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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

L. I. PURSELL, who formerly published the Burton Free Lance, a populist paper, has closed up his shop at Burton for lack of patronage, and established the Lakin Index, a democratic paper at Lakin, Kansas. Leslie is a good newspaper man, and will publish a good paper if he is given any sort of a fair show.

It is hard to make a confirmed dolt and bigot believe there is a liberal minded or honest man in the world; hence it is time thrown away for us to attempt answering any of the charges made against the editor of this paper by the bundle of egotism who assumes to edit the Register. It would be throwing pearls before a swine.

REPRESENTATIVE SPRINGER, from Oklahoma, announces that in his opinion it will be at least six months before the Cherokee strip can possibly be opened. That will throw the opening in the fall. It is well for the people to understand this, that they may not lose a whole summer's work waiting about the border for the expected opening.

HARRISON carried Wichita by 670 majority. The republican candidates for justices of the peace and constables at the spring election carried the town by 873 average majority, and yet the republican papers see a great victory for their party. It certainly does not take much to satisfy latter day republicans. They are thankful for small favors, and are not expecting any very large ones.—El Dorado Advocate.

IN VARIOUS localities in the west anti-Catholic societies are springing up, known as the "A. P. Aism," for short. Would it not be well to name the organization the A. P. E-ism. There is certainly no intelligent class of persons who become members of an association that has purely for its motive the persecution of a certain class of people simply because they profess the Catholic religion.—Atchison Patriot.

ONE SIXTH of those who die in New York city are paupers or criminals. Instance—in 1889 there were nearly forty thousand deaths in New York City, of these more than seven thousand were in hospitals, insane asylums, workhouses and prisons, and nearly four thousand of these remains were buried in the potter's field. Among them were many men and women who had in the past been well off in this world's goods, some of them leaders in society, church, financial and political affairs. Drunkenness was the cause of the downfall of very many of those persons.

EX-GOVERNOR GLICK, who lately returned from Washington, says that the stalwart fight there is mostly on paper. "The press correspondents have made the situation out to be a great deal worse than it ever has been," he said. "Cleveland, of course, has been somewhat dilatory in making Kansas appointments, but then he has named fifty postmasters and that is considerably better than he has done in many other states. I don't think that stalwarts have done themselves any good in Washington, though they may have had a little influence. Senator Martin is thought of favorably by the president, whatever the newspapers may say. He stands with Mr. Cleveland and when the appointments are made John Martin will have a hand in naming the men."

"FOR THE credit of the state the president should recognize the stalwarts," says the leading republican organ of Kansas, the Topeka Capital. For the very reason that a hundred republicans to one democrat would be well pleased by a "recognition of the stalwarts" the present democratic administration will do nothing of the kind. The democrats of Kansas have had a thankless job of bucking against the heaviest republican majority ever known in any state, and when, by a happy combination of circumstances they were enabled to overthrow that majority and "turn the rascals out" the democrats of the nation will not be found going back on them by "recognizing" a small handful of kickers who aided and abetted the republican party at the critical time of its downfall.

Acknowledges The Corn.

Once and a while a republican paper is found whose editor is man enough to acknowledge the truth and state it plainly. The McPherson Republican and its editor can be classed with the few. Concerning the recognition of Senator Martin the Republican says: "Senator Martin has won the first victory. Frank S. Thomas has been appointed post master at Topeka. The fact is that Cleveland cannot afford to ignore the fusion people. During the last campaign an edict was issued by the democratic national committee to the democrats in Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas to turn those states over to the people party for the time. In politics such things are not done without consent of the candidates, and it is fair to presume that Grover Cleveland was consulted and that he approved of the action. And this presumption is greatly strengthened by the

fact that by Mr. Cleveland's direction a complimentary letter was written to the St. Louis Republic thanking that paper in Mr. Cleveland's name for its part in the transaction. Under these circumstances it is not possible for Mr. Cleveland to refuse to recognize the fusionists."

The Late Strike.

The republican press, true to its allegiance to the railroads, has very diligently stated that the strike of the Santa Fe and U. P. railroad men terminated last week in a victory for the corporations. The facts in the case are—as every railroad man who is a member of a union will tell you—that the railroads, the corporations, were defeated and the strikers gained their point. The railroads asserted that they would deal with "individuals" and not with "unions," and would not sign an agreement asked for by the unions. Because of this decision of the corporations the men quit work, and not because of a demand for higher wages. They have now gone back to work at their former wages, but also with a recognition of their organizations, as demanded.

