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which I am selling at the very
lowest figures. When you need any-
thing in his line give him a call.
First door north of Robinson & Ster-
-it's hardware store.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.

Below we give the number of dele-
gates each township is entitled to.
It is recommended by the central com-
mittee that the township primaries be
held on the 21st inst. Each township
should also select alternates as well as
delegates. Should any township deem
it best to hold its primary on any other
day than the 21st, we will gladly call
the meeting if we are furnished with
the date.

Township	Del.	Township	Del.
Albion	4	Homestead	2
Buffalo	4	Independent	3
Beaver	3	Logan	3
Cleveland	3	Lakin	16
Clarence	5	Liberty	2
Commanche	5	Washburn P.	1
Cheyenne	7	Pawnee Rock	4
Eureka	2	South Bend	2
Fairview	2	Union	3
Grant	4	Walnut	2
Great Bend	3	Wheatland	2
Pleasant Ridge Precinct	1		
1st ward	3		
2nd ward	3		
3rd ward	5		
4th ward	2		

SOME of the Ohio gas experts who
have been told of the peculiarities of
the Kansas gas wells and their usual
shallowness, believe we have not gone
deep enough in this state. Capt. Steven-
son, an expert, of Lima, O., says the
gas Kansas has found is from an upper
fissure, connecting with deeper
reservoirs which it is necessary to tap
in order to obtain the best results.

BEHOLD! the wild goose southward
flyeth; and man riseth up in the morn-
ing and goeth about his business, but
even in the early dawning he is way-
laid and delayed, for the candidates
are abroad in the land. Yea, verily,
the candidate worketh his racket. He
buttonholeth the voter and he leadeth
aside the politician. He resteth not,
but worketh his scheme upon the just
and the unjust, even at high noon and
in the balmy evening he chineth the
voter.

There is not a town in Kansas which
is treated worse than Pawnee Rock by
its own company. We have the pret-
tiest town site in Kansas, and the nat-
ural advantages to support a town of
1,500 people but where we now stand
is where other towns stood years ago.
We are as far behind the surrounding
country, as the ox team is behind the
locomotive, and the town company is
responsible to a considerable extent.

THE above we clip from the Pawnee
Rock Leader of the 25th. Is it the
fault of the town company that Paw-
nee Rock is not in better shape, or does
the trouble lie nearer home? There
are some people do not have it within
themselves to work into a prosperous
life, and who also attempt to check-
mate any movement of their neighbors
to the same end. And this is also true
of towns as well as of individuals.

FARMERS are all united in saying
that this is going to be a splendid fall
for wheat sowing. The ground could
not be in better condition, and the
long, cold rain has given the chinch
bugs the cramps, and lessened their
harmfulness. Preparations are being
made for the planting of a large acre-
age in this county. Another thing the
rain has done is it has soaked the soil
so thoroughly that fall beaking will
be very easy work, and as a conse-
quence there will be an immense
amount of wild land brought into use-
fulness that has before only served as
pasture land. The potatoe crop too
promises to pan out well this season in
many parts of the county. Indeed, we
cannot see where the sturdy farmer has
cause to complain, and with anything
like a reasonable winter and spring
season this county will next year for-
get that she ever had a drought scare.

Great Bend has, we think, made a
grave mistake in refusing to vote aid to
the Midland & Western railroad. We
understand it is now the intention of
the company to verge off from Ray-
mond or Ellinwood (provided the latter
will vote township bonds) and go
northwest, thus leaving Great Bend
out in the cold. This is the way things
are now fixed, and it would make a
good route to Denver.—Sterling Bulle-
tin.

We certainly believe Great Bend has
not made a mistake, in declaring
against the proposed railroad. While
we still believe that the Frisco road
would be worth all the aid the Midland
& Western asked, and we could have
voted it to them without a doubt, we
also think our people did right when,
upon the failure of the M. & W. peo-
ple to make a survey, or to answer to
any of our letters of inquiry, and upon
receiving the letter from one of the
Frisco people denying any knowledge
of the proposed road, they called a meet-
ing and decided not to vote the bonds until
an investigation could be made. As to
the M. & W. building to Raymond or
Ellinwood, and then verging northward
just to spite Great Bend it is sure non-
sense to talk of such a thing.

