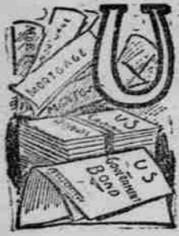


## OVERMEYER'S OPINION.

Hon. David Overmeyer Expresses Himself Upon the Possibility of Fusion.



When asked recently what he thought of the possibility of a combination of democrats and populist of Kansas this fall on the state and legislative tickets, Mr. Overmeyer, who was the last democratic candidate for governor, had the following reply to make:

"Everything depends upon the action of the democratic party in its national convention. If the party nominates a straight silver man for president on a straight silver platform—a 16 to 1 platform—without reference to foreign nations, there will not be much of a populist party outside of Kansas, and even in Kansas the populists will be compelled to be respectful to the democrats in the matter of a state ticket, seeing that it is their manifest duty to support the democratic nominee for president. Under such circumstances some kind of a combination ought to be made on the state ticket.

"On the other hand if the democrats nominate a gold standard man for president on a gold standard platform, or a milk and water platform, I apprehend that no one will think it possible to make a combination in Kansas between the democrats and populists. Indeed, in such a case there will be no democratic party in Kansas.

"I don't suppose that anybody at the present time has any definite idea what course will be pursued at the democratic state nominating convention. Just now the silver men are getting ready to send delegates to the Topeka convention June 3, who will elect a silver delegation to Chicago."

Mr. Overmeyer said that the silver men had an organization in every county in the state, and were diligently at work increasing their membership. He admitted the gold standard men were also doing business with the view of controlling the Topeka convention. "But the silver men will succeed," he added. "Why shouldn't they? Glick, Martin and all of the old leaders are for silver, and 95 per cent of the democratic people are for silver. If the convention declares for anything else, the people will say that we have been bought, and they will say right. Such a result would furnish most overwhelming evidence of intrigue, manipulation and purchase."

### A. M. Button is Dead.

This news will be read with sadness by many of our good citizens who have known deceased for many years as one of the most respected old settlers of this county. He passed away Sunday night, the 19th, after lingering very near the brink of death for many weeks. His disease was internal cancer. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hopkins, at his late home west of town on Monday, and the remains interred in the Great Bend cemetery.

A. M. Button came to Barton county in 1874, locating on a farm about eight miles west of town. He was a little over 47 years old at the time of his death. A widow and five children, Alice, Nina, Charley, Harry and Eddie, the youngest being now 16 years. His life was insured in the Fraternal Aid Association for \$2000, and he drew a pension of \$12 a month. The DEMOCRAT joins a large host of friends in extending sympathy to the family.

### \$2.00 For Lister Shares.

After this date I will put on Lister Shares, as follows: 14 inch for \$2; 16 inch, for \$2.25; 12 inch plow shares, \$2.25; 14 inch, \$2.50; 16 inch \$2.75. All shares guaranteed to be the best grade of steel in the market. Also, 1 inch axle stubs, \$6.00; 1 1/2 inch \$6.50. All boxes set by a wagon maker. W. P. COLES.

### Hall Insurance.

Insure your wheat against loss or damage by hail. Two Companies. Lowest Rates. Cash or time. E. W. BOLINGER, Agent. At Farmers & Merchants Bank.

You can save money on everything you buy at A. R. MOSS'.

## LOCAL NOTES.

In a week or so the spring picnic will be ripe.

What a dam-p wet country this is anyhow!

High school commencement exercises May 6th.

We are still shoveling them out at cost. A. R. MOSS.

The old telephone system wires were taken down last week.

Bring us 5 bushels of corn and get a receipt for the DEMOCRAT a year.

A good, second-hand set of double harness for sale cheap. C. A. PELTER.

Father John Langham got his hands badly scorched at the fire Wednesday last.

The cold wave stated for the 27th inst. will reach this point about the 28th.

"T. Winkle's" twinklings reached this office just 24 hours too late, last week.

Rev. David Schmidt, of Pawnee Rock, has moved with his family to Marion county.

I will open a summer school in the Central school building, May 18. ELLA M. DAY.

Work in Woodland lodge K. of P. to-night. Every member should be in attendance.

Dave Gray was over from Hoisington last Thursday—and of course we got a rain soon after.

Henry D. Unruh, of the west side, lost a valuable cow last week, by her getting too much alfalfa.

Full proceedings of the county commissioners' meeting will be found in the DEMOCRAT this week.

Spring time is coming, nearer day by day; but the wise man will keep his flannels on 'till the 1st of May.

Trustee D. W. Humphrey, of Homestead township, was over finishing up his reports, the first of the week.

TO TRADE—Improved city property in Great Bend, for land or a stock of goods. Call at or address this office.

A big baptizing bee was held, in South Bend township, last Sunday, at J. A. Hogue's. Ten persons were baptised.

Every man who has an advertisement in the DEMOCRAT is doing a good business, notwithstanding the hard times.

My wife says it's a good thing she got well acquainted with me before we were married, as she has not had much of a chance to do so since.

Mrs. Weir, daughter of Mr. Shilkey, died at her home in Hoisington Sunday night. The funeral was conducted Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

Ed. McNowen has had his butcher shop nicely repainted, and now smiles more pleasantly than usual upon the numerous lady customers.

