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## ESSAY ON MAN.

John Watrous, of the Burlington Independent, Gets Funny.



AN, born of woman is of few days and full of microbes. The moment he hits the earth he starts for the grave and the longer he travels the faster he goes. His visible reward for long days of labor and nights of walking the floor with teething baby, is an epitaph he can't read and a tombstone he don't want. In the first of the seven ages of man he's licked—in the last he's neglected, and in all the others he's a target for the lying, meddling mischief-maker, a woman who won't tend to her own business. If he does not marry his first love he'll always wish he had, and if he does he'll always wish he hadn't. Yet no man ever follows freedom's flag for patriotism (and a pension) with half the enthusiasm that he will trail the red, white and blue that constitutes the banner of female beauty. He will brave the lion in his den, face the booming cannon, tread the ocean foam beneath his feet and yet will tremble like a half frozen egg-sucking dog when called to account by his wife for some of his cussedness. He goes forth in the morning to plow cron with a cross eyed mule and a roan steer, works hard all day and comes home at night to find his seven half clothed children hungry as bears and no bread in the house, and his wife over to one of the neighbors to borrow a hat to wear to a church social. He pores his trouble into the ear of a passing acquaintance instead of keeping it for home consumption, insisting woman was made for his own special benefit; that the sun was made to give him light by day and the moon to enable him to find his way home after lodge at night without the aid of the hoodlum wagon, and his wife to help him find the key-hole. Man wears a silk hat and no socks, is bedecked with diamonds, and is in debt to the butcher for the meat on his bones. Pays a dollar a pint for bug-juice, which if it was placed out on the sidewalk in a barrel, with a tin cup tied to it, he could not be hauled up to it and forced to drink a cup full of it with a team of oxen and a log chain. If he puts a five dollar bill in the contribution box he will flourish it around until all can see it, but if he drops a measly nickel into the slot to get a little grace, he lets not his right hand know what his left hand doeth. He goes to church and gives in his testimony—claims he has read his title clear to mansions in the sky, holds a lien on a corner lot in the new Jerusalem—and wears a face that would ditch a freight train or stop a clock. Claims there is a better land beyond the grave yet moves heaven and earth to keep from going to it so long as he can help it. Claims that woman is the "weaker vessel," yet she can break the best of them if given half a chance. Man mortgages his farm for money to buy a new house, a bicycle, a pair of kid gloves, a gun or a yellow dog, then sits up nights to think of language mean enough to hurl at the bloated money loaner just because the mortgage comes due. Man preaches prohibition in public and pay court to a gallon jug of corn juice in private, damns the saloon at home and sits up all night with it when abroad. Man who would starve but for the industry of his wife or the timely assistance of a mother-in-law, and who couldn't be trusted to wean a calf can tell you all about managing the finance of the country. By the time he learns how to live and enjoy life, death makes a jab at him with his harvest sickle or the rheumatism and he returns to dust.

### Old, But it Goes.

An exchange tells this story on Mark Hanna. We have heard it before, but let it go: Mark had occasion to visit an Indiana insane asylum. He manifested considerable interest in the more

rational class of patients to be found in such institutions, and they showed considerable interest in the presidential candidate. One of the number plied the visitor with questions and finally asked him what he was there for and what his fad was. The official who was showing Mark around advised him to humor the patients, and Mark answered the query by saying: "My fad is high protection and the single gold standard." His questioner stepped back, looked at Mr. Hanna from head to foot, and in a tone of commiseration, said: "Oh, you're not crazy; you're simply a damn fool."

### TALKED BACK.

Mr. Wiener Defends Kansas Against the Slanders of Easterners.

On Tuesday of this week J. D. Wiener returned from an extended trip in the east, having visited our manufacturing and jobbing centers during his stay. Mr. Wiener, being a close observer of men and things, recites many interesting experiences of his trip. Aside from business in general and matters pertaining to his line specially, the most popular subject in hand seemed to be the election results past and legislative possibilities future. "Kansas, he says, comes in for her full share of attention, and receives perhaps a little the most severe criticism at the hand of the ignorance east. "Yes, it must be ignorant in its grossest scope which could enable men to talk about Kansas as they do. "Did I get hot? Well, not exactly hot; but, altogether, not unlike our thermometer in July—a slight affliction of rising temperature, quickly normalized by applying a little red-hot Kansas common sense to the Bostonian narrow head.