This week we have the pleasure of
announcing the name of Frank D.
Wilson as a candidate for Sheriff. Frank
is one of the pioneers of the county,
a fearless and determined man
who has already done efficient service
as deputy sheriff, and who has an ex-
tensive acquaintance throughout the
county. His candidacy deserves the
earnest consideration of the Demo-
cratic party.

THE real value of the late rains is
not understood by most people. Beside
putting the ground in the most
excellent condition for fall planting
and making the hay crop and assuring
good fall and winter pasturage, the
rains have been of great value to the
late corn. In many instances the late
corn was partially formed but the ears
were not filled out. The husk or shell
was there, but there had not been enough
moisture to fill out the grain. This the
rains will do, and they will add hun-
dreds and hundreds of bushels to our
corn crop in Barton county.

THE recent rains have been general
all over the state. Every Kansas pa-
per that comes to our table has some-
thing to say about the good done by
the rains. That "corn has been bene-
fitted; potatoes, turnips, cabbage and
other vegetables have been made; late
pasture is now assured, and the crop
of hay will be just immense." Besides
this, such items as "many people who
were talking about the country having
been burned up are now fearing the
rain will make it too wet to get in fall
crops;" and "the man who said this
was the hottest summer ever known is
now predicting that this fall will be
the coolest ever known," are to be met
with on every hand. Crop prospects
and the weather are certainly the lead-
ing topics of newspaper comment in
Kansas.

BARTON COUNTY FAIR.

Those interested in a Barton county
fair association met at the court house
Saturday afternoon. Owing to a mis-
understanding, the date for holding
this meeting was erroneously named,
and a full delegation was not present
Saturday. Those who were present
discussed the matter thoroughly, and
eventually decided to go ahead with
the arrangements necessary for the
first meeting. Large bills advertising
the meeting have been ordered, work
has commenced on the premium lists,
and within a few days the meeting
will be thoroughly advertised.

We believe that every citizen of the
county should take an interest in help-
ing along the organization.
Given proper time, Barton county
can hold as successful a fair as any
county in the state. There are hun-
dreds of men in the county who have
fine, blooded stock which they have no
opportunity of showing, hundreds of
farmers who have made a success of
some kind of crop products which, if
an opportunity was given to exhibit
samples and to get together and talk
over the matters of production, would
greatly benefit their neighbors and
fellow citizens. There are hundreds
of men who have come to Barton
county in recent years who have not
had an opportunity to learn just what
we can do in an agricultural way.

To perfect a successful organization
will take some years of persevering
endeavor, and it is necessary to make
a beginning; therefore, it is the earnest
wish of those who are at the head of
the present movement that every citi-
zen of the city or country lend his or
her influence to the perfecting of a
successful organization.

It is proposed to issue \$1,000 in
premiums this fall. The dates are
fixed for October 4th, 5th and 6th.
Let everyone remember that by a
united effort we can have a meeting
that will result in both pleasure and
profit to the entire county; and let
each citizen prepare to bring in some-
thing to make the exhibit the more in-
teresting.

Trouble in Old Zion.

Our old time citizens will remember
the former organization of a church of
Latter Day Saints, sometimes called
Mormons, which existed down in what
used to be a part of Barton county.
Old brother Bickerton has got upon
his ear and sues the St. John Sun and
Capital for \$5,000 damages for alleged
libel. We take from the Hutchinson
News the following:

About five years ago, Wm. Bick-
erton, by a committee of twelve disinter-
ested persons was separated from the
church of Latter Day Saints, for mis-
conduct, he, at that time, being the
president. Wm. Cadman was chosen
as his successor. The church divided,
some following Bickerton, but the ma-
jority believing in Bickerton's guilt be-
came followers of Cadman. As a mat-
ter of fact there has existed consid-

erable ill feeling between the two fac-
tions during the past five years. A
short time ago, the old sores were re-
opened by Bickerton and Cadman hurl-
ing bombshells at each other through
the columns of the Capital and Sun.
The article from Wm. Cadman which
appeared simultaneously in the Capital
and Sun August 11th, was considered
by Mr. Bickerton as damaging his char-
acter and he therefore sued the above
named parties for \$5,000. The case
promises to be one of more than ordi-
nary interest as the defendant promises
to more than prove the assertions
made in the papers. If this be true
there is a big treat in store for the
scandal loving public.

The Vote.

The County Commissioners met at
the office of the County Clerk yester-
day and canvassed the vote on the
railroad-bond election. The bills of
judges and clerks of election allowed.
Following is the vote by townships:

Township	For.	Against.	Township	For.	Against.
Albion	84	113	Independent	10	10
Buffalo	68	38	Washburn	38	38
Commanche	17	80	Liberty	80	80
Cheyanne	118	82	Lakin	82	82
Cleveland	71	93	Logan	93	93
Eureka	67	12	South Bend	12	12
Fairview	62	13	Union	13	13
Grant	69	1	Wheatland	1	1
Great Bend	8	74	Walnut	74	74
Pleas. Ridge	1	72	Beaver	72	72
Homestead	42	91	Total	91	1894

The New American Party.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., August 23rd.—
The executive committee of the new
political party, recently organized in
this city under the name of the Ameri-
can party, to-day issued an official call
for a national convention to meet in
this city Friday and Saturday, the 16th
and 17th of September, and they call
upon all American citizens, of what-
ever party or affiliation, who sym-
patize with the sentiments and are in
favor of the political objects of the
new party to attend for the purpose of
completing the organization and pro-
moting among others the following
specific objects:

- First—To emphasize and perpetuate
the sentiment, "America for Ameri-
cans."
- Second—The restriction of immigra-
tion.
- Third—A thorough revision of the
naturalization laws.
- Fourth—Reserving American lands
for American citizens only.
- Fifth—The protection of Americans
in all their rights on land and sea in all
parts of the world.
- Sixth—To restrict and guard the
right of elective franchise.
- Seventh—To abolish polygamy in the
United States immediately and en-
tirely.
- Eighth—To enact and enforce such
laws as will tend to eradicate intem-
perance.
- Ninth—To develop the resources of
the country by a wise system of inter-
nal improvements.
- Tenth—To protect and promote the
American system of free common
schools.
- Eleventh—To adjust the relations
between labor and capital on a per-
manent basis of equality and justice, and
especially do we invite the representa-
tives and members of the following or-
ganizations to meet and co-operate
with the convention, viz: The Patri-
otic Order of Sons of America, the
order of United American mechanics,
the junior order of United American
mechanics, the order of Deputies, the
sons of the revolutionary sires, the
Political Alliance, the United Minute
Men, the various grangers and all other
orders and organizations whose prin-
ciples and sentiments will enable them
to work in the American party on the
foregoing basis.

How to Eat Wisely.

As a universal rule in health, and
with very rare exceptions in disease,
that is best to be eaten which the ap-
petite craves or the taste relishes. Per-
sons rarely err in the quality of food
eaten; nature's instincts are the wisest
regulators in this respect. The great
sources of mischief from eating are
three—quantity, frequency and ap-
petite—and from these come the horrible
dyspepsias which make human life a
burden, a torture, a living death. By
eating fast, the stomach, like a bottle
being filled through a funnel, is full
and overflowing before we know it.
But the most important reason is, the
food is swallowed before time has been
allowed to divide it into sufficiently
small pieces with the teeth; for, like
ice in a tumbler of water, the smaller
the bits are, the sooner they are dis-
solved. It has been seen with the
naked eye that if solid food is cut up
in pieces small as half a pea, it digests
almost as soon without being chewed
at all, as if it had been well masticated.
The best plan, therefore, is for
all persons to comminute their food;
for, even if it is well chewed, the com-
minution is no injury, while it is of
very great importance in case of hurry.

forgetfulness, or bad teeth.

