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THE SIGN OVER YOUR STORE IS READ ONLY BY THOSE WHO PASS BY; BUT A SIGN IN THE "DEMOCRAT" IS SEEN FROM MILES AWAY BY ALL PEOPLE WHO COME HERE TO TRADE.

COMING EVENTS.

OCTOBER 1-5.—State fair at Wichita.

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SEPTEMBER 7.—Picnic of Modern Woodmen at Great Bend.

AUGUST 28th and 29th.—Soldiers' reunion at Rush Center.

The normal closes to-day.

Advertisers get the cash trade.

The onward march of weeds is frightful.

A. Childs of Lindsborg was here on Friday.

Jonce Byers will soon go to Burrton to live.

D. C. Luse returned last night from the strip.

D. M. Woodburn is clerking at Allen & Wilson's.

A. L. Hager is in the hotel business at Cherryvale.

John Bakhaus is up from Oklahoma on "business."

W. E. Wiley went down to Burlington last week.

The DEMOCRAT job room guarantees artistic printing.

Frank Strothman has removed to his Third ward property.

The rain Monday night was 1.5 inches. A good rain.

The pop central committee meets in this city next Saturday.

E. C. Cole and family left last week for a visit in Colorado.

O. S. Currier, the barber, has returned to work at Sterling.

Keep your ears alert for the merry chime of wedding bells.

Our second nine play three games with Safford this week.

Jim Savage visited his brother at Humboldt, Kas., last week.

Miss Agnes Wildgen of Hoisington was here Monday, shopping.

Mrs. Roy Bidwell of Wichita is visiting her mother, Mrs. Frankie.

The second nine defeated Seward Saturday by a score of 12 to 7.

Rev. Davis of the Methodist church is enjoying a two weeks' vacation.

Nice peaches are selling on the streets this week at \$1 per bushel.

Picnic parties to the classic jungles of the Walnut are the proper thing.

Dark bay Kentucky brood mare for sale cheap for cash by Max C. Shafer.

"Dad" Quimby, the Santa Fe branch engineer, is enjoying a layoff at Enid.

Mrs. Dida Patterson and son returned Sunday night from their Iowa visit.

The democratic convention of Rice county meets at Lyons on September 12th.

Miss Nina Elmer of Hutchinson was a guest of Miss Avice Giddings last week.

Nick Sprinker and Tony Anchsteter, two solid Ellinwooders, were here on Monday.

A. S. Cooke of Hoisington is now traveling for the Etna Loan company of Topeka.

Watermelons can now be bought at reasonable price, and all the little coons are happy.

J. J. Crawford of Massachusetts was here the past week looking after his landed interests.

Martin and V. S. Musil, two of Ellinwood's standbys, were doing business in town Tuesday.

Dr. J. F. Hess, who has spent three months among old scenes in Ohio, came home last Wednesday.

Finn Likes has secured a good position at Ossawatimie, carpentering at the railroad shops, and leaves today.

The services at the park Sunday evening were the best attended of any this summer. Rev. Barrett preached.

F. H. A. Wright, formerly of the Central Normal college, has returned to Great Bend for the fall and winter

The creamery has commenced operations in the new building.

Mrs. Lowry and Miss Celia Mitchell are home from their eastern trip.

Will Shockey is now a Fourth ward resident, occupying the Mitchell property.

Charley Allison and Gus Schaeffer went to Kansas City Monday on business.

Hon. M. W. Cobun of the north side and daughter, Maida, were in the city Monday.

Miss Blanche Nimocks is home from the Emporia Normal school for the summer.

Master Ray Bell accompanied his uncle, Dave Heizer, to Colorado last week for a visit.

Harley Morgan left Friday for Olney, Ill. He will engage in the laundry business there.

Sam Rothweiler, station agent, merchant and postmaster at Bison, was here Monday on business.

Charley Day left Saturday for Sanborn, Ia., where his father resides, to work in a printing office.

Senator John Armstrong sold the first load of new wheat that was marketed in Ellinwood this season.

We are under obligations to S. C. Emley for interesting items concerning the normal and the cause of education.

Lyons Democrat: Mrs. Ed. W. Wood returned from Great Bend on Monday, from a visit of a week or more.

The social at the M. E. parsonage was attended by quite a number of the teachers, who seemed to enjoy themselves.

The corn fields look almost as encouraging as the report that the legislature will not be called together next winter.

J. Teten of Albert was trading in the county seat Tuesday. He thinks the democrats have the winning ticket this fall.

Mrs. Elnora Kirsh, who lived near Otis, Rush county, died Tuesday of lung trouble and was buried at Olmitz yesterday.

Mrs. E. E. Robbins and sister, Miss Hoffman, of Dighton, spent Monday night in town, the guests of Mrs. W. L. Walker.

Charley Snyder, formerly a Great Bend boy, now a Santa Fe engineer, passed through the city yesterday on his way west.