"The fact of the matter is that ninety-nine out of every hundred easterners when kicking on Kansas don't know what they are talking about, any more than they know about listing corn or raising prosperity. Anyone the least wise up to date concerning Kansas, has no trouble to show these arrogant fellows that our state, while not hoarding millions of money, yet is ahead and superior to their commonwealth in many important respects. It is conceded by those who deal extensively with Kansas merchants that they experience fewer losses by commercial failures in Kansas than in any other state of proportionate business transacted. In recent years, Kansas merchants have outranked all others in the matter of prompt payment. Merchants of no other state have a higher standing of credit than do those of Kansas.

"Let me say to you that the gist of all this kick on Kansas originates at home, with the fellow who, as we put it here, "is out and wants to get in." It is the reckless irresponsible, anything-for-office politician, who at home raises the hue and cry against his own state, and this ass's bray is only readily taken up by his eastern pal, who, with much coloring and largely added imaginations, flaunts these lies and fabrications on our grand and progressive state.

"However, I have always said we can stand that kind of business longer than the other fellow, and the future will prove that the east must and will come down to Kansas; for Kansas courage, Kansas endurance, Kansas ingenuity and Kansas productive energies will yet vanquish greed and avarice, falsehood and bigotry, and by her own and unaided efforts take her place as the brightest star on our national horizon."—Hutchinson Bee.

Mr. J. D. Wiener has many friends in Barton county who are interested in knowing that he is still one of those loyal citizens who "stand up for Kansas" for other than political reasons.

One of our exchanges says that a woman's character has been likened unto a postage stamp—One black mark ruins it. Man's is like a treasury note—No matter how many stains, it shall pass at par. When a woman falls from grace, her character is generally ruined forever. On the other hand, a man may straighten up and be received into the best society again. All of which is too true; but being true doesn't make it right.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENT'N.

Fell Down on Mayor; "Buck'd" the J. P., and "Uncle Dick" Still Walks His Beat.



Now the city fight is well on; our republican friends have named their men, and tonight the citizens who feel that better men should be selected for at least some of the city offices will make their selections and line up their forces.

### CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.

C. A. Swartz was made chairman and J. A. Townsley secretary. All formalities were dispensed with, and the convention proceeded to nominate in the order named in the call.

MAYOR—Informal ballot; The Griffith 33, Geo. Moses 13, John O'Brien 19, Gus. Shaeffer 5. Mr. Griffith started to announce that he would not accept the nomination, but the delegates would not hear him. A formal ballot was taken, resulting: Griffith 63, Moses 9, Griffith declared the nominee. He then got the floor, and insisted that he would not accept and would not qualify if elected. On motion of Mr. Banta the nomination just made for mayor was set aside, and another ballot taken, resulting; Moses 37, O'Brien 23, A. H. Shaeffer 9, Will Bunting 1. 37 being a majority of one, Mr. Moses was declared the nominee for mayor.

CLERK—Informal, Earl Hoisington 41, J. A. Townsley 29, John Quillin 1, 1st formal, Hoisington 32, Townsley 38, Geo Crummack 1, Townsley declared the nominee.

CITY TREASURER—On motion the rules were suspended and E. W. Bolinger nominated by acclamation.

MARSHAL—Informal ballot, R. T. Ewalt 20, W. I. Mendenhall 16, D. P. Robertson 9, W. P. Cone 7, Foster Jordan 7, B. S. Dale 6, L. F. Likes 6, 1st formal Ewalt 24, Mendenhall 19, Cone 11, Jordan 9, Robertson 4, Likes 3, Dale 2, 2d, Ewalt 29, Mendenhall 14, Jordan 10, Cone 7, Likes 2, 3d Ewalt 32, Mendenhall 25, Jordan 8, Cone 5, Likes 2, 4th Ewalt 53, Mendenhall 14, Jordan 4, Ewalt declared the nominee.

