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FOR DELEGATE TO CONGRESS, MARCUS J. PARROTT.

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A Change of Style.

The readers of The News will observe that we have adopted the custom of putting our original matter on the first page, instead of the second, or inside. This plan, we think, will suit their convenience and taste better than the old.

A New Canvass.

The canvass on the Constitution closed with the polls, on Tuesday night last. The people of Kansas have settled the question in regard to their form of Government in the only authoritative manner, at the ballot-box.

But there is another question, scarcely less important, to be decided on the eighth day of November—only one month distant. On that day the people of Kansas are to choose a Delegate to Congress, under the Territorial Government, and members of its Territorial Legislature. The struggle will be between Republicanism and Democracy—the principles and men of the two great political organizations of the country.

These questions affect the people of Kansas, directly and indirectly, to a very great extent, connected with their future prosperity. They affect the dignity, peace and harmony of the Republic.

To the settlement of these questions, so intimately connected with the material, moral, social and political interests of the people and the Government, should be brought the exertion of reason and patriotism—not bigotry, prejudice or partisanship.

The canvass which will take place between this and the 8th of November, will be one of the warmest ever known in Kansas. This is inevitable from the magnitude of the results depending upon the manner of its termination.

We desire at this time simply to call the attention of the people to these facts. The principles involved, and the position of parties in regard to them, we shall take occasion to discuss in detail hereafter.

The Election.

The result of the election on Tuesday is yet only known to us in a portion of this and a few adjoining counties. So far as heard from, on the Constitution and Home-land, it is almost unanimously one way, as was expected. Owing to various causes, such as sickness, urgent farm duties, and distance to the polls, a good many didn't get out, as those acquainted with our strength down this way will perceive by a glance at the returns. Here is the vote so far as received:

Table with columns for County, For Const., Agt., For Home-land, Agt., and totals for various counties including Emporia, Forest Hill, Cottonwood, Fremont, Americus, Waterloo, Madison County, Elmendorf, Moran County, Council Grove, Cherokee, and Eldorado.

Kaw Payment.

The annuities due the Kaw tribe for last year's "services," amounting to nine or ten thousand dollars, will be paid to them to-day, at the Mission, two or three miles south of Council Grove. The Indians are all gathered there for that purpose, and, as usual, will have big times while their money lasts.

Neosho Valley Register.

This is such a paper as we like to see in Southern Kansas. It is published at Burlington, which is the county-seat of Coffey county, by S. S. Prouty, formerly of the Fremont's Champion, at Prairie City, one of the early-established presses of the Territory that worked for our cause and rights.

What is one dollar per bushel here, and four dollars and a half per hundred weight!

Murders and Robberies on the Plains.

The Council Grove Press, of Monday last, gave an account, which it received from a gentleman who has a trading post at the crossing of Cottonwood, of an attack by the Kioway Indians upon the Santa Fe mail wagon which went through the Grove on the 21st ult., in which the conductor and one of the drivers was killed—the other escaped. The place where the deed was committed was at Pawnee Fork. The Press says:

The Indians first attacked the party and demanded their provisions. A portion was given, as had been done on former occasions by parties traversing the plains when their numbers were not sufficient to warrant mutual protection. Not being satisfied with this, they continued to follow and harass the party, until the conductor, becoming disheartened and satisfied that further progress was impossible, turned back in the direction of Allison's Ranch, when they were set upon by the merciless savages, and two of the party shot. The third man that composed the party, we are told, escaped, but in what manner we are not informed.

The Press gives as its opinion that the cause of this brutal assault was the killing of an Indian by some U. S. troops a short time before, somewhere in that vicinity.

In addition to the above, we learn, by a gentleman from Burlingame on Wednesday, that the driver belonging with the mail-wagon which was attacked passed through there on that or the preceding day, carrying three severe wounds which he received in the engagement. The conductor and driver who were killed were named Smith, and were brothers. One of them, who was whipped at the time, was shot with about twenty arrows. He made his escape by getting in the wagon when it was in motion, and afterwards taking to the prairie while the savages were searching the body of one of their victims. The other he pulled in from the driver's seat in a dying condition, but supposes the Indians must have finished him after they took possession of the wagon.