Barton county's delegates worked hard for Ed. Hotchkiss, at the Dodge City pop convention; but Milton, the coyote, outran him by long odds.

W. P. Feder, Leon L. Roberts and Milt Nickerson left on Monday for Beloit, to represent Great Bend Sons of Veterans in the state encampment.

The "six rainy Sundays after Easter" rule is busted; but we have had—and will continue to have—enough rainy week days to touch the right spot.

With all the bicycles that are being started rolling in this town, it will not be surprising if the druggists do not raise the price of tincture of arnica and camphor.

Don't let the copious rains head off your preparations for irrigating. You will never loose anything by being able to put water on your crops just when they need it.

Some of our readers who have smoked meats to spare can do us a good turn by bringing in a ham, or a shoulder, or a "lean and streaked side of bacon" on subscription.

Hornbeck, at the old Beye stand has the best grades of apples and sells at the lowest market prices. See him before buying. Also fresh cider and cider vinegar always on hand.

## THEY'LL COME BACK.

Misguided Mortals, Who Have Left Kansas, will, Like the Oat, "Come Back."



MAKING experiences of the past as an indication of what the future will be, and remembering a 11-ways that there is no grander state, no finer climate, no better people on earth than right here in Kansas, the following poetical outburst of that famous Kansas rhymster, Walt Mason, is eminently to the point:

"They are going out from Kansas, they are going in the cars, they have hitched their little wagons to the smoothest sort of stars; they have sold their smiling homesteads in this land of fitful drouth, they are going out from Kansas to the wetness of the south. And their pockets now are bulging for they've sold off all their goods, and they'll blow their little fortunes in the damp and mouldy woods, where the mosquitos full of tunes, and the climate full of ague and the people full of prunes. They are going off from Kansas, they are going off in style, and the emigration agents will absorb their little pile."

"They'll be coming back to Kansas, when a year or two has flown; we shall know that they're approaching when we hear them weep and groan; they'll be coming back to Kansas, and they'll all be flecked with flies, they'll be coming on the hog train, they'll be coming on the ties; they'll be coming sore and needy, full of oaths and woe, and bile, and they won't look like the farmers who are going now in style; and the fatted calves won't perish to relieve their doleful dumps, for the calves are not intended to refresh a race of chumps."

"Still the wise men face the music and they stay right where they are, and do not hitch their wagons to an "immigration" star; for they know that old Kansas has a record to maintain; and (we mention this in passing) there are signs of coming rain."

Charlie Hobart says "local sentiment" flowed as free as water at the republican convention last week in Dodge City. Dodge has always had her saloons, and republican officials have always known of it.

The populist convention at Dodge City last Thursday nominated B. F. Milton, of Dodge City, for appellate court judge. The fight for the nomination is said to have been between Jones, of Rice, and Milton. Twenty ballots were taken before a nomination was made.

Dress Makers and Seamstresses: Look to your own interests and investigate the Standard Garment Cutting System, taught in the Dress Cutting School now located over the Cyclone store, second stairs south of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Great Bend. Teachers wanted.

### Mrs. S. W. MOYER, Instructor.

The DEMOCRAT office this week got out the high school commencement cards, an elegant job, embossed in gilt and on parchment paper. The fact that we have done this work for the last five years shows that the young graduates appreciate the fact that only first class work is turned out at this office.

Elrick Cole received the nomination of the republican convention held at Dodge City last Wednesday, for appellate court judge. The boys say the nomination was handed to Elrick on a platter, and accepted in true Chesterfieldian manner by the handsome judge. When the democrats of the district make their nomination we will be able to predict what the result will be in November.

We want to close out our stock of stoves, and are offering them at actual cost to us. You cannot afford to let this opportunity pass to get a good stove at cost. This is no catch advertisement, but we mean business.

Great Bend Implement Co.

As the DEMOCRAT was going onto the press last Wednesday the fire bell rang out its warning and called the Fire Department to the south-east part of town, where Leonard Krause's barns were on fire. His large barns and several small ones were all ablaze before the first hose could be got to play upon them, but the fire was kept from spreading and soon put out. Mr. Krause lost a fine surrey, all his grain, one good brood mare, and his stables; value about \$800; insurance \$200. It made a mighty hot fire for a little bit.

A. J. Sear was a caller at this office Saturday. He reports the Seward skimming station now running successfully, and separating the milk from about 250 cows. He believes the patrons realize that in having this station close to them they will have a sure source of revenue that will not depend upon wet or dry weather, and will be a constant source of revenue so long as a fair quantity of milk is supplied.

A very large number of people attended the funeral of Mike Airheart, last Thursday, over 60 vehicles being in line when the procession left the house. The bereaved family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by the Sons of Veterans Camp of Great Bend.

It is not the hands of heroes, battling for their fellow men, nor the helping hand of woman, nor the hand that wields the pen, nor the hand that beats the carpet on the backyard fence unfurled, but the hand that beats four acres is the hand that rules the world.

