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## DEMOCRATS FOR SILVER.

Indications Point to the Controlling of the Chicago Convention by the Friends of Silver.



PEOPLE are beginning to make estimates of the probable strength of the opposing wings of the democratic party in the coming national convention. Enough states have taken action in selection of delegates, either to the national democratic convention or to the state conventions to select delegates to the national convention, to enable one to make a conservative estimate of what will be the complexion of the Chicago convention. We have noticed several estimates, by extremely partisan papers and by conservative papers; and from all of them we gather that the vote is indicated at this date as follows:

	For Silver.	Against.	Doubtful.
Alabama.....	22	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	16	.....	.....
California.....	18	.....	.....
Colorado.....	8	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	.....	12	.....
Delaware.....	.....	6	.....
Florida.....	8	.....	.....
Georgia.....	.....	26	.....
Idaho.....	6	.....	.....
Illinois.....	48	.....	.....
Indiana.....	30	.....	.....
Iowa.....	26	.....	.....
Kansas.....	20	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	.....	26	.....
Louisiana.....	16	.....	.....
Maine.....	.....	12	.....
Maryland.....	.....	16	.....
Massachusetts.....	.....	16	.....
Michigan.....	28	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	18	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	18	.....	.....
Missouri.....	34	.....	.....
Montana.....	6	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	16	.....	.....
Nevada.....	6	.....	.....
New Hampshire.....	.....	8	.....
New Jersey.....	.....	20	.....
New York.....	72	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	22	.....	.....
North Dakota.....	6	.....	.....
Ohio.....	.....	46	.....
Oregon.....	8	.....	.....
Pennsylvania.....	.....	64	.....
Rhode Island.....	.....	8	.....
South Carolina.....	.....	18	.....
South Dakota.....	8	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	24	.....	.....
Texas.....	30	.....	.....
Utah.....	6	.....	.....
Vermont.....	.....	8	.....
Virginia.....	.....	24	.....
Washington.....	.....	12	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	12	.....
Wisconsin.....	.....	24	.....
Wyoming.....	6	.....	.....
Totals.....	454	356	84

Even if the "sound money" men secured all that are marked "doubtful" in the above table, the silver champions would still have a majority in the convention. It is hardly probable that all the doubtful states will go to the gold men. The territories are also not counted in the above table, and it is almost certain that they will swell the silver majority.

The domination of a free silver candidate, on an unequivocal platform, would result in drawing to his aid the most of the populist vote of the country, especially in the southern states, and the silver republicans of the west; so that the democrats could dispense with the New York contingent and still be almost certain to win the election.

Embroidery silk, 7 spools for 5c at the Racket.

A thedeacon Watkins will hold Episcopal services in this city on Thursday evening at the usual hour in the German M. E. church.

C. A. Hooper has had the front of his store newly painted, and the Tribune building is also rejoicing in a shining new front.

The vicinity of Clafin had a good rain last Friday night. Some hail fell, but so far as we can learn no considerable damage was done.

Shelton's Patent Tomb Casting, both Monuments and Slabs, for sale by A. B. Miller, north side of square. Get his prices before you buy.

A number of Great Bend young men went up to Larned last Sunday, to seek rest in that ancient and quiet village after a busy week in the city.

J. G. Worrall, of Eureka township, got into a row with Al. Brown last Thursday, and measured his length a couple of times on the ground.

J. H. Bement, the Pawnee Rock attorney, was down to Great Bend, Monday, and favored the DEMOCRAT with a call. Mr. Bement has the same report to make that others have—that chances for a rousing wheat crop were never better.

## LOCAL NOTES.

Early listed corn is coming up. Attend the democratic caucuses. Girl wanted, at the Hotel Greene.

New vegetables are now most plentiful.

Every-other-day a rain. That's all right. The sand bloweth where the farmer listeth.

Zepkyer Gingham for 7c a yard at the Racket.

The new city council will meet next Monday evening.

Rye is heading out, and oats are humping themselves.

Many harrowing sights are now to be seen on the farm.

Before another week most of the wheat will be heading out.

No band music materialized last Saturday. What's the hitch?

A little rain storm now and then is relished by all Kansas men.

A. C. Fair is having a new coat of paint put on the Fair block.

We can save you money on all kinds of Dry Goods at the Racket.

Gosh! fishhooks! but didn't the wind blow Tuesday and Wednesday?

Notice the prices at which Chas. Lundblade is offering chinaware.

It's a dry week now—a-days when we don't have a rain every other day.

There will be a public dance in the Hulme hall, Friday night, April 8th.

The Pawnee Rock schools, A. W. Hamilton principal, closed last week.

WANTED:—A seamstress, to do sewing at the house. Inquire at this office.

Who has a pig, or hogs, to trade for corn? See A. L. Miller—he's got the corn.

The Great Bend Odd Fellows celebrated the lodge anniversary, Monday night.

DRESS MAKING, by Mrs. A. B. Miller, at her home. Work, and a fit guaranteed.

If your home is subject to tax deed, remember and redeem it in time—before September 8th.

Leonard Krause has an announcement in this paper that will be of interest to farmers needing the services of thoroughbred animal.

