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For Lieutenant Governor,
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For Associate Justice,
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For Secretary of State,
EDWARD J. HERNING.

For State Auditor,
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For Attorney General,
JAMES MCKINSTRY.

For State Treasurer,
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For State Superintendent,
MILES WYCOFF.

Congressional.

For Congressman at Large,
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For Congressman, 7th District,
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For County Attorney,
JAMES W. CLARKE.

For Probate Judge,
JOHN H. BEMENT.

For Clerk of District Court,
WILLIAM STECKEL.

For County Superintendent,
W. B. LUCAS.

For Commissioner, 2d District,
P. H. GORY.

WATER MEANS WEALTH.

AND WE WILL SOON HAVE BOTH.

The Barton County Irrigation Association
Witnesses a Test of the Water Supply,
Hears Some Good Doctrine, and
Gets Thoroughly Aroused.

A little over a year ago, L. Baldwin began to noise about a scheme to transform the Cheyenne bottoms into a vast lake for irrigation, telling the people that he would get the water from Mother Earth in sufficient quantity. Some laughed; others didn't, and there began growing a faith that this country was all right, if we were only acquainted with it. The agitation grew and on August 7th, 1893, a little irrigation meeting was held in the court house. A few enthusiasts from abroad addressed it. More facts were gathered, and the "wet" movement gained more momentum, and spread beyond the confines of Barton county. But the people at home were aroused and last Saturday showed the result of thirteen months education.

The day opened cold and windy. Had it not been for this, a large crowd would have gone to E. B. Cowgill's farm, four miles east of town, and spent the day in the country. As it was, quite a crowd was there in the morning despite the bad weather.

The only test made was that of a four-inch "Wonder" rotary pump, run by a Weber gasoline engine. Before the crowd returned to town, the pump was throwing 300 gallons of water per minute into the reservoir. The lift was thirty-four feet. After the pump started, the level of the water lowered about two feet, but remained there during six hours continuous pumping—108,000 gallons being taken out.

The speeches were made after dinner in the court house, which was packed full. The ladies were on hand in good numbers, which means that a man's gallantry must now include a devotion to the irrigation cause. President Sowards filled the chair in his usual felicitous style.

Judge Emery of Lawrence was the first speaker. He said it had been his privilege thirteen months ago to stand in the same place and address a little meeting, the fruits of which were manifest far beyond the limits of Barton county. He made an inspiring plea for irrigation. Among the many thoughts given by him were: "Of our 65 million population, only about four million live in 'arid America'—that portion west of the 97th meridian. . . . Two million young people attain their majority every year; these must find their homes in the irrigated west. . . . Skeptics say we cannot irrigate over 10 per cent. of Kansas; California reaps her magnificent result from only 2 per cent. irrigated." He argued for individual irrigation, no matter how small the beginning.

H. R. Hilton of Topeka then made a talk on "Soil and Irrigation," illustrating with soil taken from Mr. Cowgill's farm. Every farmer in the country should have been there. It was applied science all through. His experiments in glass tubes showed that water percolated more freely and extensively in pulverized soil than in coarse, and in moist soil better than dry. Of course a farm with pulverized soil would soon find itself in another county, but Prof. Hilton was arguing for sub-soiling, which when properly understood and handled will solve one of the tough

problems of this region—the evaporation of the water.

H. V. Hinckley of Topeka spoke on "what we didn't know, and what the government can do for us." Some of his remarks were in a conservative strain, and liable to be discouraging. He said the underflow was neither mysterious nor inexhaustible, and that it depended entirely on the rainfall. Some of the speakers that followed him said that the people that came after us one or two hundred years could hustle for themselves—that we would not exhaust the underflow. Mr. Hinckley said the only way the government can assist us is, through experiments, to give us light on three questions: sub-irrigation, evaporation and the storing of storm waters. Referring to the water test he said that 300 gallons per minute, 24 hours in a day for 120 days would irrigate 150 acres.

J. H. Churchill, one of the alfalfa kings of Ford county, made an entertaining speech. He opened by paying a fine tribute to Judge Emery and E. R. Moses for their work. He related his success in alfalfa raising, showing the crop to be very profitable, and, as he asserted, a drouth-killer. He also advocated a fish pond on every farm; in a happy strain, he showed that this was the best means on earth "to drive dull care away," which was subscribed to by an old gentleman on the front seat.

Secretary of Agriculture, F. D. Coburn made a few fitting remarks, closing with the injunction to "investigate, cultivate, saturate."

