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SAID ABOUT KANSAS.

Some of the Most Eloquent and Truthful Sayings of Great Men.



Kansas men, about Kansas:

THE heart of the Kansan is always true to his beloved state; his hand is ever ready to defend her fair fame, and his tongue never ceases to sound her praise. We glean a few of the best sayings of Kansas men, about Kansas:

JUSTICE DAVID J. BREWER: Go where you will through Kansas and there stands before you the open door of the school house in whose portals stand the everpresent Yankee school marm, priestess of virtue and prophetic of knowledge and glory; while the spires of her thousand churches attest the universal faith in Him for whose worship our fathers crossed the sea. It is no wonder that in the past of his state every Kansan glories, and in its future believes. He is the real Puritan. Plymouth has been moved from Massachusetts to Kansas, and from this state henceforth shall flow ideas to rule the continent. It is honor enough to have lived in Kansas and have been a part of her history.

JOHN A. MARTIN (1886): Kansas is still in the bloom of her youth; she has only fairly commenced her great career. Loving freedom and loyal to the core; believing in education and respecting the law; striving to keep her young manhood sober, clean and healthy; never a feeble imitator, yet always ready to learn; not afraid to experiment, and always ready to lead; full of energy, courage and enthusiasm—this is the Kansas of our love and faith, this is the fair mistress of our hearts, to whom, adopting the language of Ruth to Naomi, we say: "Entreat me not to leave thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest will I die and there I will be buried."

THEODORE PARKER (1856): In the year of our Lord 1900 there will be two million people in Kansas, with cities like Providence and Worcester—perhaps like Chicago and Cincinnati. She will have more miles of railroad than Maryland, Virginia and both the Carolinas can now boast. The land will be worth twenty dollars an acre, and her total wealth will be five hundred million of money. Six hundred thousand children will learn in her schools. What schools, newspapers, libraries, meetings houses? Yes, what families of educated, happy and religious men and women! There will be a song of Freedom all around the slave states, and in them slavery itself will die.

JOHN J. INGALLS: In Kansas nothing is impossible. When a Kansas man is told a thing can not be done, he goes and does it. Our successes are phenomenal. We paint everything red. The epochs of other states are the commonplaces in history. When it rains it is an inundation. When it is dry, water is a natural curiosity. We have found the desert, and we have made an oasis. We have abolished the frontier and made it a home.

This is a wonderful country for variety. Last Thursday night we saw a couple of young people hanging over the front yard gate and whispering sweet nothings beneath the indulgent smile of the round old moon, untroubled with a care and warmly clothed in mutual love and a few other things. Monday night the tableau was changed; she was out sleigh riding with another fellow, and he was hugging—not another girl, but the stove in a friendly grocery store.

M. P. Simpson and Mr. Megers, of Roberts P. O., were down to the county seat Monday. Mr. Megers has bought a farm in the south-east part of the county.

The American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, does repair work free—and guarantees satisfaction. Give them a trial. F. B. GREENE, Agt.

LOCAL NOTES.

Hear the merry jingle of the bells.

Farmers are hustling for seed oats.

Friday's wind did some damage on sandy ground.

Powder and shot at cost.

A. R. MOSS.
The DEMOCRAT and School Visitor one year for \$1.10.

Have not heard of any gardens being made this week.

We have a few more farm leases for sale, at this office.

New, bulk garden seeds, at half former prices.

A. R. MOSS.
A term of the district court brings lots of people into town this week.

Hear Prof. Dyche, at the opera house on the 7th—afternoon and evening.

If Spain don't withdraw her Weyler, the Cuban patriots are sure to whale 'er.

District court opened Tuesday, and is grinding away without the slip of a cog.

Highest market price paid for butter and eggs, in exchange for goods at cost.

A. R. MOSS.
Another boy came to enliven the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Spencer, Thursday last.

Dr. Phillips, the eye and ear Specialist, will be at the Hotel Greene March 14th to 17th.

See the report of the township assessor's meeting, elsewhere in this week's DEMOCRAT.

Go to Nelson & Son's Feed Store for early Ohio potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons.

An engagement without a fair exchange of kisses is taxation without representation.

The wheat has been blanketed. It is all right, if the "kivver" does not stay on too long.

Wm. Hossick has been in the western part of the state buying stock for the past week or two.

Go to Nelson & Son's Feed Store for early Ohio potatoes, apples, oranges and lemons.

Mrs. Althea Briggs Stryker is reported as having discovered a new gold bug at Washington.

What are the people doing to recure the Coursing meeting here this fall? It is worth going after.

Spring house cleaning time approaches. Get old papers at this office, 20c a hundred.

Miss Lizzie Everett, of Buffalo township, has been quite sick the past week or more, with lung fever.

Marriage license was issued Monday to J. D. Grove of Oklahoma, and Miss Eliza Opie, of this county.

Consult Dr. W. A. Phillips for diseases of the eye and ear, at the Hotel Greene, March 14th to 17th.