One of our citizens, who came from Council Grove on Thursday evening, saw another man just in from the west, who saw a party of troops sent after the mail that had found four other dead bodies lying scalped in the road, near the place of the scene described, supposed to be returning Pike's Peakers.

The last outward-bound mail train which went through the Grove was accompanied by an escort of forty men. The inward-bound mail, due last Tuesday, had not arrived, and it was feared that it had shared the fate of the former. A large number of passengers were expected in it from New Mexico.

There is a rumor that the ranches on Turkey and Cow creeks, and the Little Arkansas, have been broken up by the Indians, or their occupants abandoned them through fear.

If all these things are true, something will have to be done about it by the people along the border themselves, as the Government force along this much-harassed and exposed line is but a mere feather in point of strength and willingness to protect the emigrant and trader in traversing the plains, or even resting in safety at our nearest outposts.

Opening of the Kaw Lands.

We learn that at last a treaty has been effected between our Government and the Kaw Indians for a portion of their lands, which, as soon as ratified by Congress, will be offered for sale. The whole reserve comprises an area of twenty miles square. The amount they still retain, is nine by fourteen miles, running east and west from the western line of the old reserve, the northern boundary being one mile south of Council Grove. It will be seen by this that their new limits takes in a portion of the Neosho, and with it a considerable settlement, which has been made two or more years, and of course they will be loth to quit.

The lands, we are told, are to be bid for by sealed bids—the sum, of course, not to fall short of the appraisement. The arrangement, we think, will not suit any of the settlers very well, especially as the Indians are not considered entitled to that land in the first place. We are told that the settlers on the part now reserved have been ordered to quit. We doubt whether they will be got off easy, if at all.

Death of John O. Wattle.

We regret the painful duty of announcing the death of this prominent and esteemed citizen of Kansas, which occurred at his home, near Monks, on the 19th ult. His disease was congestion of the brain, induced, it is supposed, by fatigue and exposure in locating and surveying the Jefferson City & Neosho Valley Railroad, of which company he was Secretary.

In the death of Mr. Wattle, the Territory has lost a talented, honorable and public-spirited man, one whose influence for Southern Kansas, particularly in her railroad and other public interests, will be seriously felt.

A new Democratic paper is about being started at Paola, Lykins county, in this Territory. Pretty strong Republican county, that Lykins, and Paola, which is fast going that way, will hardly be able to keep up such an institution.

Our Small Vote.

Breckinridge county has between one thousand and eleven hundred registered voters, yet on the most important election ever held in Kansas, that of last Tuesday on the Constitution, she has polled only about half that number! Emporia, with 236 names on the Registry, polls but 176 votes on the Constitution, which after making all allowances for unavoidable absence, sickness etc., must be considered a small vote. Ten men whose names had not been registered presented themselves at the polls, but were refused. The full vote of the Township is not less than 250.

Forest Hill Township has 180 names on the Registry, but polled only 64! At the March election Forest Hill was the banner Township, she now shrinks into the fourth rank in the county.

Cottonwood Township has 127 legal votes as shown by the Registry, yet polls but 77! showing fifty men absent from the polls! Americus has 183 registered voters, yet polls but 80 votes! Where were the odd hundred?

From Agnes City and Cahola we have no returns. The two Townships have 130 registered voters, and we shall be agreeably disappointed to learn that they have polled one-half of that number.

Fremont claims 125 legal votes, yet cast but 54 votes.

Now why is all this? We answer that as all the votes are on one side, the Republicans of Breckinridge are tired of "kicking against nothing!"

A smart little opposition would do us "a power of good!" Why won't "the Democracy" organize and give us battle? It would be far more honorable for them to do so than to be sneaking into Republican Caucuses and Conventions, to assist in making nominations for Republicans to support. We affectionately beg of "the Democracy" to organize at once!