The Santa Fe was fortunate in ending the strike when they did; for in a few more days their entire system would have been tied up.

We are not particularly in favor of strikes; but we are in favor of labor unions being recognized as having the right to look after the interest of their members, so long as railroads and other corporations are allowed to combine their interests, form pools and trusts for the furtherance of their interests.

If the railroad boys will just open their eyes a little and study the attitude of the republican press of Kansas concerning the recent strike they need seek no farther for proof of the fact that Kansas republicanism means a support and favoring of Kansas railroad corporations. Will they thus open their eyes.

The Demagogue and his Hope.

The discontent of the masses, caused by a generation of republican misrule, offers the demagogue a tempting opportunity.

It is an easy matter for any apparently earnest man, having the gift of gab, to go among the people in many states, and especially in the west, and rally a large following by simply declaring that the trend of federal legislation and the effect of certain recent decisions of the federal courts must inevitably reduce workingmen to a state of peonage, and increase the oppression of our present vicious tariff and financial systems. The danger is that the able demagogue may take advantage of this opportunity and secure a popular endorsement of reckless schemes that will result most disastrously.

The only way to head off the demagogue, and nip his flaming red flower in the bud, is to reform the evils now so galling and so burdensome. In other words, the speedy action of the new administration in redeeming the pledges of the democratic platform will leave the populists—the party wherein the demagogue is seeking to plant his seed—with no grievances to complain of, and the demagogue with nothing to talk about. The wiping out of protection, the remonetization of silver, the discontinuance of favoritism and sectionalism, the discouragement of class legislation, and a strict economy in government will undo the plutocratic work of the republicans, and the producing and working interests of the country will see that the reforms they demand are substantially embodied in the policy of the democratic party.

The reign of the demagogue can be avoided, if the party now in supreme control of the government will show reasonable diligence in carrying out its promises. Any other line of conduct would disappoint thousands of good democrats, inflame the populists, increase the existing restlessness and discontent, and cause the demagogue to loom up as a controlling factor in our politics. Let the democratic pledge be redeemed without unnecessary delay.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Perfect Water Haul.

The result of the investigation conducted by the senate committee in Topeka and at Kansas City, Kansas, has been a perfect water haul, so far as adducing testimony calculated to establish the boodle charges published by Hudson is concerned.

All that has been extorted from the witnesses has been hearsay, and under the rules of evidence would not be admitted or considered in any court. The editor of the Capital, while pretending to say that his charges have been fully substantiated knows well that nothing of the kind has been done, but that, like a little boy out on a dark night, he is simply whistling to keep up his courage.

The original publication of these charges was infamous; the senate investigation has been a farce.—Topeka Press.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate.
L. F. Hauser is building a large and commodious barn on his farm just west of town.

W. H. Grant's mother is here from Ohio visiting him and family for a while.

The marriage mania seems to have struck Ellinwood's young folks with full force again.

You needn't worry about the fruit crop this season. It won't get killed now any more.

Nobody has an easier time than the boy who, when he gets up and puts on his pants, is done dressing for the day.

It is about time for you to get out and work out your poll tax. Won't it look funny to see the men and women out shoveling dirt together.

One of the hardest things in the world for a woman to do is to read a novel without first turning to the back to see how it comes out.

MARRIED:—At the residence of H. W. Koch last week, Mr. Perry McCollough to Miss Augusta Moss, Rev. W. F. Liphart officiating in English.

J. W. Evans slipped off down to Hutchinson last Sunday and quietly got married—that is it was quiet so far as the citizens of this town knew.

The Banner man says the Banner is always ahead of the Advocate. It may be so but we would require a mighty big bonus before we would change places with him, either in regard to his parental or his newspaper standing.

A letter received from a brother of the Advocate editor, in South Dakota, this week stated that the snow was three inches deep there and that it was then still raining and snowing. The letter stated that the ground is so wet there that it will be difficult for them to get their wheat in the ground.

MARRIED:—On Tuesday April 25th, 1893, at St. Peter and Pauls church, five miles north of this city, Mr. Wm. Helfrich to Miss Lena Koett, Rev. L. Epp officiating. Owing to the popularity of the young couple an immense crowd assembled to witness the ceremonies and partake of the festivities. A number of elegant presents were presented to the happy couple.

CLAFLIN.

