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ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce C. B. Stuart as a candidate for the office of Superintendent of Schools of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic convention.

The people should show the Senate that they are "bigger" than that August body, and demand that it repeal the Sherman act.

200 horses were burned in a Chicago suburb a few days ago, causing a loss of \$500,000, and rendering 5,000 people homeless.

Cholera is reported to be disappearing from the infected districts of Austria and Hungary. There is no fear of the plague getting into the United States.

Boyd county Democrats are entitled to the Representative in the Legislature this time and it is Greenup county's turn to name the State Senator.

Within the next five days over five thousand iron and steel workers will return to their employment in the West Virginia section of the Ohio Valley. All the mills, it is reported, are crowded with orders.

The first blue ribbon in the livestock exhibit at the Fair was tied to a three-year-old short horn bull owned by Col. T. S. Moberly of Madison county, Kentucky. Another prize was given to Moberly's animal.

Sen. Lee Mantle, who was appointed United States Senator by the Governor of Montana, has been refused a seat in the Senate. The Governor says he will not call an extra session to elect, and Montana will manage to hobble along with one Senator until 1895.

Democrats of the district composed of Bath, Menifee, Rowan, Fleming and Carter counties have nominated Mr. J. J. Smoot, of Bath, for the State Senate, and those of the legislative district composed of Bath, for the State Senate, and those of the legislative district composed of Bath and Rowan named Mr. T. B. Tippet, of Rowan, for the House.

President Cleveland has issued a proclamation opening to settlement and homestead entry on Saturday, September 16, 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, central standard time, all the lands except those especially reserved, recently acquired from the Cherokee Indian nation and the Tankawa and Pawnee tribes in the Indian Territory known as the Cherokee Outlet.

The most interesting feature of the financial debate in Congress thus far is the speech of Senator Voorhees in support of the bill introduced by him as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act. The Senator declared himself a bimetalist, but said that the only way to preserve the functions of silver was to cease the purchase of bullion. He urged that the confessed evil be at once eradicated from the body of our laws "with no other condition than his right and free agency to support and to secure in connection with its repeal, or afterward by an independent measure a sound financial system, embracing the coinage of silver on an equality with gold."

One of Judge Lindsay's Friends.

Glasgow Gazette: The Gazette don't care a centennial who is elected United States Senator on its own account—it can put up with any of them—but for the sake of the State we desire to see a man of ability and sterling integrity elected. And who could better fill the bill than brainy Bill Lindsay? A Kentuckian to the core, a Democrat, without guile and a man against whom nothing can be said—he is the man for the place, and no other man should be considered at all. Not that there are no other men in the State who are his equals, but because, as he was only elected for a short term, he should be given a full term.

THE CHEROKEE STRIP.

Points of Interest About the Opening.

Arkansas City, Kan., Aug. 26. The Cherokee Strip borders Kansas 100 miles on the north and Oklahoma 240 miles on the south and is 60 miles wide. It has 6,000,000 acres, or about 10,000 claims of 100 acres each, in the whole strip. There are 12,000 in the west that no one wants on account of the dry weather. The government reserves four sections in each township for a school land and public buildings, which is one ninth of the whole strip. This leaves about 23,000 good claims and the best posted men say there will be from 50,000 to 65,000 men to take them, while other estimates are from 25 to 125 thousands.

There are two rivers as large as Sandy, five creeks as large as Big Blaine and 20 streams over 15 miles long. Only the four largest streams have running water at present but there are pools in some of the others. Good water can be had any place in the strip from 10 to 60 feet. A 100 wind mill pumps water for 200 cattle. This is an unusually dry season here. The grass is about twelve inches high on the high land or prairie, but is from two to five feet high in the creek bottoms. The bottoms are from five to fifteen feet higher than the rivers and creeks; and the prairies from 25 to 40 feet above the creek beds. There are no swamps here but plenty of mosquitoes. Some say there is a good chance for malaria, but the majority claim that it is very healthy. The weather stands in the thermometer about like it does on Sandy, out there are no sultry days, there is plenty of air always stirring. The evenings and nights are very cool and pleasant. All the air comes from the south.

Tame grass went good and it is too windy for tobacco. No timber here excepting the bushes on the river and creek banks. Men around this town have cut and stacked over 5,000 tons of hay off of the strip this summer. The soldiers stopped them two weeks ago.

The "race" begins at noon the 16th of September from all edges of the strip. As soon as a boomer gets here, some one will advise him to "believe no one, and never tell the truth." The sharpest man on Sandy never did as much dirty scheming when wide awake as an ordinary Kansas boomer can do while asleep. All agree that the race on the 16th of September will double discount anything the World's Fair has on hands.