But notwithstanding the smallness of the vote, the Republicans of Breckinridge have good reason to be proud of their majority. So far as heard from the vote foots up:

Table with columns for For Constitution, Against, Total, and Net majority for the Constitution, showing 488 for, 233 against, 721 total, and 488 net majority.

More Room for Settlers!

Just as our paper is going to press we learn, on good authority, that a treaty has been concluded with the Sac and Fox Indians, by Mr. Greenwood, Special Commissioner of the U. S. Government, by which the Indian title is extinguished to a tract of land 20 miles in length by 16 in width on the west end of the Sac and Fox Reserve. This opens up a fine and very valuable tract of land lying in Breckinridge and Osage counties, which has heretofore been excluded from the benefits of civilization. This is good news for Waterloo, and good news for Osage county. The drawback is, that the lands, instead of being thrown open for pre-emption, are to be sold as Trust Lands, for the benefit of the Indians, and by sealed proposals!

"A Big Boo for a Small Colt."

The Topeka "Skeesicks" (late Tribune) goes into ecstasies over a small Pro-Slavery affair, and cackles as lustily as a young pullet on discovering her first laid egg. Go it Skeesicks! You won't hurt anybody!

A young man named Thomas Stewart, formerly of Pittsburgh, was killed while sitting in the cabin of the steamer Silver Lake, at Leavenworth, on the 27th ult., by a large stone thrown from a blast at the upper end of the levee. The stone, which weighed about fifteen pounds, broke through the hurricane deck, and striking him on the head fractured his skull in a horrible manner.

The Native American party of New York have nominated an Elector ticket for State offices, composed of members of both the Republican and Democratic tickets—five of the former and four of the latter. They claim to be able to poll 60,000 votes, and hope to be able to hold the balance of power between the too great parties of that State.

A petition is being circulated and largely signed in New York, praying the Legislature of that State at its next session to enact a "Personal Liberty Bill," which shall stop the return of fugitive slaves to their masters from the soil of New York. A similar bill was proposed at the last session of the Legislature, but failed.

Col. Mainer, Register of the Land Office at Fort Scott, has gone to Washington with a view of procuring, if possible, the adjournment of the matters relating to the New York Indian Lands, and their being brought into market. The citizens of Barnesville, in Bourbon county, raised a purse to defray the expenses of his trip.

We are pleased to notice the return of Mr. Joel Haworth, of Cottonwood Township, from a visit to his friends in Indiana.

He reports hard times and poor crops in Indiana and Illinois. The wheat and corn crops both fall far below what has all along been anticipated. Mr. H. brings with him an additional run of burrs to add to his mill, which is much needed at this time.

The plan for raising funds to complete the Washington National Monument, by contribution boxes stationed in all the post offices in the United States, seems likely to prove successful. The smallest amount received in any box is twenty-five cents, and the largest eighteen dollars, the latter in the city of Wheeling, Va.

STREAM CARRIAGES FOR COMMON ROADS.

The Newark (N. J. Mercury) says, that J. K. Fisher, of Paterson, has constructed his steam carriage, which was tried on the common road to Acquackanonk, a few days ago, when it went on the level 15 miles an hour, with 12 passengers. One mile was run in three minutes.

Mrs. C. I. H. Nichols, the celebrated "Woman's Rights" lecturer, is lecturing throughout the Territory, on her favorite theme. Her last lecture was delivered at Fort Scott, where it appears that, although she had a large audience, she failed to make any converts.

The Portsmouth Journal publishes a passport given by James Monroe, when Minister of England, in 1806, to Essex White, a slave and body-servant of John Randolph, of Roanoke, and a negro, in which the said Essex White is called "a citizen of the United States."

The New York Herald makes the following classification of the Charleston Delegates from that State: Dickinson, 26; Douglas, 21; Seymour, 8; Guthrie, 9; Wise, 4; Hunter, 4; Cobb, 1; Holt, 1; Buchanan, 2; Orr, 1.

Mr. Horace H. Day, of india-rubber immortality, has invented elastic suspenders for ladies, so that they may hang their petticoats from their shoulders, instead of fastening them about their hips. A good thing, we dare say.