John O'Brien and wife and their daughter, Mrs. Ed Shanafelt, left Saturday for Kenosha, Wis., where they will recuperate.

Smith Shockey is now barbering at the "White House" shop, Kansas City, opposite the Junction, under the Union National bank.

At the DEMOCRAT office you will find the proper style and size of cards for gentlemen and for married and unmarried ladies.

After a man loses his job it is generally discovered that he has lived beyond his means. Few people save up money for a "rainy day."

Farmers, bring in samples of your products. We want to ornament our sanctum with them and show strangers what we can do here.

A. T. Webb, formerly in the drug business at Hoisington, now travels for the Topeka Paper company in Oklahoma and southern Kansas.

Barton county has 2,800 acres of alfalfa. When this paper commenced the discussion of this plant there was but a few acres in the county.

Mrs. T. T. Smith of Kansas City, Kas., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb, for the past month, left for home Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Donley and daughter, Blanche, returned last Friday from a two months visit at Knoxville, Iowa, accompanied by J. M.'s brother, John.

There were 35 degrees fall in the temperature from 5 o'clock Sunday evening until 4 o'clock Monday morning.

Orville Frost of Jasper county, Mo., who was in attendance at the death bed of his brother, returned home on Monday.

Mrs. Josie Dumont and daughter left Tuesday morning for Eureka Springs, Ark., where Mrs. Dumont has property.

Miss Alda Borders came in from Garden City Monday and left for her new home in Independence, Mo., in the evening.

L. P. Bloss was pretty badly bruised up early last week by his team running away while on the way home to the north side.

Homer Kackley has returned home to Republic county. Orville Kackley, our invincible pitcher, will teach school at Galatia.

One of our Ottawa exchanges presents a bank statement wherein the amount of gold coin on hand is quoted at \$1,621-16-2-1.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smart celebrated their twenty-first wedding anniversary at their home south of Ellinwood last Saturday.

County Superintendent Frank McKinney and wife on Friday became the parents of a fine boy, and are correspondingly happy.

Among out of town people who were here on Monday we noticed Dan Williams of Ellinwood, Ben J. Meyer of Claflin and John Bement of Pawnee Rock.

Mrs. E. Rush of La Crosse died last week. Mr. and Mrs. Rush were residents of this city in the 70's and will be remembered by many old timers.

Two Ellinwood ladies in very becoming bloomer bicycle costume were on our streets Tuesday. We regret to say that Great Bend is not up to date in bicycle attire.

The school board at Ellinwood has employed the corps of teachers to teach the public schools that taught last winter. All will occupy the same rooms as last winter.

We think that before the theatrical season opens the owners of the opera house should put that auditorium in better shape. A little plaster and paint would work wonders.

Dell McCurley was down from Russell county the first of the week. He says he will have a good corn crop this year—as good as he ever raised—and some small grain to feed the babies.

The partnership heretofore existing between Rader Bros. & Sprinker at Ellinwood has been dissolved. The business will be continued at the same stand under the firm name of Rader & Sprinker, John having withdrawn.

A genuine old soaker fell Monday night and puts the ground in admirable shape, for working, to say nothing about making all the corn and forage crops. The corn crop will be simply immense.

Garnett Journal: J. H. Cannon of this city went to Barton county last Friday on business and reports the corn crop in that portion of the state the best ever known in the history of the state.

The Ellinwood Advocate says Henry Huttman is "deputy international" revenue collector. Congratulations, Henry, and see if you can't find a box of worm candy for Dunn at some of the foreign seaports.

We will gladly give space to any communication relative to the early history of Barton county, reminiscences, biographical sketches of pioneers, or anything relating to the early settlement of the county.

We hear of a Great Bend boy who boasts of smoking twenty-five cigarettes in an hour, rolling them himself. The usual result of cigarette smoking is insanity, but this young man need have no fear of his brain being affected.

Homer Kackley, who has been attending school here, left last Saturday for his home at Kackley, Kan. He was accompanied by Reno Thatcher of this city, who is going to Nebraska to seek his fortune.

Pleasant Hidge item in Hoisington Dispatch: The editor of the DEMOCRAT is getting out a very newsy paper, something like the Dispatch. Mr. Welch has greatly improved the paper and he means to make things go.

"Rev." Albert Stevenson is an enthusiastic irrigationist now. He was over to see Henry Ford's garden this week and declares that Henry has seven acres of onions "as thick as the hair on a dog's back and as big as coffee cups."

A boiler explosion at the Hotel Gurney in Denver Monday killed twenty guests. Among those who were in the hotel but escaped uninjured were Mrs. O. H. Knight and sons of Lake City, Colo., formerly of Garden City and well known here.

George M. Moss, our popular young business man, says he did not know he was a candidate until he saw the report of Saturday's convention. He led on the informal ballot for county clerk. George thanks his friends for the compliment.

