day exercises.

An advertisement for patent medicine adorns the front door of the state house.

Ex-Postmaster Thornberg, of Oakland, now runs a peanut stand on Kansas avenue.

Greeting among the inmates of the city prison: "Good morning; how is your liver?"

The First M. E. Sunday school is soon to purchase four hundred new singing books.

Bishop Vincent delivered his lecture on "That Boy," the first time over twenty years ago.

There is a tramp in town so superstitious that he won't accept 13 cents, if he can get fifteen.

On the fence around the gas plant in big chalk letters is the inscription, "God bless Lewelling."

General James B. Weaver says he does not believe any good will come out of the Coxy movement.

Webb McNeill, a candidate for the Republican nomination for lieutenant governor is in Topeka.

Fresh strawberries these days are encased in famine sized boxes with boom prices attached to the berries.

Ex-Judge Guthrie wears paper collars, and says they're better than linen because they don't melt so easy.

D. W. Eastman, of Emporia, who is a candidate for state treasurer is in Topeka today looking after his interests.

Judge Botkin, who is at the Keeley institute, attends the Salvation Army meetings and is an attentive listener.

At the present rate of progress the necessary repairs on the asphalt will have been made by November, 1948.

"Judge" Martin and "Doctor" Dutch of Sells' Circus arrived in town today from Arkansas. McGuire will follow later.

A very enjoyable social was given by the young people of the Congregational church at the home of E. B. Merriam, 1821 College avenue.

Nancy Ewing has applied to the district court for a divorce from her husband, Joseph Ewing, on the grounds of habitual drunkenness.

The Lyman-Fisher wrestling match has been set for next Monday night at Hamilton Hall. Lyman weighs only 148 while Fisher weighs 160.

The freshman class of Washburn college planted a tree yesterday. After it was planted they sang "America," and "Two Little Girls in Blue."

The Topeka relief corps has given \$35 to the fund for beautifying the addition recently added to the Topeka cemetery for the Grand Army soldiers.

The district court jury last evening returned a verdict in favor of Ex-Senator Kimball in his hotel bill controversy with J. C. Gordon of the Copeland.

County Superintendent Geo. Clothier, of Wabunsee county, is in the city and secured the services of Bishop Vincent to deliver a lecture before the teachers' institute.

District Attorney W. C. Perry and ex-District Attorney J. W. Ady represent opposite sides in the case of E. D. Smith, charged with embezzling funds of the Jewell post office.

The first quarterly meeting of the American Sons of the Revolution will be held at the office of the state historical society at the state house tomorrow afternoon.

The police received a call to East Sixth street last night. A man was beating and choking his wife. The offense was considered not sufficiently grave to occasion the man's arrest.

Department Commander W. P. Campbell and Adjutant General Charles Hatton of the Grand Army of the Republic, are in the city to attend the meeting of the executive council today.

Mrs. S. W. Foss, of Oakland, was hurt while returning from church Sunday morning. She stepped out of the road to avoid a carriage, but one wheel ran over her foot, displacing two bones.

The old fence around the south and west side of capitol square has been removed, and a small force of workmen is at work clearing away the debris scattered from one end to the other of the grounds.

Tomorrow evening occurs the reception at 439 Kansas avenue, tendered to Department Commander W. P. Campbell and staff. All the Grand Army posts in the city will take part. The Modoc club will furnish music.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

Mrs. Edwin Hillyer gave another "kettledrum" this afternoon, which is the second of a series of teas in honor of her daughter, Mrs. H. L. P. Hillyer, of Iowa. An enjoyable feature of Mrs. Hillyer's last "kettledrum" was the rendition of "Nearer My God to Thee" in pantomime. Mrs. T. S. Mason singing an accompaniment. This afternoon Miss Louise Burnham entertained the company with some clever recitations. The guests were Mrs. Edwin Knowles, Mrs. T. B. Mayo, Mrs. G. C. Frost, Mrs. Burnham, Mrs. George Penfield, Mrs. J. G. Wood, Mrs. M. Bonworth, Mrs. J. F. Daniels, Mrs. R. L. Britt and Mrs. Stiles; Misses Flora Mayo, Mabel Knowles, Louise Burnham and Miss Stoddard.

Mrs. George Bates Entertains. Mrs. Geo. Bates entertained a most congenial company of ladies at tea yesterday afternoon complimentary to Mrs. H. L. P. Hillyer of Iowa.

The floral decorations were exceedingly pretty, and the fragrance of roses, hyacinths, spirea, narcissus and freesias filled the rooms. Small tables were spread with embroidered linen and delicate china. The guests were Mesdames G. W. Jewell, L. Blakesley, Herbert Holt, Seery, S. W. Smith, Herman Lecher, Edwin Hillyer, Walter Bates and Miss Bates.