The Douglas Democracy of Leavenworth have organized themselves into a separate party, under the head of John P. Mitchell, an Irishman of considerable ability. A large portion of these Douglas Democrats supported the free Constitution.

The old adage that "mighty men get office out West" has generally, we believe, been accepted as true. But we learn that it is very seriously disputed by Hugh S. Walsh, "Acting Governor of Kansas Territory."

Over \$30,000 worth of gold dust was brought into Leavenworth from the Mines by the last express. The news from the Mines continues favorable, and quantities of gold dust arrives by every express and in the hands of private parties.

The Fort Scott Democrat, of the 22d ult., complains that the depredations of horse thieves are becoming rather frequent in that vicinity, and calls the attention of Judge Lynch to the fact. We hope the Judge will look after them.

The Doniphan Post says a good squad of men are at work on the Doniphan and Topeka Railroad, and that three-fourths of a mile of grading has already been completed.

A great fire occurred in west Chicago on the night of the 15th ult., consuming five blocks of buildings, and involving a loss of about half a million of dollars.

The Hon. Anson Burlingame, of Mass., arrived in Leavenworth on the 28th ult., and spoke before the young men's Republican club the next evening.

S. A. Medary, a son of the Governor, has started a paper at Junction City, Riley county, called the Kansas Statesman. It professes to be Democratic.

A runaway negro, who had been caught somewhere in Allen county, was taken through Fort Scott, on the way to his master in Missouri, on the 19th ult.

The Fort Scott Democrat learns that the "black tongue" has made its appearance among the cattle on Mires' Branch, in that vicinity.

The cranberry crop of Minnesota it is thought will not be very large this year, on account of damage from late frosts.

RACING TO SOME PURPOSE.—Ten Breck has won over \$440,000 this year in England.

A froat on the first of September nearly ruined the corn and some other crops in north-eastern Illinois.

LOCAL.

Religious Services To-morrow.—Bishop Edwards, of Dayton, Ohio, who is out here in attendance at the United Brethren Conference, will preach in the Christian Church to-morrow afternoon, at half-past three o'clock. Rev. J. C. Fraker will preach at the same place in the forenoon, at half-past ten.

The election last Tuesday for delegates to nominate a Territorial Representative and county officers for Breckinridge, resulted in the following choice:

- Emporia.—Joseph Moon, H. W. Fick, G. W. Smith, C. S. Hills, D. L. Morgan. Fremont.—L. Crandall, T. F. Little. Americus.—R. M. Ruggles, George Reese, Thos. Yeakley, Z. Stubbs. Forest Hill.—Dr. G. J. Tallman, A. J. Mitchell, D. A. Hunter, D. L. Ward. Waterloo.—Richardson, R. Miller. Cottonwood.—Eli L. Davis, James Jackson, F. C. Hunt. Agnes City.—A. I. Baker, Ira Segur. Cahola.—C. Columbia.

The new Christian Church in this place was dedicated with appropriate services last Sabbath. The sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. S. G. Brown.

UNITED BRETHREN CONFERENCE.—This body has been in session at Fremont, in this county, for several days the past week.—Bishop Edwards, of Ohio, presiding. There were about twenty elders present.

The number of Post Offices in Breckinridge county is eleven, as follows: Emporia, Italia, (Neosho Rapids) Forest Hill, Plymouth, Toledo, Waterloo, Wauwaha, Allen, Agnes City, Americus, and Decatur.

NEW ARRIVALS.—Six families from Illinois came in on Thursday to settle in this vicinity. They are very respectable looking people, and seem to be possessed of means and energy to build up good homes in such a land as this—the kind we always welcome.

NEW GOODS.—Procter & Co. are a little ahead this time in the receipt of their fall stock. They have now a fine display of prints and ladies' dress goods, gents' clothing, hats and caps, boots and shoes, and groceries.

GUNSMITHING.—Mr. W. D. Alexander announces this week in our advertising columns that he has opened a shop in Emporia, where he will repair guns and pistols, and do other jobs of work of a similar kind. Give him a call.

