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NEW ELECTION LAW.

Many Important Changes in the Australian Ballot Law Have Been Made, and Others Are Needed.

FOR amending the Australian Ballot Law the recent legislature will receive the thanks of a suffering constituency all over Kansas. The new law will be a decided improvement over the old law in many ways, but might have been made still better.

The new ballot law applies in all general and special elections in political sub-divisions larger than a school district. In order to secure a place on the official ballot at a general election the convention nominating a ticket must represent a party that cast not less than five per cent of the total vote polled in the state at the last preceding general election. This, of course, will bar the prohibition party from occupying a place on the ballot at the next election. But the law permits a candidate or set of candidates a place on the ballot when nomination papers are filed, which are signed by not less than 2,500 qualified voters, when the election is a general one. Even then the prohibition party will have to do some tall hustling and secure additional converts, for the party only cast 2,427 votes all told at the last general election. In county elections the same rule applies, except that five per cent of the qualified voters at the preceding election must sign the nomination papers of each candidate and in no case must the number of signers be less than twenty-five voters.

Another good provision of the law is, that the tickets shall be arranged on the ballot in the order of the number of votes received by each party at the last preceding election, the party receiving the highest vote taking first place, the next highest second place and so on, the tickets placed on by nomination papers following in the order of the number of signers received by each. This provision will stop the juggling with the ballot for political effect, as was done last year in this county. It also means that the democratic ticket will have first place on the next ballot printed for Barton county, if the true letter of the law is lived up to.

No provision is made for the publication of the ballots in the official papers or other papers and the price paid for the ballots is limited. In even numbered years the price paid for the ballots is not to exceed \$10 per thousand, or fraction thereof, if there be not more than four tickets on the ballot, and \$1.50 per thousand is allowed for each additional ticket. In odd numbered years \$5 per thousand is allowed for printing ballots where there are not more than four tickets and \$1 extra per thousand for each additional ticket. Each precinct is allowed seventy-five ballots for every fifty votes cast at the last preceding election. In this provision Barton county will save half what the ballots have heretofore cost, when printed by political favorites. The expense of printing ballots and other expenses of elections are to be apportioned by the county commissioners among the townships in proportion to the vote cast in each at the preceding election.

Judging from the description of the make-up of the ballot and the sample ballot inserted in the law, it is to be a simple affair, devoid of roosters, eagles and other party devices and free from all headings except the name of the party at the head of the ticket, printed in capitals at least a quarter of an inch long. At a national election the names of the party nominees for president and vice president are allowed on the ticket in connection with the presidential electors. The little square in which the voter is to make his "X" is switched over to the right of the name of the candidate, and public measures are to be voted upon by affixing an "X" in the square at the right of the "Yes" or "No" following the proposition.

Not more than two judges and one clerk shall belong to the same political party. One judge and one clerk are to be first selected from the party casting the highest vote at the preceding election, one judge and one clerk is the next to be selected from the party casting the next highest vote, and the remaining judge is to be selected from

the party casting the third highest vote if there is such a party. Vacancies are to be filled in like manner. There is to be one booth to every sixty voters, and arranged practically the same as under the old law. The judge clips the corner of the ballot containing the number of ballot with a pair of scissors before depositing it in the box, unless the vote is challenged. Voters needing assistance to mark ballots shall be accompanied by two judges of different political parties. Intoxication shall not be regarded as a disability and the voter with a "jag on" must mark his own ballot.

All persons entitled to vote are to be allowed two hours on election day during the hours for voting, and are to suffer no deduction of wages for being absent, and any employer hindering them in any way from enjoying this privilege shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for each offense.

Judges and clerks of elections are to receive \$2 for the first 250 votes cast, or less, and an additional \$1 for each 100 or major part thereof in excess of 250, at elections where state, county and township officers are elected. At city elections and where county and township officers are elected, they are to receive \$2.50 for each 350 votes cast and 50 cents additional for each 100 votes in excess of 350.

At all elections where the Australian ballot applies the polls are to be open from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock in the evening. Chapter 78 of session laws of 1893, which embodies the old law, is repealed, and the act takes effect when printed in the statute book, and will, therefore, be in force at the fall election this year.

Who Pays the Freight.