L. L. Durand returned last week from the Mo. P. hospital at Kansas City, much improved in health.

Job printing done at the DEMOCRAT office always proves satisfactory. One price to all men—no favoritism.

Of course Fred Zutavern is the first man in town to furnish his table with home grown spring "garden sass."

John Shauf, of near Dubuque, selected Monday last as a good day, (I don't think) to drive down to the county seat.

Postmaster Frank Millard, of Millard who is also trustee of Union township, called on the DEMOCRAT Monday.

Four new subscribers added to the DEMOCRAT list Monday. Everybody can afford to read the DEMOCRAT at \$1 a year.

F. B. Greene, Agt. for American Steam Laundry, of Hutchinson, sends his basket on Tuesday evening and has it back Saturday a. m.

Remember, Dr. Phillips will be at the Hotel Greene but three days, March 14th to 17th. Call the first day and arrange date for consultation.

Those March winds started early so as to get in on the ground floor on time. If the April showers do the same there will be no kick coming.

REMOVE THIS EVIL.

A Letter From A Prominent Farmer—Well Worth Reading.



THAT the dollars in the pockets of every business man, every farmer, every mechanic in Kansas would be easier found had we more equitable laws in this state, and were not held up to ridicule by the people of other states for some of the fool laws that are on our statute books, but are never enforced, there is no question. The following letter from T. N. BonDurant, a prominent McPherson county farmer and democrat, is well worth a careful perusal. The letter is as follows:

We have upon our statute books a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors and for a number of years the state and local authorities have endeavored to enforce obedience to these laws. One administration after another has come into power and passed away, and still the traffic in intoxicants continues. Why is this so?

There are no people more true and law abiding than the people of Kansas. Yet it is published broadcast throughout the state that this law is not respected. Now, if the statement is true, we are certainly face to face with a condition that must be squarely met and settled. Under a republican form of government, it has been established beyond the possibility of successful contradiction, that public sentiment is the standard by which all laws are judged. That any and all laws sanctioned by public sentiment, can easily be enforced; and that laws not thus sanctioned can never be successfully executed.

Measuring then this law by this standard, is not the proof overwhelmingly in favor of removing it from our statutes. When it is clearly demonstrated by the continued efforts of four or five successive administrations, with the entire resources of the state at their command, that it is impossible to enforce it, we should stop in our effort to force the people to bear a burden they are unwilling to bear. The prohibitory law, as it now stands upon the statutes of the state of Kansas, is there in opposition to the wish of the masses of the people of today in Kansas. What the sentiments might have been when it was placed there, has nothing to do with that of to-day. Earnestly believing that this is the condition at present, we should present to the people of the state and in every county, a platform with a clear ringing demand for resubmission. There can be no possible harm in doing so. Let us hear from the people; I am willing to trust the people upon any question; their verdict shall be my verdict. This condition forces the great state of Kansas into the position of an unwilling educator of a class of law-breakers.

There is not a ten year old boy in the state, who has common sense, that does not know that the selling of intoxicating liquors is prohibited by law. Yet he cannot visit the humblest hamlet in the state without witnessing a violation of this law. Can we expect that boy to grow up to manhood with that profound respect for the laws of the state that should exist in the breast of every citizen? Certainly not—it is vain to hope for such results under existing conditions.

Let us take a commercial view of the condition at this time. Our state ranks fifth in agricultural products and with fair seasons we can easily rank second. Yet what does it avail us; with all our wonderful cereal resources we are, by this one law made tributary to Missouri. Having no home demand for our corn, we are forced to sell at ruinous prices—pay the freight to other states, and then use the pittance received from our corn to buy from them, at an enormous profit, articles that we must have but cannot on account of this prohibitory law, manufacture here. Thus Kansas is made tributary to other states in the sum of not less than one-half to

three quarters of a million dollars yearly.

This enormous drain upon the resources of our state, is drawn directly from the laboring masses; almost exclusively from the farming element. Every bushel of corn sold at 15 cents pays an indirect tribute to the prohibitory law from 10 to 15 cents; for could we manufacture our farm products at home, it would enhance its value at least to that extent.

I am discussing this question only from a common sense, business standpoint, and I appeal to the common sense of those who have born the burden of such undemocratic legislation for these many years, to take their stand with me and view the condition as I have viewed it, then cast your ballot as your honest convictions dictate.

Methodist Episcopal conference, for this district, was held at the M. E. church in this city the first three days of this week.

Voters should remember that there is only a few weeks now for registration before the city election. The books will close March 27th.

Charlie Hooper was elected a member of the finance committee of the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., at its meeting in Leavenworth last week.

Great Bend would be an excellent point for the location of an ice manufactory. Some man of means should be brought here on this business.

Dr. Dunn of Ellinwood was called to Great Bend, Monday, in consultation with the physicians attending Mrs. F. V. Russell who is dangerously ill.

Henry Langfeld, trustee of Comanche township, was in town Monday, attending the assessor's meeting and rejoicing over the falling moisture.