A gentleman up from Elmendorf, Madison county, informs us that an extensive fire was raging on the prairie north of Eagle Creek on election day, which detained many at home to protect their property, and was the reason why so small a vote was polled at that precinct. Some sickness yet exists in that neighborhood.

"AWAY TO SCHOOL."—The two public schools now open in Emporia are attended in all by upwards of forty scholars, which number is rapidly increasing. Some of our farmers, we see, are sending their children in town to board for that purpose. The "music" they make during vacation reminds us of old times.

A woman in despair will give way to her affliction in tears, and afterwards feel better; while a man will get drunk, and afterwards feel worse.

"A HOWL" FROM A NEW QUARTER.—For several nights past the prairie wolves have seemingly been "holding convention" a short distance above town. Whether theirs was a political gathering we are not informed, though it seemed to us to be rather a "constitutional" move. Their manœuvres should be watched, and if the "party" is getting too strong it must be taken down in some way, or the chicken-roots will suffer.

We hear of no accidents in town the past week caused by persons being run over by locomotives or horse-railroad cars, or injured by running with "der maebens," or getting knocked on the head with watchmen's sticks, or otherwise damaged according to the custom of well-organized municipalities. Aint we glad we don't live in a city where these institutions must be tolerated?

A JEWELRY STORE IN EMPORIA.—One by one we are adding the different classes of business requisite to the development of a full grown, wide-awake town. This week we announce the fact that Messrs. Fraker & Hughes, of Lawrence, have opened a nice little stock of clocks, watches, jewelry, etc., in Hassler & Ferguson's building, Commercial street. Mr. Hughes, the resident member of the firm here, is a gentleman we are glad to welcome among us for his personal accomplishments, and besides understands how to repair watches and jewelry in the best style.

PRAIRIE FIRES.—Black Hawk said, after they had taken him through the East and shown him all the great cities and works of art, and asked him what he thought of them, that "they were very fine, but that they were not half so grand as a prairie on fire." Tuesday was the first day in this season of the "sere and yellow leaf" that our sky became diled with the approach of these annual visitors—the terror of the settler. Before night the sun sank in a sea of crimson, and the moon appeared with her face painted like a war-savage for battle, grew darker, and finally disappeared in an ambush of impenetrable smoke. The wind whistled a mournful requiem to the departed year, and we retired with visions of the distant roar of the fiery monster upon our ear.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Farmers, and everybody else living in this county, or those adjoining it, will confer an especial favor by posting us up with whatever transactions occur which will be of public interest, or furnishing information about lands, crops, stock, fencing, etc., by which we may be enabled to impart benefit to others. We want to make a paper for all, and to do so we must know what is taking place around us, and what can be done to further the interests and advantages of every class. Our intention is, as often as we can, to visit every portion of the country around us, in order to see what is being done towards its development, and report progress. Our interests are identical with the country, and we feel no less a pride in her advancement because we are a printer.

We see by the Topeka Tribune, that Judge S. W. Johnson, of Ohio, will speak in Emporia on next Monday afternoon.

LOCAL.

Emporia.—It really needs that one should go away from Emporia for awhile to see what a town there already is upon this "neck of prairie." Two years ago there were about six or eight houses in the place, and it was growing but slowly. People that were not interested, and some that were, prophesied all sorts of fall-backs and impediments to its progress. There was no water above-ground, and for some time, after various and fruitless efforts had been made, the opinion became prevalent that the only course to pursue in getting it was a northern or southern one, and the means, a tunnel and sited! This necessity was finally relieved by the discovery of an excellent well-fountain, at slight depth, and soon after another, and so on. Other waters were finally supplied, and Emporia went ahead. She is now growing faster than ever before, with every prospect of increasing her speed with age. Already there is growing up, we believe, a spirit of pride towards our town, both by its citizens and the community around. The farmers of the Upper Neosho, and of the broad country to the south and west of us, now view Emporia in the light of an important place for trade and traffic, and seem to appreciate the advantages of its position with the energy of her business men to build up here, at the confluence of the two most important streams in Southern Kansas, a city of magnitude to correspond with their wants and capacities. Emporia must certainly be the place, if our observation of the past and judgment of the future are not entirely worthless. We have now five stores—three of them as large and well-filled as any south of the Kansas river—shops for all useful kinds of trades, with skillful mechanics to manage them, besides a good hotel, a church, two public schools, and some fifty or sixty other buildings, mostly dwellings, built in neat style for a western town. By the introduction of brick and stone, a decided improvement will be made upon the looks of the town with another season's growth. Some twelve or fifteen new buildings are in course of erection at this time, mostly of the best class, and as many more will be commenced yet this fall.