When a fellow is always "chewing the rag" it makes other people think he has nothing else to chew.

The lightning has commenced its usual spring contract of getting away with an occasional cow or horse.

Mr. C. R. Brooker and wife have a boy three weeks old, who is helping to hold down their claim in the Strip.

Farmers are pricing Headers. Money will get machinery mighty cheap if you buy of the men who advertise.

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

A marriage license was issued last Thursday to R. L. Baxter and Jennie Beck, both Hoisington young people.

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

ELLA M. DAY.

Frank Dell, Jr., was given preliminary instructions in the Sons of Veterans lodge, Monday night of this week.

Zute says he got everything in sight, at the K. of P. lodge the other night, and some things that were "out of sight."

If you have anything to sell or trade an ad in the DEMOCRAT costing you only a few cents, will help you out. Try it.

W. F. Pettillon of the Dodge City Democrat, and Hon. G. M. Hoover, also of Dodge, were in the city on business Tuesday.

Charlie Hahn, of Stafford county, near Seward, was in the city Tuesday. He says in his neighborhood everything is looking fine.

Dad Delaplaine was up north west, Sunday, and says he saw finer wheat than ever was known in this county at this time of year.

## THE K. OF P. GOAT.

He "Gets His Work in" on Charlie Zute, and Comes Out Smiling.



OATS are proverbially tough, especially lodge room goats, and the one that scents the lodge room of Castle Hall No. 87, Knights of Pythias, of this city, and buttaphorically speaking, rules the roost, demonstrated, last Thursday night, that he was and is equal to any occasion. He had of course been carefully groomed for the occasion, fed on electrified fodder and gumalastic greens for months in anticipation of the hard work he had before him when Zute bestrode his form. The Knights take especial pride in that goat and were not going to let him be subdued by any man—most especially the victim of Thursday night. And he was not; because Zute signed a sweeping acknowledgement that he had enough.

Besides the Great Bend Knights who participated in the exercises that completed the ceremonies which made Chas. L. Zute a full accoutered Knight, there were the following visiting brothers present:

From Pawnee Rock—Knights C. W. Vosburg, A. W. Hamilton, Jude Goodale, W. E. Clemston, T. H. Morris, E. W. Smith, Chas. Lawhorn, W. J. Murphy, I. C. Riggs, M. E. Haynes and W. W. Bowman.

From Ellinwood—Knights Jake Heildley, Will Steckel, Charlie Leschesky, Wm. Ludwig, and Henry Bach.

From Seward—Knights Joe Waters, J. E. McDonald, Tom Blunn and Ed Devey.

From Leavenworth—Knight L. E. Wicks.

After the lodge work was over visitors and members partook of an appreciatively touched lunch that touched the right spot and revived the physical spirits of all after the evening's work.

The Great Bend Knights are greatly pleased with the visiting brothers, and extend a most cordial invitation to "come again," while Zute says that he now feels capable of meeting any emergency that may beset a man during his natural lifetime.

Mens Parcale shirts at the Racket for 47c. Give them a trial.

A man who is himself such small potatoes that he does not put his crop in thoroughly will be apt to gather small potatoes at harvest time.

The Great Bend Implement Co. is having some improvements made, and getting ready for the trade that is sure to come with a good crop season.

If she thinks she must wear bloomers tell her the simple truth—that they make her less handsome in the sight of men—and she will not wear them.

Life has two periods of surprises: In youth we are surprised that we know so much, and in old age we are surprised that we know so little.

The DEMOCRAT of next week will contain the story of an Indian massacre which occurred in the '60's at a point about where the city now stands.

Charlie Dinwiddie, son of W. C. Dinwiddie, left for Oregon last Saturday. He has a school engaged, which he will take charge of as teacher upon his arrival.

Complaints are being made about a worm pest doing considerable damage to orchard trees. E. B. Kellam says his trees are being rapidly stripped of all leaves.

A local freight of the Santa Fe was blown off the track, at Lakin, Kearney county, last Tuesday, delaying the regular passenger from the west some ten hours.

Chas. Sipes, and Miss Sadie Slentz, both of the south side, were married on Wednesday. The groom is the oldest son of Dr. A. M. Sipes, of Stafford county, and an industrious and sober young man, while the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. J. G. Slentz, formerly a resident of Great Bend.

Judge McCorkle issued license to wed to N. B. Thill and Miss Theresa Schartz, of Lakin township, last Saturday. Good crop prospects have set the young folks a figgerin'.

The benefits of judicious bicycle riding are said to be external, internal and eternal. And during these beautiful moonlight nights there is a good deal of it done that is nocturnal.

Wednesday evening the lightning struck a large tree near D. C. Luse's ice house, in the 3d ward, and tore it all to pieces. Mr. Luse says that was cutting too close for comfort.

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.

Bert Ward writes from Norman, Ok., that his folks are now well settled in their new home. He says farmers are cultivating corn, wheat is heading out, everything is lovely and the wind blows high.

Creed Rankin stopped off to see his numerous Great Bend friends last Thursday, on his way east from Trinidad, Colo., where he has been baggage man for the Santa Fe for a number of years.