From the Banner.
Geo. Cramm has just completed a new barn.

W. G. Wickham is up from Oklahoma visiting parents and old friends.

On Wednesday of last week a big girl took up her residence with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Leobold Manka were made the proud parents of an eleven pound boy on Wednesday of last week.

Joe Hurdach will begin in a few days the erection of a new and large house on his farm south-east of this place.

John Weltner has been confined to his room for several days past with erysipelas in the head, but is at present much better.

The capital stock of the seven banks in Barton county make a grand total of \$219,000, and according to their published statements, four of these banks have a total of individual deposits amounting to \$145,425.60.

A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Montgomery gave them a surprise Thursday evening of last week at their new rural mansion which has just been completed. Those in attendance report having had an excellent time.

Wm. Helfrich and Helena Koett of Ellinwood were married Tuesday. Dry weather can swivel the wheat and the wind blow the corn and 'taters' out; but they have no effect on the young man and maiden, who are on matrimony bent. Well, it's the proper caper—a double turnout will go through more trials than a single rig any day.

A party of five, consisting of Joe Welsh, Sheriff Spencer, E. J. Ingersoll, John Stover and Lee Dougan, took a drive in the country Saturday night, and when about twelve miles north of town, one of the surly wheels gave way which caused it to upset and land its load on mother earth. When the boys picked themselves up they looked so utterly horrid that the team became frightened and ran away, leaving the boys out in the cold twelve miles from home.

HOISINGTON.

From the Blade.
The Christian church at Pawnee Rock must be figuring on a boom. During the past few weeks the pulpit has been filled by ministers from Lane county, Ore., and Davenport, Ia.

The Hoisington base ballists will not send to Salina again soon for a pitcher to help them out. The Salina pitcher is a nice fellow, and he may be a good pitcher for Salina, but he can't pitch in a Hoisington game.

Joe H. Borders has been honored with the appointment by Grand Master G. W. Dowd, of the grand lodge of I. O. O. F. of Kansas as a member of the Odd Fellows' Columbian Exposition

committee, which was authorized by the last session of the grand lodge at Fort Scott last October.

Rev. F. C. Overbaugh has resigned the pastorate of the Christian church in this city and accepted a call to Clifton. The news will be received with deepest regret not only by the members of that church but by our people generally as well. He is a good preacher and live, active and enthusiastic worker whose place in this city will not be easily filled. May success ever attend him.

At the preliminary contest in declamations at the State normal of Emporia, where the best talent of the school was chosen in the contest, Miss Sadie E. McCauley, who taught in the intermediate department of the schools here last term and who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. McCauley of this place, came out winner of first rank for final contest, which will take place at the close of the normal in June.

From the Dispatch.
W. D. J. Whitechurch left Wednesday morning for Kansas City where he will be treated for the removal of a tape worm.

The Bardeen band under the leadership of A. Honish furnished the music in town Wednesday. It is the best band in the county and gave good music and lots of it.

A small case of forgery in town this week. A very serious matter could be made of this case but we hope a lesson will be learned and at the same time no one will be put to any great trouble.

The ball game Wednesday—well what shall we say about it. It was a windy day to be sure, and it was a little cold and we got left. The imported Salina pitcher was no great shaker, as the Benders pounded him for 24 runs the first three innings. Fred Mims then done the twirling act for Hoisington and the result was much more satisfactory. Hoisington's light weight battery—Mims and McGory are hard to beat. The Bend had an exceptional strong team and won the game by a score of 30 to 10.

Now For An Income Tax.

The New York World has a timely suggestion and one which every democrat in congress should heed. It urges congress to pass an income tax law. A depleted treasury cries for money, an embarrassed government sorely needs it. Why not levy an income tax?

An income tax is eminently democratic. It places the burdens of government upon the shoulders of those able to bear them. It apportions taxes not according to consumption nor on the per capita basis but upon the standard of justice.

The man with an income of \$100,000 a year owes far more to government which protects his property than he who has an income of \$1,000 a year, yet tariff taxes practically compel both men to bear equal burdens. Men with large incomes should contribute to the support of the government in proportion to the opportunities and benefits which they have derived in life under the protection of that government.

Let the income tax become a democratic issue. Let more of the burdens of government be placed upon the wealthy of the country and raised from the shoulders of individuals who are now taxed utterly regardless of their ability to pay.