The corner stones have been removed, re-marked and buried by boomers so that only a few men can tell with any certainty where they are. This will cause four and five to get on the same claim. Nine tenths of the good claims in the east end of the strip will have more than one claimant or settler. One third of the prairies have been burned off and the rest will be burned either before or on the day of the run, in order to find corner stones.

Some think every claim in the strip will have from 1 to 10 settlers on it within four hours after the signal is fired, but some think the west one-fourth won't be fully settled for a year, as it is dry and just like Western Kansas.

A man can go in in any way he chooses. There are three railroads running through the strip from north to south, and each will run trains on that day. These six trains will carry in from four to eight thousand men. Four years ago when Oklahoma was opened there were 32 coaches or about 2,500 people left this town for Guthrie town lots and the adjoining land claims. There will be over 50,000 who will go in on foot, on horses and in carts and wagons.

Guthrie, Coldwell and Arkansas City are the principal headquarters for boomers. Each town has hundreds of horses that have been training for this strip from 1 to 12 months. Some men have horses that have made four runs of this kind in the last four years. The race track here is one-half mile and there are over 100 horses on it every day.

There will be hundreds of women in the race. Several practice their own horses daily but they can't ride like Big Sandy girls. 99% of the saddles here have two girths or a "double cinch" and weigh from 25 to 55 pounds. All agree that a horse that can't make 15 miles the first hour and 25 the first two hours, or 30 miles in less than 2 1/2 hours won't be in it. Some men will drive "blooded trotters" to a strong road cart, and some offer to bet they will go 18 miles the first hour. More wild estimates here than any place in the world. The old time boomers of the most experience say that 90% of the men will be rattled until they won't know where to go.

This town offers a premium for a man or single woman over 21 who does not intend to "run." The town has 10,000 inhabitants and two thirds of them came here for the

strip. There are 2,000 men camped in covered wagons just out of town.

The boarding houses are all full and they claim that there will be fully 10,000 more boomers here inside the next 20 days.

There will be a larger run from this point than from any other, although three other points claim to have more boomers than this place. Fully one-half of the boomers or settlers will be from Kansas.

There are hundreds of men over 60 years old who will go into the run. I've seen two men 79 years old who are going into it. One is a Mr. Thompson, who left Lawrence county over 20 years ago and went to Texas. There are plenty of foreign born boomers, some of whom can't talk plain English. Strip horses sell here every day at auction from 15 to \$50.

Aun Short is here from Cassville. He seems to be satisfied that he will get some good town lots. John Morrow, of Fallsburg, has been here six months. He weighs 200 and has his claim picked out on the Salt River, a 20 mile run. He knows he can make it in 2 1/2 hours. Kentuckians are plentiful here—Pike, Letcher, Elliot, Fleming, Morgan, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence counties are represented.

There will be from five to twenty thousand ponies in "Horse Heaven" before dark the day of the run and those that live over it, will be for sale from \$1 to \$10 the next day.

The northeast corner of the strip is the nearest one to Arkansas City. It borders Kansas 20 miles and the Arkansas river 24 miles. It has about 2,000 claims worth from \$500 to \$5,000 according to location. Nearly all agree that there will be 20,000 men run from the vicinity and all for this nearest county. This will make about 7 men to every claim in the county, as 5,000 or 6,000 will make the 7 mile run to the county seats for town lots. Any man can take all the lots he can enclose with a wire or a string. Numbers of them take their claims in the street because they can't tell the difference, as the crowd is so thick they can't see anything.

The three counties east, south and southeast of this one will be about the same as this one, only the rush won't be quite so great and the land isn't quite so smooth. There are hundreds of men who intend to lay off their claims into lots and start up towns on the following day.

There are 7 county seats located, four of which will have from 5,000 to 10,000 people in less than 10 days, or as soon as men can get up tents and shelters for their families.

Fully one-third of the residents, doctors, lawyers and launders intend to go into the strip from Arkansas City and Guthrie.

Any man stands a better chance with 50 tickets in the Louisiana Lottery than he would here unless he has been over the strip and is up to the schemes of these professional boomers. The land is all "O. K." but the trouble is in getting it, either with or without a racket.

J. J. JONSSON.

BUCHANAN, KY.

A fishing party from Cattedburg is here.

Misses Minnie McCurdy and Gertrude Gibbons, of Wheelersburg, Ohio, who have been visiting Mrs. James Prichard, of Round Bottom for some time, returned home today. All will miss their genial company and fine music.