D. M. Frost of Garden City told of his wonderful irrigating plant in Finney county, and of his magnificent crops this year, and reiterated the plea for individual irrigation. He said that inasmuch as Uncle Sam had taken \$50,000,000 from the people of western Kansas for lands which he unwittingly represented to be farm lands, he should return at least a part of that amount for making a geological survey for the benefit of his confiding customers.

Ira Hubbell of Kansas City made a few caustic remarks on the subject, which were pertinent to the occasion. He said that we ought to be ashamed of ourselves for bringing potatoes from Colorado, and hoped that on September 29th, 1895, we could say we had not done that, but sent those fellows across the line some good ones.

A. W. Stuobs of Garden City, editor of the Irrigation Champion, also added some enthusiastic remarks to the program. He gave an instance of one alfalfa field that netted \$60 per acre. He took a decided exception to Mr. Hinckley's statement that Mr. Hoisington's scheme wouldn't irrigate 20,000 acres. He advised the farmers not to give up the scheme; even if they did irrigate 20,000 acres the result would be simply marvelous.

State Treasurer Biddle was called for and dropped a few encouraging suggestions.

G. H. Fairlyer of Manhattan, professor of chemistry in the State Agricultural College, also made a short speech.

After a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the day, the meeting adjourned.

Among others present from abroad were: E. B. Cowgill of Topeka, Mr. Lewis, editor of the Kinsley Graphic, Phil S. Creager, representing the Topeka Capital, E. H. Frizell of Larned, who exhibited a pump of his own invention, Mr. Shaw of Kinsley, who exhibited the model of an irrigating pump of his own, Labor Commissioner Holcomb of Topeka, and Benj. W. Ladd, representing the Hutchinson Commercial Club.

An exhibition of beets, onions, peppers and apples, raised on irrigated land in Deception valley, on the desk in front, talked as convincingly as any of the speakers.

The band didn't get a full representation out to the test, but those who did go, livened the occasion as much as the wind (not that of the boys but the other one) would permit. A fine concert was given at the close of the afternoon meeting.

The next meeting of the State Irrigation Association will be held at Hutchinson November 23rd and 24th, and the next Inter-State meeting at Kansas City November 9th and 10th.

Another test of the water supply was made Monday. The pump was run 4 1/2 hours, and threw into the reservoir 135,000 gallons of water, without exhausting the supply in the well.

The irrigation band wagon is filling up fast; get in as soon as you can—to stay out means occasional crops and haphazard living. Lend your individual aid, immediately and heartily. The street corner sage will tell you that this "mouth irrigation won't work." Certainly it won't as long as you leave it in the month stage.

The Institute of Music, Art and Literature is a recent Topeka enterprise, to be run on the co-operative plan.

NOTES FROM OUR NEIGHBORS.

CLAFLIN.

From the Leader.
Beautiful fall weather we are having. Time waits for no man, but when it gets to Hoisington it skips an hour.

The three-year old boy of Franz Barron, of Odin, died Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Wm. Catton, of Brimfield, Ill., mother of Mrs. S. B. Hall, came in Thursday night on a visit.

The girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. John Stockwell, which was born Monday morning, died at 2 o'clock Friday morning. The family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

A young cyclone struck the farm of Anton Reif last week. His place is in a draw and the wind came through with terrific force, demolishing sheds, wrecking his windmill and shaking things up generally.

The expansive smile on the features of our fellow townsman W. B. Pickeral Saturday morning can only be accounted for by the fact that his wife had presented him that morning with a nine pound daughter. Who could blame him for feeling happy?

HOISINGTON.

From the Dispatch.
E. M. Carr is conducting a religious meeting at Ellsworth this week.

Mrs. J. J. Wilson and children left for Brown county, Illinois, to visit relatives.

Dan Haley has returned from Colorado. He says times are very hard out there.

S. Degen and R. Wehr made a trip to Denver and other points in Colorado this week.

Miss Myrtle Crocker of Seneca, Kansas, is visiting Mrs. Nellie Crocker and family.

E. H. Charlton's family has arrived from Missouri, and they now occupy the Deines residence.

C. W. Payne and wife moved up from Claflin Monday, and are now residents of Hoisington.

How about a county high school for Barton county? The teachers say we need one; so do others who are interested in school work.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. S. O. Campbell of Carrollton, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell formerly lived near this city.

Mrs. W. S. Vincent and Mrs. F. G. McCaughan and children left last week for the latter's home in Valley Junction, Iowa.