Cheerful conversation prevents rapid
eating. It requires about five hours
for a common meal to dissolve and
pass out of the stomach, during which
time this organ is incessantly at work,
when it must have repose, as any other
muscle or set of muscles, after such a
length of effort. Hence, persons should
not eat within less than a five-hours'
interval. The heart itself is at rest
more than one-third of its time. The
brain perishes without repose. Never
force food on the stomach. All are
tired when night comes. Every mus-
cle of the body is weary and looks to
the bed; but just as we lie down to
rest every other part of the body, if
we, by a hearty meal, give the stomach
five hours' work which, in its weak
state, requires a much longer time to
perform than at an earlier hour of the
day, it is like imposing upon a servant
a full day's labor at the close of a hard
day's work. Hence, the unwisdom of
eating heartily late in the day or even-
ing, and no wonder it has cost many a
man his life.

Always breakfast before work or exer-
cise. No laborers nor active persons
should eat an atom after sundown, and
then it should not be over half the
midday meal. Persons of sedentary
habits, or who are at all ailing, should
take absolutely nothing for supper be-
yond a single piece of cold, stale bread
and butter or a ship biscuit, with a
single cup of warm drink. Such a sup-
per will always give better sleep and
prepare for a heartier breakfast, and
the advantages of having the exercises
of the whole day to grind it up and ex-
tract its nutriment. Never eat with-
out an inclination.—Hall's Journal of
Health.

A Movement of the Right Sort.

The railroad commissioners called a
meeting of the general freight agents
of all the roads doing business in Kan-
sas, which meeting was held on the
23d inst. at the office of the com-
missioners. The following gentlemen
were present:
J. S. Leeds, general freight agent of
the A. T. & S. F.; S. B. Hines, general
freight agent of the Southern Kansas;
O. G. Murray, general freight traffic
manager of the Missouri Pacific; C. V.
Lewis, assistant traffic manager of the
Missouri Pacific; M. L. Sargent, gen-
eral freight agent of the Fort Scott &
Gulf road; T. L. Kimball, general
freight agent of the Union Pacific; A.
B. Smith, second assistant general
freight agent of the Burlington & Mis-
souri River road; D. Atwood, general
freight agent of the Rock Island. All
the systems operating in the state were
represented except the St. Louis & San
Francisco company.

The road commissioners stated that
it was well-known that in many coun-
ties in Kansas the corn crop had been
so seriously injured by the drought that
the yield would probably not be suf-
ficient to meet the demands; in other
counties, however, the crops would be
much larger, and they would have corn
to spare; thus it would be necessary
for corn to be shipped from one part of
the state to the other, and the com-
missioners thought the railroads should
reduce the rate; this, they thought would
be a good policy as well as a generous
thing for the railroads to do. The rep-
resentatives of the railroads realized
the situation and heartily coincided
with the commissioners, and had no
trouble in agreeing to cut the distance
rate on corn one-third, with the re-
duced rate shall apply only on ship-
ments made between points in the
state. The reduction is made for the
accommodation of the farmers who
will be obliged to buy their corn. It is
a generous act on the part of the rail-
roads. The suggestion was made by
Gov. Martin, who is ever-watchful of
the interests of the farmers.

The Long and the Short of It.