Mrs. Edna Hager, of Boilington, Kansas is visiting her mother at Round Bottom.

M. C. Warren and T. J. Pack, of this place, are attending the World's Fair.

Mrs. Chas. Warren, of this place, is visiting relatives at Huntington. Standard Smith, of Round Bottom, returned to-day from East Liberty, where he had taken a car load of cattle.

Mrs. Leah Manpin and Miss Mollie Pollard and Mr. Joe Powell, of Cattedburg are visiting relatives at Round Bottom.

The four hundred dollars spent by the country here made some very pretty and good roads where it was badly needed, and we think they would change their minds if they could only see it who so kindly suggested that we be left to the mercy of Boyd County to build us a road, because our road did not lead to Louisa. We cannot all live in Louisa but appreciate a good road "just the same."

Mrs. Martha Banfield, of Gardner, Boyd county, died on the 25 inst., after a long and painful illness.

Frank Wellman, of this place, is on the sick list.

Mrs. K. E. Adams, of Vernal, Utah, is visiting Mrs. J. N. Smith, of Round Bottom.

It is the verdict of this vicinity that Mr. Lefe Carter is teaching the best school here that has ever been taught for many years. Dox J.

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VISSIE.

This dry weather is damaging corn a great deal in this vicinity. Still, we heard a gentleman say that it was not near so bad here as in other places, and if that's the case they won't raise "nolbin."

John S. Riffe is running his fruit evaporator daily except Sunday. W. F. Riffe is very low with remittent fever, but is some better at present.

Dr. Sparks is the busiest man we know of. He belongs to two literary societies, a base ball club and teaches a singing school. Also, has an interest in a huckster wagon and has a lucrative practice. Still, he finds time to fish when there is any water.

Our boss story teller has called again. This time he talked about dry weather and went on to say that at his home on Possum Trot it was so blamed dry that he had to soak his watermelon before he could eat them. It aint that dry at our house.

Our literary is progressing nicely. Almost every Thursday night the house is filled, with a good sized crowd on the outside.

Messrs. Woods, Sparks, Holton and Cunningham are the chief debaters. If carried on as started it will not be long till there will be some debaters at No. 11 that few can excel.

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GEORGES CREEK.

The storm of the 26th inst., did a great damage to corn crops and cane.

County Supt. Berry was visiting the schools here a few days ago.

Misses Nora Borders and Hester Hollo, of your place are the guests of O. T. Burgess and wife.

Mrs. Will Compton was bitten by a rattlesnake on the 26th, but is better now.

Brother Rice will preach at Riverside on the first Sunday in Sept., on Odd-fellowship. Let all attend and hear what he has to say.

Born, to Leander Borders and wife, a girl.

James Cochran, of Torchlight, has moved here.

The boys are dodging from the sheriffs now.

G. W. Butler and wife and J. W. Hickman, were visiting at Noah Mead's Sunday.

Miss Lena Kise and Frank went up to Charley Sunday.

Dolley Kise went to Brushy Saturday to see his best girl.

James Compton, of Flat Gap, passed here on the 26th, en route for his home.

Our school is progressing nicely with Joseph Swadlow as teacher. There is a great deal of sickness in this vicinity.

E. Preston is hauling timber. Success to the NEWS is the wish of A CONSTANT READER.

Business continues to improve throughout the country.

The Wilson bill for repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act passed the House by a majority of 130. The Senate is not showing a disposition to act promptly upon it.

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BOLT'S FORK, KY.

Corn looks well. Times is hard. Roads are good. Sickness is raging. Wheat is all threshed. Peddlers have all disappeared. Our school is progressing nicely. W. D. Bolt has begun work on the roads.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Rev. Lewis Matters preached at Palestine Sunday.

J. M. Riffe, who has the dust, is somewhat better. Dr. Sparks' singing school closed Sunday.

Taylor Ross is having his dwelling newly painted. Frank Leslie's saw mill is running full time.

J. W. Pennington went to Cattedburg on business last week. John West to our corn grinder at Limestone.

M. T. Bolt has charge of a force of hands in Lawrence near the line.

Miss Lizzie Polhammer is on a visit at Anglin. Dan Higgins and family will leave home next week.

Henry Rize, of Glendora has the flux. Jerome Prichard, who has been sick for some time, is better.

Thomas Lark has steady work in the shop. Rev. G. J. Justice preaches at Glenwood Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Clark, of Stinson, is visiting home folks this week. Mrs. Mark Hearn is visiting J. W. Pennington.

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