Is the tariff a tax? Railroad Commissioner Campbell and A. A. Hurd of the Santa Fe were discussing freight rates the other day. Mr. Hurd suggesting that it really makes no difference to the farmer what the freight rates are, as the consumer pays them. "You are a republican?" queried Mr. Campbell. "Yes sir," promptly responded Mr. Hurd. "Of course you voted for McKinley and supported the honest money platform?" continued Mr. Campbell. "Certainly," said Mr. Hurd. "And for protective tariff?" rejoined Campbell. "Of course," replied Mr. Hurd. "Now, what I want to know from you, Mr. Hurd, is how you harmonize the theory of the republican party that the foreigner pays the tariff with the theory that the consumer pays the freight rates?"

One Room at a Time.

There are smart ways of doing things, that greatly lessen the burdens and miseries of life, but a majority of people never find out the good ways. House-cleaning affords an example. At least once a year the average woman ties a large handkerchief or a towel around her head and proceeds to create a domestic earthquake which she calls "housecleaning." This is the season when such an upheaval usually takes place and almost any evening nowadays the man of the house may find on going home that everything is upside down, his wife half or wholly hysterical and the hired help, if any be employed, in the sulks. There is a way to clean house without wrecking the happiness of the entire family. The housekeeper should temper her ardor with moderation. Clean one room at a time and rest between rooms. The idea that nothing can be put in order until everything has been thrown in confusion is ridiculous. Its origin is due to the over-nervous temperament of Americans and especially American women. House-cleaning, conducted in the old-fashioned rush-and-ruin way, will often cause a man to do things that result in debit entries on the recording angel's book. The one-room-at-a-time-and-plenty-of-rest plan conduces to the comfort, health and consequent happiness of everybody about the home. Try it, ladies.—Eureka Messenger.

Ingalls' Knock-Out Blow.

"The knock-out blow by Champion Ingalls upon Champion McCabe," says 'Gene Ware "seemed to come about this way: The bishop leaned back, sort of like, while a bone, supposed to be his jaw bone, visibly protruded. Champion Ingalls seeing his opportunity, delivered a violent pneumatic jab just below the bone, which seems to

have landed in the vicinity of the neck. Champion McCabe fell upon one knee, being unaccustomed to falling on both, and showed signs of great agony. The referee counted seventeen and the bishop rose to his feet and said the pain he felt was not the Payne who should have felt it, and that the wrong man got it in the neck. Whereupon Champion Ingalls wiped the gore from his gloves and sold it to a sugar refinery for eleven dollars.

May Build A Mill.

W. Kelly and W. E. Carr of Great Bend are in the city today and their visit may mean something to Wichita. Mr. Kelly has for years been a prominent miller at Great Bend, and Mr. Carr has been one of his trusted business managers. Colonel Huttman has been acquainted with them for years and says they are business men who would be a credit to any city.

To be short, Mr. Kelly has sold his mill at Great Bend, and he is thinking of building another in this city. He is here for the purpose of looking over the field.

He is talking with the business men today. He told a reporter for the Beacon that he did not ask the people of Wichita to give him any money to build a mill, but what he desired to find out is how Wichita treats its home industries.

Mr. Kelly says that the people of Great Bend support their home mills, and that very little outside flour has even been shipped into that place. He thinks if the people of this city are inclined to favor their home industries that they will use flour from their home mills if they make just as good flour as any other mill. Mr. Kelly says if he builds a mill here, he will put in all the modern machinery and make good flour.—Wichita Beacon, April 7th.

Work Soon to Commence.

Last Friday Mr. Koehn, the ditch man, arrived with nine car loads of horses and mules and ditch machinery, from Colorado. He has been delayed on account of not being able to get cars on which to load his outfit. We have not been able to see Mr. Koehn personally, but learn from other sources that he will soon be throwing dirt on the ditch.

He has five or six practical men with him, and at present is putting up his cook houses, stables etc., on or near the Henry Fruit farm which will be his basis of operation. As soon as actual work commences the DEMOCRAT will give further information concerning this enterprise which, we confidently believe, will be the beginning of a new and more successful period of agricultural activity for this part of Kansas.

Deal With Home Men.