Mrs. A. C. Shaffer and children returned from Danville, Ill., last week, where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. C. Curtis and children came in from Pueblo Thursday morning and will visit relatives here for some time before going to Van Buren, Arkansas, where Joe is employed.

Geo. Bicknell is one of our farmers who is making money in the dairy business. He milks sixteen cows at present and is constantly on the lookout for more good cows.

H. J. Webber says he will give \$100 for the first sack of flour manufactured in Hoisington. Mr. Webber is one of our most public spirited men and is always ready to assist in anything that will benefit the place.

The farmer who instead of putting in all his time trying to raise a big wheat crop attends to a dozen good cows and brings the milk to the creamery is the one that will be out of debt and have money in his pocket. The dairy business is the business above all others for this country.

ELLINWOOD.

From the Advocate.
Joe Weisenberg is suffering from the effects of a sprained ankle.

When Jerry Simpson comes to Ellinwood he will get a bigger audience than Long and Hollowell together.

George McCall has moved his folks here from Great Bend and will make Ellinwood his future home.

Ellinwood would like to see Chase do up Great Bend, would she? Well that is just what the Bend is wanting.

Miss Hattie Robinson has been sick during the past three days. She is threatened with an attack of typhoid fever.

Last week we spoke about a high up wedding. Well, we are at liberty to tell you about it now. It will take place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hall in this city, on October 4th, and Miss Persis Hall and Rev. J. Carnahan

of Halstead, are the happy young contractors.

Albert Wylie of Mendota, Illinois, an old acquaintance of Thomas Scott and family, is here visiting with them for a few weeks.

If indications have anything to do with it, several Ellinwood men are going to get babies in their socks for Christmas this year.

The amateur base ball players are greatly in evidence in this city of late. They play a game of ball every day in the week and two on Sunday.

Dick Bosse was down Monday to arrange to have some repairs made on his residence, preparatory to moving down in a couple of weeks.

Conductor Frank Zwick received a 30 days lay-off, and together with his family, is visiting among old friends and acquaintances in Missouri.

"There is plenty of room at the top" is an old saying which probably originated from the fact that there are so many empty heads in the world.

A number of the town folks assembled at the residence of Frank Petz and his estimable lady, and proceeded to administer a pleasant surprise, last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Trump and pupils are arranging to give a grand vocal and instrumental musical concert, assisted by the best local talent of Ellinwood, on Saturday, October 13th. For further particulars, watch for bills.

OLMITZ OBSERVATIONS.

From "Cranky."
Another nice rain visited us Monday. Chas. Wilkins has begun his term of school.

Wm. Kaiser was in town last Sunday on business.

Mrs. W. D. Vincent left Monday for Osawatimie on a visit.

Fred Steinert of Galatia was in town on important business Monday.

John Bement was in town Friday shaking hands with his many friends.

C. Kreisel has joined the brass band again and expects to learn some more.

Miss Minnie Bittner has gone to Pueblo, Colo., with the intention of staying this winter.

There will be a grand church fair at Olmitz Oct. 14 and 15. Everybody, especially candidates, cordially invited.

Well, C., how does that railroad spike hold in your heel? Is it there yet? Don't cross another railroad track for fear you might loosen another one.

PAWNEE ROCK.

From "Bill Dalton Esq."
Charlie Lawborn is getting to be quite a politician of late.

Mrs. McDougal and Miss Hedrick are on the sick list, but are improving.

Joda Cleveland was hit in the head by Jack Bohels with a spike hammer last week.

T. P. Nichols thinks of economizing on board bill by taking a partner and keeping house.

P. H. Willis is painting Geo. Gano's house and is making it shine. P. H. is a good painter.

Henry Lile went to hear Jerry speak. He went by way of John Hall's and took his best girl.

Geo. Gano is having his house fixed up in first class style, and will be doubling up next month.

The reason "Bill Dalton" did not write last week was, a pop had him shut up. He is out now and here to stay.

A young cyclone visited Pawnee Rock and blew down one store building and Geo. Gano's windmill at his new residence.

In places the grasshoppers are taking the wheat as fast as it comes up, and many of the farmers have quit seeding for the present.

F. T. Belt is nearly done seeding and is now watching the hoppers take his wheat and grinding his teeth because he planted so early.

Nearly all of Pawnee Rock's people went popping Tuesday, to Larned, to hear Jerry Simpson talk. Look out, Long, you will be short this fall.

ALBERT.

From "Johnny So So."
The early bird gets the worm.

Never call a man a loafer if you can not prove it.

The Albert skimming station will soon be in running order.

Don't you know that God made the world and will rule or ruin it?