The white covered wagons are pointed southward and westward instead of northward and eastward. The old boys and girls, with the tow-headed children, the hencoop and the yellow dog are getting back to Grigsby's Station to try it again.

J. E. McQuillen, the populist candidate for representative, stated Saturday that the platform adopted by the democrats was "good enough for anybody." Of course it is. Mack. Get on board the good old democratic ship now and ride with the winners.

County Superintendent McKinney tells us that the state school fund is ready for distribution, amounting to 46 cents per capita. School treasurers must get an order from the superintendent before drawing their proportion from the county treasurer.

The ladies of the Degree of Rebekah, I. O. O. F., surprised Mrs. C. B. Morgan Saturday night to the number of fifty and had a merry time until a late hour. The occasion was called forth by the fact that Mrs. Morgan was about to start east on an extended visit.

The exhibition game at McPherson Tuesday between McPherson and Great Bend was called at the end of the seventh inning on account of rain with two scores each. The teams played again yesterday, but no result of the game has been received as we go to press.

We are surprised at the manner in which our local contemporaries play "sucker" for the benefit of a parsimonious business firm of this city by puffing an article from the sale of which the firm expects to reap a handsome profit. Advertising space in this paper must be paid for.

The guttersnipe is springing some gags that tickled the ribs of Pharo. One produced as original last Tuesday appeared on the patent inside of the Register two years ago. That's right, brothers, organize a little admiration society and shake hands across the bloody chasm.

Our manager has been unable to make a game with Winfield, which club is wiping up everything in that section of the state. Winfield seems afraid to get out of the charmed circle for fear of its laurels. Great Bend stands ready to play Winfield at any time or place and for any amount of money.

George Valerius will receive almost the entire vote of Homestead township for sheriff. Such support speaks louder than words for the honesty, ability and respect in which George is held in his own community. His nomination came to him unsought and was not the work of ring politicians. Can as much be said for the republican nominee?

William Hossack caught eighty pounds of grasshoppers Monday in forty minutes. He has the frame of an old header rigged up with a canvas screen running over two rollers. The machine is driven over the field and the hoppers fly against the screen and are drawn between the canvas and rollers and killed. He then feeds them to his hogs.

All the subordinate positions at the Hutchinson reformatory have been filled. J. C. O. Morse of Wellington is superintendent; Jack Downing, a Hays City newspaper man, is steward; W. Y. Armstrong, brother of our Senator, John Armstrong, is farmer for the institution; A. S. Sugrue of Dodge City, guard, and W. L. Hallowell assistant superintendent.

The Ellinwood Advocate draws consolation from the defeat of its kid and first nines by saying that the kids' defeat by Great Bend shows that "Ellinwood boys have something else to do besides play ball." The first nine defeat by Chase is classed as "good practice." We are glad to see Dunn's bilious liver turn over occasionally and be cheerful.

Charley Allen, son of A. S. Allen the druggist, left on Tuesday to accept a position in the large drug and stationery establishment of W. L. Johnson, at Atchison. Charley is a registered pharmacist and a young man of exceptionally good habits, and the DEMOCRAT predicts that his known worth and energy will enable him to rapidly advance to the highest attainable point in his chosen profession.

After a month of suffering with erysipelas, Luther Frost died at his home west of the city last Friday morning. He was buried on Saturday, the Grand Army having charge of the exercises. Mr. Frost was born in Illinois, June 16, 1842, and came to Barton county in 1872, homesteading his farm on section 2, Liberty township. His wife died in 1882, and three children, Miss Florence, Arthur and Elmer survive him. Mr. Frost was a good citizen, a highly conscientious and honorable man, and the bereaved children and relatives have the sympathy of all.

Dr. Payne of the State Normal spoke to the students at the Institute on "Short Methods in Arithmetic." His methods are simple, logical and brief and are worthy of the attention of every progressive teacher in the county. His lecture in the evening was very interesting. Some of his statements in regard to the authority of the school teacher were strong, but before he finished he established every point he made. The teachers who heard the lecture realize that they have more authority in the school than they ever thought they had.

During the storm at 3:30 Tuesday morning lightning struck the house of D. Fankhauser, three miles northwest of town, on the Walnut. At the time twelve members of the family were asleep in the house. The electric fluid came down the chimney into a room where five persons were, but injured no one except Mrs. Fankhauser, who was stunned and remained unconscious for several hours. She has completely recovered from the shock, however. The door jam was torn off and the woodwork in the room badly splintered. The lightning then passed into the cellar, melting the wires that suspended a hanging shelf.

In order to get some idea of conventions and elections, the normalites held two conventions on Saturday—republican and populist. Immediately after nomination of the officers the teachers proceeded to vote by the Australian system. It was amusing to see the judges squabble over points of law that did not apply at all to the question. A populist judge didn't care what was right, but wished to go by what the law said; and a republican judge didn't care what the law said but wished to go by what was right. Only four of the ballots were marked wrong, but one of these had every square on both tickets marked.