It is a good plan in anything you want to buy, but especially so when buying nursery stock. I know my trees are all good, and you know I am here to back up my claims for them. When in need of any kind of nursery stock—Apple, Pear, Cherry, Plum, Apricot, any kind of fruit trees or shrubs, call and see my stock. This is the kind of a season to put out trees and shrubbery; they will be sure to get a good start. Call and see my stock. Great Bend Nurseries. C. Q. NEWCOMB, Prop.

It is said that a bushel of corn will furnish feed for a family for one-half day and bread for a week. It will make 15 pounds of pork or mutton, 8 pounds of beef, 44 pounds of butter, 2 pounds of wool 10 pounds of cheese and 8 dozen of eggs. It will make sufficient molasses to cover 2000 pancakes and whiskey enough to make 100 men drunk. And yet, in these gold-bug days, a bushel of corn is only worth 13 cents, when sold on the market.

Joe Sprinker and John Dick, of Ellinwood, were callers at the DEMOCRAT office Monday. Joe says he saw what they all called the "air ship," Saturday night. It was a light, traveling north-west, was about as large as a hat, and was seen by a large number of reputable citizens of that town.

It's a slow town the people of which have not seen an air ship during the past week. Charlie Morrison, Fred Strange, and a few others discovered "it" meandering down the milky way with three sheets, a few propellers and several lights in the wind, Saturday evening.

When the girls learn that ice cream is good to cure freckles, some of 'em will not hesitate to acknowledge that they are speckled.

Conductor Pat Boughan went east Monday morning. Geo. Parker is protecting Pat's run on the Great Bend and Holington line.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

It rains about every other day—for a change.

M. C. Handley is back for the summer term at the college.

Alex McTaggart has moved to Ellinwood, from south of the river.

A white frost cut mighty close to the fruit buds last Thursday night.

Mrs. John Rogers, of the south side, has about recovered her usual health.

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

Jim Kane and wife, from north of Pawnee Rock were in the city Friday.

The A. O. U. W. has a "double-header" this month—and we don't like that.

All Knights of Pythias who miss attending lodge tonight will miss a good thing.

Farmers say the roads are in a terrible condition, by reason of the late rains.

Mrs. Hobart removed from Holington to Newton, last week, to keep house for C. L.

Joe Troillet visited Ellinwood in the interests of his cigar factory, last Thursday.

Marshal Will Kline, of Ellinwood, made a business visit to Great Bend last Friday.

H. G. McCracken, grand son of Mrs. A. T. Curry, is in business in Des Moines, Iowa.

Another bank is talked of for Clifton. Wait, gentlemen, until we see what the wheat crop will be.

A good wheat crop is about the only "wave of prosperity" you need look for to strike this locality this year.

Mr. C. B. Morgan has been having a very serious sick spell, but is now improving and is able to sit up some.

Arch Caraway was substitute for Theo. Iten, on the mail route between Florence and Ellinwood last week.

J. A. Ross closed a successful term of school in the Jackson district, south of Ellinwood, last Friday, the 9th.

Next Sunday will be "Easter Sunday," and the lady who has not a new hat will be to indisposed too to go to church.

See C. Q. Newcomb's announcement of nursery stock and then see Mr. Newcomb when you want anything in his line.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stuckslager, of Lisbon, Iowa, came out last week to visit a few days with Miss Lillian Brinkman.

The motto of the politician who has gone to Washington after an office is: "Hew close to the Mark let the chips fall where they may."

M. N. Towers and wife, of north Albion township, started last week on an overland visit to their daughter in the north part of the state.

Sewing Machines, warranted for five years, \$19. Drop head Machine at \$25. Come and see them—no pot metal.

THE GREAT BEND IMPLEMENT CO.

We would like a good correspondent at Odin. Will not some young man or young lady try their hand at reporting the local happenings there?

The fisherman now his line repairs, and to the Walnut joyfully bies, to return erstwhile to his daily cares with an elegant string of—fisherman's lies.

Two young fellows, Geo. Horlie and Earl Brockaway, were "pulled" last Thursday evening, charged with breaking into Keenan & Scroggin's saloon and stealing liquors.

J. Leon Miller, the delivery clerk at the postoffice, visited relatives (and others—with the accent on the others) at Wichita the past few days, returning home Tuesday morning.

Thus far our friends the enemy have not commenced contest proceedings against the successful citizen's candidates for city officers. What seems to be the cause of this unnecessary delay?