STREET COMMISSIONER—Informal ballot, J. K. P. Sloniger 24, W. A. Rush 22, Will Seigler 21, Geo. Moore 3, 1st formal Seigler 26, Sloniger 25, Rush 18, Moore 2, 2d Sloniger 29, Seigler 22, Rush 18, Moore 3, 3d Sloniger 29, Seigler 22, Rush 20, Moore 1, 4th Sloniger 31, Seigler 23, Rush 18, 5th Sloniger 32, Seigler 25, Rush 15, 6th Sloniger 56, Seigler 11, Rush 5. Sloniger declared nominated.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE—Informal ballot, A. J. Buckland 50, B. F. Ogle 44, J. H. Jennison 28, W. R. Bunting 16, Joshua Clayton 9, N. Nickerson 5, Jno F. Lewis 2, Jim Duncan 1. 1st Ogle 50, Buckland 47, Jennison 23, Bunting 10, Nickerson 5, Lewis 3, Clayton 2, Will Feder 1, as they voted for two at a time Ogle and Buckland were declared nominated, although neither one got a majority of all the votes cast.

POLICE JUDGE—Informal C. A. Swartz 16, P. Corbin 13, W. M. Gunnell 11, N. Nickerson 11, W. R. Bunting 8, A. J. Hoisington 1, W. P. Bruce 1, 1st formal, Swartz 17, Nickerson 17, Corbin 15, R. A. Charles 11, Bunting 5, Gunnell 3, Russell 1, 2d Nickerson 34, Corbin 27, Swartz 6, Gunnell 1, Duacan 1, Shep Brisco 1, 3d, Nickerson 40, Corbin 31 Nickerson nominated.

CONSTABLES—Informal ballot, John Dawson 67, Bob Brown 37, Geo. Thatcher 37, Dawson was declared nominated, and a second ballot called for. The question was raised, that one vote too many was cast in 2d ward, and it was ruled that Brown's total should have been but 36—one less than Thatcher—and Thatcher declared the second nominee. A motion was then made to take another ballot, which resulted, Brown 42, Thatcher 30, Brown was then declared the nominee.

On motion the rules were suspended

and G. L. Chapman nominated by acclamation for Treasurer of school board. After selecting city central committee, convention adjourned.

### WARD CANDIDATES.

At their caucuses, held in the various wards last Saturday night, the republicans placed in nomination the following ward candidates for council and school board:

First Ward—James E. Savage for council and C. G. Morrison for member of the school board.

Second Ward—John Dickson for council and Chas. E. Dodge for school board.

Third Ward—Thomas Clayton for council and M. L. Crow for school board.

Fourth Ward—I. N. Wilhide for council and E. P. Smith for member of the school board.

### Call For Sunday School Convention.

The Tri-County Sunday School Association composed of Barton, Ellsworth and Rice counties will hold a delegate convention at the Christian church in Clifton, Kansas, on the 10th of April, 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of reorganization etc. New officers will be elected for the ensuing year and arrangements perfected for the Annual Celebration at Delziel's Grove in June. All Sunday Schools are invited to be represented by delegates. Each school will be entitled to three delegates, and as this Association is non-sectarian all denominations are earnestly requested to participate in this convention and also in the annual celebration. Entertainment provided for delegates.

WM. A. MAXWELL, President.  
L. C. BREEDEN, Secretary.

### Hi, There!

Let us hie away to the woodland, to the woodland, wild and green, where the bull frog and mosquito are singing their song serene. Let us carry our baskets with us, for what is life without lunch? and we'll sit down on the greensward, and munch and munch and munch. To be sure the greensward will be muddy and we'll ruin our summer pants, and our butter will be all melted and our pie will be full of ants; and our cloths will be torn to tatters and our faces and hands will be red, from the touch of poison ivy on which we laid our head; and we come home tired and surly with a wish we'd never been born, we'll be cross with our wives and sweethearts and be altogether forlorn; but summer time has come, gentle Annie, (you remember the rest of the song) its the fashion to hie to the woodland, so we must all hie along.—Cimarron Jacksonian.

Herb Porter is putting in a telephone system for Larned. Some enterprising man can have a good thing by doing the same for Great Bend. Telephones can be put in much cheaper now than when we had the system some years ago.