Some "rural roosters" in the pro-
fession having said something adverse
to "long-winded editorials" of the city
press in general and of the Hutchin-
son news in particular, that paper
proceeds to annihilate the afore-said
"r. r." at length. Editors of little
"jay papers" who haven't the ability to
write more than a stick or two on
any subject are apt to try to cover
their deficiencies by crying at those
who indulge in longer editorials, etc.,
says the News. * * "Fill your col-
umns with your bantam squibs, and
men, if you want to, but don't
strut the walk and assume to teach
your neighbors how to run their own
barnyards." Well, now, that is put-
ting it direct and pompously. Old
Sam Medary, once Governor of Kan-
sas Territory, and the veteran editor

of the Ohio (Columbus) Democrat,
used to say that the best editor was
he who edited brief paragraphs for
his columns. Years ago there were
what was technically denominated
"penny-a-liners," who were remuner-
ated for the space filled, rather than
the class of matter furnished. They
were paid for "something to fill up."
The practice is out of vogue now-a-
days, while we may even now occa-
sionally come across a pouter daily
which goes through the "filling up"
process. The best idea of writing
for the public is to say what you want
to say and be done. Information is
the desideratum of the reader and
should be the purpose of the writer.
Discrimination quickly ensues, and
the reader determines what he wants;
the columns which are usually suffer-
ing with refuse are sure to suffer
from inattention, even though they at
times be invested with merit. A sub-
ject should embrace two lines or a
column as its importance or subject-
matter warrants. The impression of
some newspaper folks that they must
fill their columns with so much origi-
nal matter in each successive issue,
and that it is a manifestation of wis-
dom so to do, is an erroneous one.
The greatest statesman of the land
may be he who talks the least, but
who, when he does talk, speaks to his
subject and creates in the breasts of
his hearers a feeling that they are
wiser for the information sought to
be imparted to them. The true editor
writes when he has something to
write about, and otherwise he fills his
space with more valued conclusions of
his contemporaries. He is governed
by needs and circumstances, and the
general reader soon acquires a habit
for seeking for what he pens, know-
ing that every line contains a gem of
thought. Those who followed after
master-minds like Horace Greeley
knew in advance that something
valued was assured.—Salina Journal.

FROM CLARENCE.

Arctic temperature.
The ground is thoroughly soaked.
Our railroad election passed off
very quietly.
Mr. C. Reeder was down to Larned
last week.
Mr. D. Mathewson was over from
Albert Monday.
Mr. Hompkin claims the latest ol-
ive branch in town.
Mr. Hans Carstensen was down to
Great Bend Saturday.
The wheat prospects are beginning
to assume a roseate hue.
An unusually large congregation
attended services at the Lutheran
church Sunday.
A large number of Clarencies
"took in" the circus at Great Bend on
the 18th.
Mr. John Folkerts, of Johnson
county, Neb., is the guest of Mar-
garet Jurgensen.
Mr. Atkin, of Nebraska, is visiting
his many Clarence friends.

Our poet laureate, out did him-
self in the manufacture of poetry last
Sunday.
Mr. A. Hughes has disposed of his
Clarence property and contemplates
moving to urban limits.
Four youthful porkers, whose right-
ful place of residence is unknown,
are at present partaking of John Jur-
gensen's hospitality.
Frank Khunsky told us in strict
confidence that he went over to Rush
county Sunday for the sole purpose of
rapturously gazing into the liquid
depths of his daisy's eyes and hear-
ing the melodies of her voice. Oh,
"cheeze it," Frank.

And still they come! Mr. Charlie
Cline and family, of Clark county,
Ill., are en route to Clarence, and will
occupy the place now possession of
Mr. S. S. Hutton. Mr. Cline, we
understand, is an excellent knight of
the forge, and will fill a long-felt
want by bringing with him the neces-
sary tools and opening a blacksmith
shop.

BUCKEYE.

Boundless Health and Wealth.
Heretofore men have come to Kan-
sas for wealth or to gratify political
aspirations, and to satisfy the hopes
and desires of personal ambition. The
time may come when hundreds and
thousands will come to this elevated
plateau with its electric climate and
bountiful air, that operates as a tonic,
for health as well as wealth. We think
we have boundless wealth and pro-
ductive soil, and certain it is that no
state can show so many prosperous
farmers in proportion to the agricul-
tural population as Kansas, the time
of settlement considered. We have 1,580,-
000 population largely belonging to the
farming class, and no more prosperous
and independent class of citizens can
anywhere be found.—Kicking Bird.