No political measure so appeals to the common sense or to the sense of equity as this idea of an income tax. It is difficult to apportion, difficult to levy and difficult to collect, but the American government is intelligent enough and watchful enough and able enough to solve the problem. Let it be attended to.—Westphalia Times.

An Interesting Lecture.

The citizens of Great Bend and vicinity will have an opportunity to hear one of our most eminent lecturers at the opera house May 11th, 1893. Prof. J. E. Rensburg subject, "Sabbath Breaking." He has in the last twelve years delivered two thousand five hundred lectures in the different states. The mantle of Col. Ingersoll seems to be falling upon his shoulders, and well he has earned it and gracefully he wears it. It is now well known that he is one of the most distinguished scholars and foremost thinkers of the age. A few of the comments of the press may be interesting:

"An accomplished orator."—Albany Argus.
"Many rank him next to Ingersoll."—Buffalo Telegraph.
"Most eloquent."—Boston Globe.
"An address which was looked upon as one of the best."—Chicago Times.
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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

Comments Gleaned From a Few of Our Exchanges.

A tax on incomes of more than \$10,000 a year payable in gold, would light up the situation with sunshine of prosperity. The gold sharks must help pay the fiddler.

Think of a conspiracy of "speculators" (plain highwaymen) to force the government to issue bonds, that they may grow rich on the forced indebtedness.

The most fortunate event in the recent flurry is the fact that Wall street has shown its hard and greedy hand so that all the people could see it. A hundred thousand newspaper articles could not have made the exposure as complete.

If congress were in session now the administration would have a far easier time with the gold sharks. The presence on the spot of a congress, fresh from the people, would simplify matters very much.

When all the banks, save those in and around Wall street are ready to exchange gold for greenbacks that have been already redeemed in gold, it necessarily follows that there is something decayed in Wall Street. The people are preparing a disinfectant.

Secretary Carlisle is causing it to be given out that Wall Street will not be allowed to manage the treasury. It is now time for Kansas republican papers to raise the cry that the nation's credit is being injured by a democratic administration.

The republican papers appear to be greatly alarmed over the condition of the national treasury. But Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Carlisle seem perfectly serene and able to meet all emergencies. A few more weeks of republican rule would have completely demoralized the treasury, and the financial condition of the country would have been deplorable in the extreme.

It is quite refreshing to see how well Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle manages the government's finances without flying up to New York every other day and consulting the interests of the money brokers on Wall Street. The country west of the Allegheny mountains had about arrived at the conclusion prior to Secretary Carlisle's induction into the treasury portfolio that the barons on the "street" had Uncle Sam by the throat and could make him beg for quarters whenever they undertook to make a run on the gold reserve. Up to date, however, Secretary Carlisle has maintained the nation's credit without giving up a bend, and we hope for the good of American liberty and independence he will be able to maintain the stand that he has taken. The United States treasury ought to be abolished once and forever from the money of the anarchists of Wall Street and their ruin policies. The eyes of the country are on Mr. Carlisle.

The Grand Free Street Parade.

The pageantry of an ancient Rome and the displays of all modern times are actually surpassed by the grand free street parade of the Cook & Whitty show. It is a difficult task to attempt a description of this splendid portion of the Cook & Whitty show. It has been the purpose of the writer to avoid the slightest tinge of exaggeration, therefore the reader must be contented now with the plain mention of only a portion of the features of the grand free street parade, and see for themselves the rest. There are herds of elephants and droves of camels—those wonderful ships of the desert—making beautiful tableaux; twelve superb tableau cars, resplendent in purple and gold, scarlet and silver; These magnificent structures on wheels represent important events in the world. Beautiful ladies and handsome gentlemen, costumed in gorgeous attire of olden days, recline beneath silver panoplies, or stand in armor of steel and silver as heroes of medieval times. There are six open dens of wild beasts, each containing the human master of each; a congress of nations, grouped upon mammoth floats; cafileades of knights and ladies en route to the tournament; groups of masqueraders and harlequins and clowns; bands of music, bagpipers, Irish pipers, Tyrolese warblers and musicians of all countries; hundreds of other features which cannot be enumerated here—and above all floating the flags and banners of all nations. The glittering gold, the sheen of silver, the glistening gems, the kaleidoscope of color, all charm the eye; the blare of the bands, the crash of the drums, the songs of the singers, the joyous shouts of the darkies, the plaudits of the populace, entrance the ear—and all go to make up a grand holiday wherever the Cook & Whitty show appears. Great Bend, May 16.

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