The band got out in the park last Saturday afternoon and discoursed sweet music that cheered the people and reminded us of old times when all felt prosperous and hopeful of abundant harvests and successful business.

The Barton county widow who advertised for a husband, in the DEMOCRAT, says she has had about fifty proposals already, from men living in all parts of the country, from Kansas City to Oklahoma.

John Schaeffer returned from the Kansas City hospital last week. He is still without the use of one leg, but thinks the condition of his knee is improving as rapidly as could be expected.

Larned only owes \$8,172.50 to her waterworks company for hydrant rental. The water company would like to settle for 50 cents on the dollar, but Larned has not got the 50 cents.

Fred Windhorst, of the south side, not only feels good over the big rains, but counts himself \$1000 better off by reason of the fine girl baby which came about two weeks ago.

P. D. Armour, the big packing magnate, says wheat will go to a dollar a bushel this fall. We have heard of such predictions before, but hope this one is correct.

This has been a great spring for the starting of alfalfa, and those farmers who have their new fields started may feel pretty sure of a good stand.

STRAYED—From east of Great Bend, a gray mare, 9 to 10 years old, medium height. Information of her whereabouts, or her return, will be rewarded. G. STROBEL.

The Rev. Dr. J. D. Krum will hold Episcopal services in this city on next Sunday, morning and evening. Prayer meeting at the usual time and place.

The scandal peddlers have had several delectable morsels to chew over, the last week or so. They would die if they did not.

Will Atkinson knows this is going to be a good year. A fine, big healthy boy—the first born—came to his home Sunday the 19th.

Visiting Knights of Pythias are expected here from Pawnee Rock, Ellinwood and Seward, this—Thursday—evening.

Jake Miller has moved his photograph gallery to the rooms over Griffith's grocery.

Straw hats have appeared on the streets, but they are a little bit previous.

Our brass band is arranging to play every Saturday afternoon in the park.

Just received a fine lot of Kaw Valley Early Ohio's for seed. A. R. MOSS.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

Pointed Paragraphs Pertinently Pertaining to Prominent People.



DA Brinkman, Pearl Whitney and Augusta Booth, of Larned, attended the club dance in this city Friday evening last.

Dr. Dunn, of Ellinwood, was up to see his Great Bend friends last Friday.

C. R. Brooker is up from Cleo, Ok. for a couple of weeks.

Dick Ewalt, Jr., is able to take a little out-door exercise.

Dr. Waggoner, of Larned was a Great Bend visitor Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Wintenburg visited in Claffin the first of the week.

Mrs. G. Krouch, of Larned, is visiting with Mrs. C. Samuels.

Chas. Pressl and Frank Dell made a visit to Ellinwood, Monday.

Dan Lamoreaux and family visited relatives in St. John this week.

Frank Kramer was home over Sunday to visit the wife and "kids."

Charlie Allison and Will Kelley were up north of Claffin, Monday.

Mrs. C. W. Deats, of Burlington, is visiting with Mrs. D. J. Coughlin.

Will O'Bleness, of Claffin, spent Sunday with friends in Great Bend.

Wm. T. Bannister and J. B. Prose were over from Hoisington Saturday.

Col. W. W. Sowards was shaking hands with friends in town, Monday.

Miss Carrie Bunting, of St. John, came up to visit W. R. and family last week.

Will Shopper, of Nickerson, is making the run to Selkirk, for a couple of weeks.

Will Boughan and a clothes line had a misunderstanding that resulted the worse for William.

Mrs. W. H. Rice, of Millard, was in the city visiting friends a couple of days last week.

Mrs. C. M. Bain and daughter, Beulah, are visiting with Mrs. Baine's sister, in Oklahoma.

Chase Elmore and N. E. Norris were Claffin gentlemen doing business in the city Saturday.

Ralph Aiken, the kindergarten man, left for La Crosse, Wednesday, to remain "indefinitely."

C. Gehrler, Jr., one of Hoisington's bright young democrats, was a caller at this office Wednesday.

Will Bunting is going into the law business. For the present he will have an office with C. A. Swartz.

Monday a snide circus under the name of Bond Bros. showed at St. John. It seems to have been made up of "skin games" and tough characters generally. When the sheriff of Stafford county attempted to arrest some of the crooks, the circus gang resisted, with the result that one man, named Glasscock, who was acting as a deputy sheriff, was probably mortally wounded and others seriously injured. The governor was telegraphed to send troops to aid in the capture of the gang, but the show, which is a railroad affair, pulled out for Dodge City before a company of militia, which was sent from Newton, could reach St. John. It is too bad the citizens of St. John did not demolish the whole outfit.

Paul Andreae and Miss Estella Rascoe were married, at the M. E. parsonage, Great Bend, last Wednesday, the 15th. The groom is a promising young farmer, a son of Chas. Andreae of Comanche township, while the bride is the daughter of Chas. H. Rascoe, of Great Bend township. The DEMOCRAT sends congratulations to the young couple, who will make their home on a prosperous farm in Stafford county.

What a jumble of sounds a phonograph, placed in the postoffice lobby Sunday evenings after the mail is in from the east, would catch! Its reproduction would rival the sounds at the Tower of Babel.