The young people of the Central Congregational church gave a social last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Merriam. An impromptu programme was rendered, which included a debate. "Resolved—That the horse is of more importance than the cow." Messrs. Caruth and Sheldon were the affirmative speakers, and Messrs. Laybourne and Bain the negative. Three judges were appointed to decide the question, and one decided in favor of the horse, one in favor of the cow and the other declared the bicycle to be the most important. Misses Veasey, Smart and Cook recited, Misses Harrison and Bradley played piano solos, and Messrs C. B. and C. M. Merriam sang a duet.

General Social Notes. Prof. C. D. Hudson's complimentary ball last evening filled the Hamilton hall with representatives of nearly every social set in the city.

The little friends of Miss Helen Fayo Fair, to the number of about a dozen, gave her a farewell surprise at her home 227 Western avenue, last Saturday afternoon, prior to her leaving for Pennsylvania for the summer. Mrs. Fair spread a nice lunch for the little folks all of whom had a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lyon of 1207 Polk street are the parents of a daughter. Rev. Guy Foster and family have arrived from Wisconsin to spend a couple of weeks with friends and relatives. They will go from here to Oklahoma to visit Mr. Foster's parents.

Miss J. F. Fuet of Newton, is here visiting Mrs. E. J. Parker at 715 Tyler street.

Mrs. J. B. Hibben has gone to Emporia to visit her parents.

Mr. Josiah Stacey of Cleveland, O., is visiting his sister Mrs. D. Burgess at 802 east Eighth street.

The "talkative" city will meet this evening with Messrs. C. B. and C. M. Merriam to rehearse their play, "The Loan of a Lover," which they expect to produce in about two weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Emery, Mrs. Jonathan Thomas, Mrs. Wm. Tweeddale and Mrs. A. C. Axtell went to Salina to attend the meeting of the southwest board of missions.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Summerfield are the parents of a daughter.

Miss Mattie Carlisle left today for South Dakota to take the position of teacher in an Indian school.

Miss Cora Marshall will return today from a visit in St. Joe.

The Junior Endeavor of the Second Presbyterian church will give a social at Mrs. A. V. Hayden's tomorrow night.

Mrs. C. D. Purdon has returned from a visit in Fort Madison, Ia.

Bailey P. Waggener, Will Waggener and W. F. Dolan of Atchison are registered at the Throop.

There will be a social at the Baptist church tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Kassom of Kansas City spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Fordyce and daughter.

Mr. John McMillan and daughter Elsie left yesterday for Michigan.

Mrs. Dave Richards is recovering from her late illness.

A. H. Shreve, son of Maj. A. P. Shreve, has been employed by Sells & Rentrow's circus, and will leave the latter part of the week in the advance car to advertise the show.

Mrs. Jennie Talbot of Kansas City, Kan., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Maj. Shreve, and Mrs. David Richards.

Mrs. J. R. Drew, of Burlingame is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Drew in Aburndale.

Mrs. J. W. Morphy has gone to Atwood, called there by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. W. F. Parker entertained a few friends informally at supper last evening for Mr. and Mrs. H. L. P. Hillyer.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Robert O. Corkhill to Miss Daisy M. May of Dover, which will take place at the home of the bride's parents on the 19th of this month.

Miss Margaret Mulvane will go to Kansas City tomorrow to remain this week at all attend the grand opera.

Miss Lulu Ransom of Ottawa, is visiting in the city.

DAILY COLORED PAPER.

Issued in the Interest of John M. Brown and Auditor.

Wm. Pope of the Topeka Call and E. L. Jans of the Topeka Ledger, two local colored papers, have formed a combination for the purpose of publishing a daily paper, the first issue of which will appear May 1st.

It is understood that the combination daily will be in the interests of John M. Brown for state auditor and that Brown has the key to the combination.

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The Throop today is entertaining the most distinguished guest in its history. Jesse Seligman, the noted New York banker, and Mrs. Seligman, Miss Seligman and maid, Miss Madeline Seligman, and Henry Stein, all of New York city, are registered here. They are traveling in their special car "Wyandotte" from New York city to California.

Mr. Seligman is a member of the well known banking firm of Seligman Bros. of New York and is a large holder of Santa Fe and Frisco stock. For several months he has been a sufferer from neuralgia and it is rapidly approaching his heart and brain. His doctors thought it advisable that he should take a trip to California and make a tour of the state during the warm months. His car reached Topeka yesterday at 3:40 p. m., and the sudden heat of the day had so affected him that it was thought best to remain in Topeka until today. Mr. Henry Stein, who has charge of the affairs of the party, said that he does not consider Mr. Seligman's present condition at all alarming and that a few weeks of rest will certainly bring him back to his usual health and strength. He also said that Mr. Seligman is much better today and the party will be ready to resume its journey this afternoon at 8:40.