Funny, is it not? The Register of this city has not a word of comment to make upon the result of the recent city election. They were hit "bad"—a sort of Fitzsimmons blow below the heart.

The man who kicks when there is cause or reason is all right. Bet no one long sticks to the chronic fault-finder—the man who kicks just to hear himself kick. In every county, in every town, yes, and in every community you will find such a man. You find him in the church, in the lodge, in business and there is no doubt that hell is well supplied with them. The kicker usually kicks his own head off in time.

The Messiah Concert, at Lindsborg Friday of this week—the 16th. Fare, round trip, over the Mo. P., \$2.15, leaving Great Bend at 3:20 p. m., and arriving at Lindsborg in time for the afternoon concert.

The "Citizens" ticket won at Pawnee Rock, the newly elected officers being: W. M. Lewis, mayor. Charles Garno, police judge. Lewis Hight, A. Miller, J. H. Daniels, James Riggs and Geo. Gano, councilmen.

The city council will consider a "chicken" ordinance at its next regular meeting. What's the matter with a "pig" ordinance, and a "cow" ordinance? Springtime always develops chicken, pig and cow nuisances.

MUSICIANS.—I want a class to take instructions on the violin. Prefer to have six to start with. Ask for particulars of Fred Zutavern, or at DEMOCRAT office. Address, Ambrose Baier, Seward, Kansas. 8 11

A negro boy about 15 years old, a tramp, got caught between the bumpers of two freight cars last Friday morning at the Sante Fe depot here, and had one of his feet so badly mashed that it will probably have to be taken off.

How do you like the DEMOCRAT this week? If you like it, tell your neighbor so, also, tell him that the DEMOCRAT sets more type, furnishes more local news from all over the county, for \$1.00 a year than any other paper in the west.

A Missouri school boy kissed a school girl and was severely punished by his teacher. The boy's father had the teacher arrested and the court fined him heavily. All this goes to prove how big a blaze a little "spark" may kindle.

The "official count" of the ballots cast in the city election, which will be found elsewhere in this paper, changes the figures somewhat from the one official table given last week, but does not change the result so far as the men elected are concerned.

The official count of the ballots cast at the city election last week shows that the following received votes for mayor: Theo. Griffith 6, W. R. Bunting 1, W. T. Armstrong 1, and Tom Shaugbnessy 1. There were no scattering votes for any other office.

A Prospecting party for the CANADIAN NORTHWEST passing through MINNESOTA and DAKOTA will leave Great Bend the first week in May. Anyone wanting a pleasant trip and free land should join the party. For information, apply to M. Gillmore.

It is reported on the streets that E. Elba Wright, formerly teacher of education at the college here, and who gained quite a reputation as a comedian, committed suicide by shooting, in Chicago recently. His wife, it will be remembered, is supposed to have killed herself, in Chicago also, over a year ago.

A clerk was surprised not long ago when a young lady came into the store, and said to him "I want to buy a present of a book for a young man." "Yes, miss," said he: "what kind of a book do you want?" "Why, a book for a young man." "Well, but what kind of a young man?" "Oh, he's tall and has light hair, and he always wears blue neckties!"

A tramp was taken in by Marshal Will Klein of Ellinwood, last week, who had kidnapped a little boy from Reton, New Mexico. He had sent the boy out to beg for him, when the lad told his troubles to the officer. The father of the boy was telegraphed to, and came on Tuesday and took the boy home. That tramp ought to be tarred and feathered as a terrible example to others of his ilk.

A town is a large family. We are all interested in each other's welfare, or should be. A cut-throat, every-man-for-himself policy means ruin for any community. It means retrogression and failure. The first lesson any family must learn is that to be successfully happy is unity and mutual assistance. The same applies to the business life of a town, and the more generally it is obeyed the more abundant will be the town's prosperity.

What a fine lot of lakes there would now be all over western and central Kansas if every farmer who has a number of "draws" or dry runs, on his place had taken a few days with team and scraper and thrown up a few dams. Would not such ponds of storm waters be a good thing to have? If so, why not take the hint by a little outlay of time and labor do your share towards storing the storm waters and encouraging rainfall in future years?

CITY ELECTION TABLE. APRIL 6, 1897. THE OFFICIAL FIGURES.