J. K. Humphrey last week shipped a car load of his household effects to Colorado Springs, and on Monday of this week his family left for that city to make their future home there. Thus Barton county loses some of her old settlers. The wishes of all their friends are that they may do well.

Prof. Barber and Miss Alice Reynolds of the high school, gave a reception to the Senior class of the high school, Friday evening last, at the home of Prof. Barber. A literary program was rendered, and elegant refreshments served. Each member of the class was presented with a handsome souvenir containing the autographs of all the class.

A. H. Baker, the Hoisington real-estate agent, was over to the county seat Friday. Mr. Baker has in his charge a large amount of land owned by non-residents, and is over all parts of the county a great deal. He gives it as his opinion that at the present time the condition of the wheat the county over indicates 75 per cent of a full crop. The weather the last few days has, he says, been excellent for the wheat.

You abuse boys for neglecting the wash bowl, but do you always wash your face when the weather is cold?

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

George Thatcher played in hard luck in his convention.

WANTED—1000 bushels cane seed at once. BEELER & WINTERBERG.

Col. Geo. W. Greene made a business trip to Hutchinson the first of the week.

After the city election comes—Uncle Tom's Cabin. Lord, why hast Thou forsaken us?

E. B. Russell came in on the Mo. P. Wednesday with seven car loads of stock cattle.

"Snow 14 inches in Denver" was the report telegraphed down the Santa Fe line Monday evening.

Mrs. Sid Crane who was up visiting her mother, Mrs. Stone, returned to her Oklahoma home Sunday.

Marriage license was issued Monday to J. C. Woodburn and Miss Gertie King, both of near Hoisington.

FOR RENT—A farm; 5 miles south and 8 miles west of Great Bend Enquire of W. P. COLNS, Great Bend.

Mrs. Ella M. Stoke, who has been at Topeka for the past two months for medical treatment, returned home Monday evening.

It is now "Grandpa" J. G. Slentz. At least Dr. Lightfoot informs us that a fine big girl baby was born to Charlie Sipes and wife, south of the river Monday night.

Great Bend sent two car loads of corn last week, to the famine sufferers of India, via San Francisco. Hope it will reach the intended destination and do some good.

James K. Polk Sloniger announced to the 4th ward delegates that he was glad that he did not have them to thank for his nomination for street commissioner.

Rev. J. A. Davis pastor of the M. E. church here for the past two years, will be located at McPherson for the next year. Rev. J. L. Bixler comes here for the next year from Lyons.

A white mantle of snow covered the whole of Western Kansas, Monday afternoon and night. It came very calmly, was wet and heavy, and will do as much good to the young wheat as a big rain. On with the irrigation ditch.

If you have trouble with disease of the eye, ear, nose or throat or if you require glasses, consult Drs. Cashman and Sapero. Office at the Morrison House. Their references are your neighbors and friends. Write to them and be convinced.

The Great Bend people have a great deal to say about the Ellinwood school fight. While all good citizens deplore the fact that we have had such a fight, still we feel it is not half as disgraceful as the church fight that is going on in Great Bend at the present time, about which the Bend papers are saying nothing. Let the Great Bend people cast the beam out of their own eye, then they can see clearly to cast the mote out of the Ellinwood eye.—Ellinwood Advocate.

Fore de Lord, Dunn, your item above quoted was the first we had heard of any "church fight" going on in Great Bend. Tell us all about it. Has somebody Fitzsimmoned a minister, or has some minister "knocked down" the missionary funds? Have any of our church people gone into the egg business for spectacular purposes? Or has the worthy mayor revoked the certificate of a Sunday school superintendent? Tell us about it, Dunn.

### School Report.

Following is the report of my school in district 86, Homestead township, for the month ending March 19, 1897:

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| Total enrollment | 7 |
| Males            | 4 |
| Females          | 3 |
| No. visitors     | 2 |

Thoes neither absent nor tardy during the month were: Iama Dever, Roy Dever.

BIRDIE ARCHER, Teacher.

"Give us a rest about the pops not doing anything, said a west side farmer as he walked up to a crowd of fellows talking politics on Allen's corner, Saturday. "We have only been in power about two months, and we've passed a railroad law and vetoed it; and that's more than the republicans did in the last 20 years."