Mr. Jesse Seligman is one of the most influential men in financial circles in New York city. Although not among the richest of the multi-millionaires of the metropolis, his fortune is estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

FAST TIME ON THE SANTA FE.

Mr. Sproule, Partner of John T. Davis, the Millionaire, in a Special.

Mr. Andrew Sproule received a message at La Junta, Colo., of the death of his partner, Mr. John T. Davis, at St. Louis. In the course of regular travel Mr. Sproule could not have reached St. Louis until Monday morning, and, desiring to be present at the funeral services, he was compelled to charter a special train.

An engine and one coach were placed at his disposal, and at 11 o'clock Saturday morning the train pulled out. From La Junta to Burnton, Kas., the Santa Fe route was taken, and from Burnton to St. Louis the Frisco road. The train arrived at St. Louis at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, having made in twenty-four hours a trip that ordinarily takes forty-eight. The rate of speed maintained was fifty miles an hour.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

Some News Notes of Personal and General Interest.

Chief Clerk O. A. Pler will return from Newark, Ohio, today.

The Union Pacific pay car scattered happiness in Topeka this morning.

P. C. Lyon of Kansas City, traveling passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific, was in town this morning.

The Thursday noon meeting at the Santa Fe shops will be addressed by Rev. J. B. Thomas of the First Baptist church.

Receiver John W. Doane of the Union Pacific, was in town a short time this afternoon on his way by special train from Denver east.

A rate of one fare for the round trip will soon be announced by the Santa Fe and the Missouri Pacific, for the Ottawa Chautauqua assembly.

J. W. Gregory of Garden City, the Kansas member of the U. S. irrigation commission, was in town yesterday afternoon visiting the land department of the Santa Fe.

The remains of Charles Scott arrived from Las Vegas this morning. The funeral services will be held at the family residence, Fourth avenue and Lake street, and the body interred at Silver Lake.

ALL ALONG THE LINES. Railroad News Items Interesting to Railroaders and the Public.

J. J. Frey of the Santa Fe, is expected home from the west Friday.

A. P. Tanner, assistant general freight agent of the Santa Fe, is in Kansas City today.

After a week's illness Receiver J. C. Wilson of the Santa Fe was down town yesterday afternoon.

Conductor R. S. Stockton of the Santa Fe now has a passenger run between Kansas City and Newton.

J. D. Curley, Missouri Pacific passenger agent at Leavenworth, was in town last evening on business with the Santa Fe railroad.

E. S. Emmert of the Santa Fe railway's mercantile company at Madrid, New Mexico, is in the city visiting old friends in the Santa Fe offices.

O. M. McConnell, assistant tax commissioner of the Santa Fe, is in Denver to attend a meeting of the Colorado board of railway assessors.

George H. Fair, until recently in the employ of the Santa Fe in this city, has accepted a position under Uncle Sam and is now handling mail matter between Topeka and Atchison.

On account of the convention of the national Republican league in July the Santa Fe has announced a rate of one fare for the round trip from the Missouri river. The same rate will probably be made from points east of the river also.

Mrs. Sarah E. Wilkins of Atchison has been awarded damages in the sum of \$2,624 by the district court of Atchison county against the Santa Fe for running



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a line through her farm. The case was in the supreme court a year ago, and she pleaded her own case.

The tax department of the Santa Fe railroad yesterday paid the Atchison county tax claim of \$7,630 for 1893. Wyandotte county got \$12,815 and Cowley county was sent \$42,300 from the Frisco and Santa Fe. The Santa Fe taxes for 1893 amounted to more than \$80,000.

W. J. Black, assistant general passenger agent of the Santa Fe, went to Kansas City this afternoon where he will attend a meeting of the TransMissouri committee to discuss rates to the Kansas Turnfest in Topeka, June 2-4. Also to the Ottawa Chautauqua assembly June 18-29; the International Christian Endeavor convention at Cleveland, O., in July, and the Baptist Young People's Union national meeting at Toronto also in July.

A TOPEKA BOY HANGED.

Brutal Murder by Charles Wisdom, Colored, Brings Him to the Gallows.

Another name has been added to the roll of those formerly of Topeka who have achieved fame or infamy. That name is Charles Wisdom, a colored young man 27 years old, of St. Louis. Wisdom was hanged Saturday for the murder of his employer, Henry Drexler, in the St. Louis papers say his crime was one of the most brutal known in that section for many years.

Wisdom was convicted in the St. Louis criminal court last fall. During his last period of imprisonment he sent Gov. Stone a rabbit's foot with a long and pitiful appeal for pardon. The Santa Fe touched the heart of Stone, and the law took its course. He died 6 1/2 minutes after the floor dropped out from under him.

Wisdom is the son of Topeka parents and spent most of his boyhood shooting craps. His old father and mother occupy a shanty close to the