There was a republican rally in Albert Saturday evening. One of the speakers said Jerry Simpson did not

wear socks and had a blister on his heel.

If you can't tell the truth for fun, what will you not tell for money?

George Slagle left last Friday for Topeka where he will spend the winter.

The wheat is coming up very nicely, and the grasshoppers are giving it fits.

Solon Goladay, the Albert school teacher, visited Great Bend last Saturday.

Mr. Brock, north of Albert, lost three head of cattle last Saturday, from eating green broom corn.

The farmers are putting lots of wheat in the ground and they will keep it up as long as they have the seed.

The Albert League will go over to the German church next Sunday eve. Their politics are very important. Everybody invited.

The boys of this locality joined the tin pan army and went to serenade Wm. Schroeder, south of Albert; but they did not find him.

Still we hear the people say where do the flies come from? It is a very easy question to answer. The grub makes the fly in the first place and it lives 14 days; the driver makes the horsefly; the boarder makes the butterfly; the cook makes the house fly; the toper makes the bottle fly, and the peoples party makes the blow fly.

The Schroeder-Miller Wedding.

MARRIED—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Miller, in Buffalo township, Tuesday, September 25, 1894, at 12 m., WILLIAM SCHROEDER to Miss ORLETTA MILLER, Rev. W. Hills officiating.

The groom is an industrious young farmer of near Albert, this county, and the bride a handsome and well beloved daughter of one of Buffalo township's most popular and prosperous farmers.

Royal entertainment was furnished to the guests present and all were happy as could possibly be. Among those present were:

The groom's parents, five sisters and two brothers; Mrs. Haas and three sons and two daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Steuri; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ales; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Brinkman; A. Miller and two sisters; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gabbert; Miss Uden and Mr. Jas. Curry.

A reception was given the following day at the home of Mr. Schroeder, at which were present all the above guests except Messrs. Brinkman and Steuri and their ladies, and the following additional persons: Mr. Andrews' family of five members; Mr. Gruenewalt's family of four; Mr. Luck's family of four; Geo. Schlegel and Wm. Schultz. Following is a list of the wedding presents received: By Chas. Haas, handsome chair throw and set of flat irons. Louisa Haas, table cloth and napkins. Mrs. Haas, pair of pillow shams and bed spread. John Haas, beautiful clock. Mrs. Jake Ales, set of dishes. Mrs. Ales, table cloth. J. V. Brinkman, table cloth. James Curry, fruit dish. Fred Haas, glass set. Mrs. R. Steuri, set of dishes. Irene Uden, table cloth and napkins. Sig Jacoby, pair of towels. Wm. Schultz, table cloth. Gerty Luck, set of glassware. Mrs. Andrews, fruit dish. Geo. Schlegel, lamp. Mrs. Gruenewalt, water pitcher and bowl. Mrs. Gabbert, pair of towels. Theresa Stroelmer, of Chicago, fancy lounge tidy.

THE DEMOCRAT desires to join the many friends in wishing long life and happiness to the bride and groom.

County Sunday School Convention.

The eighth annual convention of the Barton County Sunday School Association will be held at Hoisington Thursday, Oct. 11, 1894. Following is the program:

MORNING.	
Song and Devotional Service, Rev. E. S. MacCartney	Appointment of Committees and Enrollment of Delegates.
Address of Welcome, Rev. E. S. MacCartney	Condition and Needs of the Sunday Schools in this County, J. J. Winterburg
Reports from Schools by calling Roll of Schools	Free Parliament, or Round Table Talk on Condition and Needs of Sunday Schools.
Discipline in the Sunday School and How to Secure It, Rev. J. A. Woodburn	Roll Call of Schools on the Subject.
Free Parliament, or Round Table.	
AFTERNOON.	
Devotional Service, Rev. J. A. Woodburn	Natural Lesson, J. F. Drake, State Sec., Topeka
Object and End of Sunday Schools, J. P. Francis and Mrs. J. T. Morrison	Discussion.
The Sunday School Teacher, F. V. Russell, Great Bend	Discussion.
The Use of Lesson Helps, Miss Sadie McCauley	Discussion.
The Preacher in the Sunday School, Rev. E. T. Stewart	Discussion.
EVENING.	
Song Service, Prof. C. N. Walker	Address, J. F. Drake

"NEVER sit down with a tear and a frown" is a mighty good motto to jot right down. When times are the closest, instead of complaining, just keep on hustling and you'll keep on gaining. When other men kick, and growl at their fate, keep hustling the harder—and ne'er hesitate.