S. S. Phillips, another Barton county boy who thought to better his condition in some other state, returned last week from Illinois. They all come back.

J. C. Hawkins, who came here to work with J. H. Jackson the restaurant man some time back, is laid up in his room. The Odd Fellows are caring for him.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pratt, of Wichita, the first of the week. This makes Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tyler grand-parents for the first time.

The Knights of Pythias lodge of this city has "work" enough on hands to keep its members busy for several months. Which is a good indication of prosperity.

Ness county farmers have a prairie fire vigilance committee the object of which is to prosecute any man who sets out a prairie fire and lets it get away from him.

Harvey Preston, of Colorado, who held cases on the DEMOCRAT and DAILY GRAPHIC ten years ago, stopped off to see us last week, on his way up the Great Bend & Selkirk branch.

John Frank will leave next week for the western part of the state, to work on one of the state irrigation plants, where an expert is required to make the machinery do its proper duty.

Joe Sprinker, the jovial and wide-awake trustee of Lakin township, was again selected to preside over the meeting of township assessors last Monday. Joe is old business as a presiding officer.

Call on the DEMOCRAT for farm leases, rent receipt books, notes, mortgages, and all justice of the peace blanks. Any quantity, from 1 to 1000, and at prices cheaper than the same can be bought in Topeka.

Miss Ella Cline returned from her Colorado visit Tuesday evening, accompanied by her sister Miss Pet Cline, who has just recovered from a severe sick spell, and hopes to benefit by our pleasant climate.

Dr. W. A. Phillips will be at the Hotel Green, Great Bend, on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, March 14th to 17th, to treat diseases of the eye and ear only. Be sure and call on him the first day, (the 14th) and make appointments for consultation.

PERSONAL POINTS.

—J. C. Loomiler came down from Lane county, Friday.

—George Greene, Jr., visited in Greeley county Friday last.

—Station Agent Robertson now occupies the Torrey residence.

—Dr. Henry Lindas is making his weekly visit in Great Bend.

—Prof. J. A. Brady has been laid up with the grip the past few days.

—Mrs. Sam'l Penna of the west side, has been quite ill the past week.

—Levi Gunn went down to Wichita, Sunday, on U. S. court business.

—Jim Daiziel was down from Cladfin last week, to feel the political pulse.

—W. W. Savage was down from the northwest part of the county, Sunday.

—J. M. Donley and wife returned from their visit in Iowa, Friday night.

—Attorney Sam Jones, of Lyons, did court business in Great Bend Tuesday.

—Mrs. Lydia Tyler visited her daughter in Wichita the first of the week.

—Bennie McMullen has gone down to the Strip to begin spring work on his claim.

—Mr. Myers and wife, of the Mo. P. system, returned home to Salina, last Friday.

—Henry Schwier was in town Saturday, for the second time since January 1st.

—P. I. Gill droye to Larned Saturday to visit a few days with his mother.

—Fred Dawson was down from Dodge City, Sunday on a visit to his parents.

—W. F. Robertson, who has been assisting at the Mo. P. depot, returned to Scott City last week.

—Prof. E. B. Smith and Leo Chapman were out to Offerle, Kansas, on business last Saturday.

—T. L. Owings came home from his wanderings, Monday, to spend a few days with his family.

—A. R. Moss left for Cripple Creek Saturday, where he will look up the chances for opening a grocery business.

—M. C. Moore, who has been engineer at the waterworks here for some time, returned to Arkansas City this week.

—R. B. Warren came up from Hutchinson Friday morning, to arrange to move his family down to that slow village.

—Editor Hobart spent Sunday again with friends in this city. How long is this going to continue before "cards" are out?

—W. H. Russell, formerly a printer in this office, but now a bridge carpenter on the Santa Fe, was a caller Tuesday.

—Miss Anna Scott left Friday evening for Washington, D. C., to take her position as secretary of the Venezuelan Commission.

—R. O. McGee, a mail clerk on the Santa Fe, was here a few days this week on a visit to his brother who is attending college.

—Miss Leota Dudley, of Wichita, stopped off on her way to Pueblo, last week, to visit with her brother, L. L. Dudley of this city.

—Miss Dot VanPelt has resigned her position in the New York Store, and Miss Julia Wesley has been engaged for the same place.

—Mrs. J. W. Chappel arrived Sunday for a weeks visit with relatives and friends. After which she will return to her home in Atchison.

—R. B. Warren will keep posted on Great Bend happenings through the columns of the DEMOCRAT. He is now permanently located at Hutchinson.

—A. J. Dickerson, a prominent business man of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, formerly of Ness City, was in Great Bend on business the first of the week.

Daniel H. McCarthy writes the DEMOCRAT an interesting letter from New Orleans, La. He says while he writes the mosquitoes are buzzing about his ears. . . . This is the most pleasant season of the year in that city. . . . The 1896 Mardi Gras, and the spring races, were the finest in the history of the city.