Sam Rockwell and Will Slonager went west to work on the Mo. P. railroad, Wednesday. They were made full fledged "Workmen" Tuesday night, and fully appreciate the benefits of C. H. and P.

When thinking of laying in your supply of spring seeds remember that the Great Bend Implement Co. will have a complete stock of the FRESHEST seeds, from the best houses, for sale at hard times prices.

There, girls, you went and done gone and let another chance slip by. Ira W. Cheaney, of Great Bend, and Mrs. Mary Cree, of Kansas City, were married at the residence of W. P. Coles, Monday evening of this week.

Street Commissioner Rush is doing some good work with the force working out poll taxes. He says he believes he can get many of the "dodgers" who have heretofore schemed to escape the patriotic duty of working poll tax.

Major Ross was over on the south side, Sunday, and reports everything looking smiling; wheat all doing well, and corn coming up fast. He found much more corn planted than he thought to see this early in the season.

Stanley Siddorn returned from Chicago, Sunday, walking on two legs as natural as anybody almost. We do not mean to say he walked in from Chicago. He came on the varnished cars, and brought two artificial legs with him.

The Santa Fe and Mo. P. railroads are putting in a connecting track at Scott City, and it is thought that in the near future the branch passenger trains will be run from Great Bend to Scott at night, the crews making the round trip each day.

At the Sons of Veterans State Encampment last week, at Beloit, Will P. Feder, of this city, was re-elected chairman of the Division Council of the state, a just recognition of one of the most capable and trustworthy young men of Kansas.

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.

Jimmie McMullen writes home that in the first ball game of the season, which he pitched for the Denver club, Denver beat Pueblo 2 to 1. Pueblo has one of the best pitchers in the west, and our Kansas boy has reason to be proud of taking the first fall out of so good a man.

Great Bend lodge of Modern Woodmen had quite a number of visitors from neighboring towns, Monday night. F. L. Gunn was given the final work. After lodge all repaired to the Concordia hall, where an excellent lunch was served by the wives and daughters of the Woodmen.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

\* Walt Cornell is nursing a sprained ankle.

\* Mrs. N. F. Daum is reported on the improve.

\* Mrs. Wm. Stryker went east the first of the week.

\* W. J. Cook, of near Redwing was a caller Wednesday.

\* Will Lucas was down from Buffalo township last Tuesday.

\* C. F. Diffenbacher made a business trip to Missouri this week.

\* W. H. Verry, P. M. at Redwing, was in the city Wednesday.

\* Mrs. W. A. Tranbarger, of near Seward, was in town Friday.

\* Chas. Zoth, of Grant township, was doing business in town last Friday.

\* C. Samuels, of the New York Store, is in the east, laying in spring goods.

\* Dave Robertson returned Tuesday from a few days' visit in Nickerson.

\* Henry Lyle, of Pawnee Rock, visited with Charlie Swartz, last Friday.

\* Prof. W. T. Clark, of LaCrosse, was a Great Bend visitor last Saturday.

\* Mrs. Tom Stone, of the 1st ward, has been quite ill for a week or more.

\* Mrs. F. A. Freeland, of this city, is visiting with relatives in Logan county.

\* Dr. T. F. Blanke made a business trip to St. Louis, the latter part of the week.

\* C. H. Mayer, of Olmits, was a caller at the DEMOCRAT office last Thursday.

\* Mrs. M. M. Eppstein and children are expected home from their Ohio visit this week.

\* Mrs. M. L. Bertram is preparing to make a visit to relative in Ohio, the first part of May.

\* Mrs. Will Kelly left this week for Pueblo, Colo., to visit her sister, Mrs. Jesse Chappel.

\* Miss Jessie and John Vosburg, of Pawnee Rock, spent Sunday with friends in Great Bend.

\* Chas. Moses, brother of Geo. and E. R., came out from Chicago the first of the week on a short visit.

\* W. F. Putnam has been up at Dan Bird's, in Clarence township, the past week, painting and paper hanging.

\* Grant Fordyce is home for a few days' visit. It is slyly rumored that Grant will "double up" in a few days.

\* Wm. Allison, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Ed Tyler, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Tyler's sister, visited here last week.

\* Archie Caraway, who now has a steady position, as U. S. Mail Clerk, was out to visit Great Bend friends the first of this week.

\* T. A. Stone and S. W. Huddleson, of the C. N. C., Frank Dell, Jr., Earl Wilson, Willis Bolinger and Chas. Zute visited Larned last Sunday, on their wheels.

Hail 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.

Teeth, Teeth.

Monday, May the 4th and all the week my office will be open. Two chairs and two dentists, but you would best call early for an appointment as part of the time is already taken.

C. E. CASTLE.

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.

Mrs. Lintz, who has been visiting in this city for some weeks, returned last week to her home in Sandyville, O. She was accompanied by J. V. Brinkman and wife, who will visit with the folks there for a few months.

Bill Taylor, the Missouri murderer of the Meeks family, will be hung today at Carrolton. His last hope of rescue is gone, and doubtless ere this is read he will have paid the penalty of the law for his great crime.