Breckinridge county, which comprises as fine a body of land as there is in Kansas, is also becoming rapidly improved and cultivated. Her farmers are doing an excellent work in subjecting the soil, building houses, fencing, and providing other comforts and conveniences for a permanent home. They are doing their part towards making this the "garden spot of Kansas."

INDIAN SUMMER.—This delightful season is now upon us in all the serenity of its characteristic loveliness and beauty. There is something repulsive and distasteful in the air of a large city, where the bright rays of the sun are shut out by chimney-smoke and dust, or even in a land of forests and falls, where the sky is alike blended during the autumn months; but upon the prairies, where every breath is perfumed with fragrance from the burning grass, the atmosphere wears an enchanting attractiveness, which no less inspires the mind than it invigorates the body. Who does not enjoy this perennial period, when the summer is just lingering to take a farewell look at her accomplished task and fading gorgeousness? Already the material for her shroud, of softest gossamer and constructed by those little master-weavers, the spider, is being borne through the azure air, to the dim distance where the seasons as all else must finally go. May thy abode in the skies be as peaceful as was thy last balmy breath.

FROM THE WALNUT.—N. S. Storts, Esq., of Chelsea, Butler county, arrived here yesterday evening. He reports that considerable improvement is being made to that country the present season, and quite a number of emigrants are still coming in. The health of the community is now "pretty good, although there has been some sickness there during the fall, as well as everywhere else in Kansas. Chelsea is going ahead finely; they have really a town started there now, and several good buildings are going up. The steam saw mill is approaching completion, and the order is being sent for a run of burrs to attach, for grinding wheat and corn. Two prominent citizens of Elmendorf, Mr. Chase and Mr. Corbin, died about three weeks ago—the only deaths in that vicinity this summer.

There was a pow-wow (popularly termed charocari) in our streets last night, taken part in by a number of "small boys," which was no less pleasing to others than graceful to themselves. That music wasn't melodious, and the instruments had better be boxed up.

MARRIED.—On the 15th of Sept, by J. R. Swallow, J. P., JOHN WAYMAN, Esq., to Miss SARAH JANE PUTNAM, both of Waterloo Township, Breckinridge county.

County Surveyor. We are authorized to announce G. M. Walker, of Emporia, as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor of Breckinridge county, subject to the decision of the Republican Nominating Convention.

Senatorial and Representative District Conventions. The Republican electors of the counties of Osage Coffey and Breckinridge are requested to meet in delegate Convention at Ottumwa, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, A. D. 1859, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of nominating two Senators and six Representatives, to represent the said counties in the State Legislature. The apportionment of delegates will be as follows: Osage 2; Breckinridge, 5; Coffey, 5. By order.

Republican Nominating Convention. The Republican electors of the 24th Representative District, composed of the counties of Butler, Hunter, Greenwood, Godfrey, and Woodson, are requested to meet in Delegate Convention at Emporia, in Greenwood county, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent said District in the next Legislature. The apportionment will be as follows: Butler county, 7 delegates; Hunter, 7; Greenwood, 5; Godfrey, 3; Woodson, 8.

Odd Fellows. Emporia Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F., meets regularly every Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock in Masonic Hall. Members of the Order in good standing are cordially invited to visit the Lodge. JOSEPH RICKBAUGH, N. G. C. C. HAMBER, Sec'y.

Masonic. Regular Communications of Emporia Lodge, No. 12, A. F. and A. M. are held on the Thursday evening, or preceding the full moon, in each month. L. D. BAILEY, W. M. C. V. BURROUGHS, Sec'y.