CANDIDATES.	1st Ward	2d Ward	3d Ward	4th Ward	Total	Majority
C—Citizens' Ticket, R—Republican						
Mayor—Geo. N. Moses, C & R	80	164	213	230	887	378
Clerk—Geo. Crummack, C	53	84	128	86	351	18
J. A. Townsley, R	30	53	116	78	307	
City Treasurer—Louis Zutavern, C	64	93	124	78	369	119
E. W. Bollinger, R	32	56	106	72	266	
Marshal—Geo. W. Moore, C	35	50	110	68	273	68
R. T. Beahm, R	22	34	103	57	216	
Police Judge—W. M. Gannell, C	54	85	131	96	366	89
N. Nickerson, R	32	74	112	59	277	
Justices of the Peace—J. H. Jenson, C	33	63	95	36	227	4
D. J. Newton, C	23	32	52	25	132	
R. F. Ugle, R	23	31	53	30	137	
A. J. Buckland, R	23	31	53	30	137	
Constables—W. H. Zutavern, C	37	44	89	36	206	62
J. W. Dawson, C & R	47	36	121	81	285	143
C. E. Dodge, R	23	32	52	25	132	
Street Commissioners—W. A. Bush, C	57	107	160	60	384	158
J. P. Slinger, R	24	56	88	64	232	
School Treasurer—A. C. Allen, C	50	80	113	58	301	21
G. L. Chapman, R	38	87	120	74	329	
Councilmen—Jas. Swaney, R	36	31	61	13	141	13
School Board—Ed Tyler, C	47	37	62	8	154	8
C. G. Morrison, R	31	39	69		139	
Councilmen—John Dickson, C & R	172				172	172
School Board—Wm. Osmond, C	86				86	1
C. E. Dodge, R	83				83	
Councilmen—H. C. Kincaid, C	127				127	4
Thos. Clayton, R	125				125	
School Board—D. C. Lewis, C	147				147	46
M. L. Crow, R	101				101	
Councilmen—H. L. Shore, C	58				58	16
F. N. Wilhide, R	74				74	
School Board—I. N. Woodward, C	41				41	46
E. P. Smith, R	87				87	

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber April 9th, 1897. Council met in adjourned session; Present, G. N. Moses, mayor; Councilmen, Meyers, Savage, Griffith, Dickson, Schaeffer, Kincaid and McNow; absent, Shore.

Bills of election officers and room rent in the total sum of \$47.25 allowed.

Council proceeded to canvass the votes cast at the municipal election held Tuesday, April 6th, 1897, and the city clerk was instructed to issue certificates of election to the successful candidates.

Bonds of City clerk, treasurer, police judge, marshal and street commissioner were read, and upon motion the same were severally approved by the council.

On motion the bill of Nicholas Dick in the sum of \$500 for alleged injuries, was unanimously rejected.

No further business appearing council adjourned.

NEW COUNCIL

Council Chamber, April 9, 1897. Council met in adjourned session; Present, mayor G. N. Moses, councilmen, Meyers, Savage, Griffith, Dickson, Schaeffer, Clayton, McNow and Wilhide.

The Mayor administered oath of office to the newly elected members of the City Council.

The city clerk administered oath of office to the mayor.

On motion Councilman Schaeffer was unanimously elected President of the Council.

The mayor appointed, council confirming, F. V. Russell city attorney for the ensuing year.

The mayor appointed the following standing committees: Finance—Griffith, Dickson, Schaeffer. Improvement—McNow, Griffith, Wilhide.

Fire—Schaeffer, Clayton, Savage. Ordinance—Meyers, McNow, Clayton.

Park—Savage, Wilhide, Dickson. Health—Dickson, McNow, Clayton.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, and ordered spread on the minutes of the council: Be it resolved, by the mayor and councilmen of the city of Great Bend, Kansas; that in the retirement from active service of the city, of councilmen G. C. Kincaid and H. L. Shore, the city is reclaiming into its list of private citizens, men who have rendered faithful, diligent and efficient services in behalf of all the people of the city, and who have acquitted themselves well and proved worthy the confidence and trust reposed in them.

And be it further resolved; that these gentlemen carry with them the earnest appreciation of their co-laborers in the work they have from time to time had in hand, for their uniform courtesy, energy and fidelity, and will always be attended with the kindly regard and best wishes of the ingoing city administration.

No further business appearing, council adjourned.

Geo. CRUMMACK, City Clerk.