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Let this banner wave forever,
May its lustrous stars fade never,
Till the stars shall pale on high;
While there's right the wrong defeating,
While there's hope in brave hearts beating,
Truth and Freedom shall not die.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

STATE TICKET.

For Governor, JOHN W. LEEDY.
For Lieutenant Governor, MAJ. A. M. HARVEY.
For Associate Justice, H. S. ALLEN.
For Attorney General, L. C. BOYLE.
For Auditor of State, W. H. MORRIS.
For Secretary of State, W. E. BUSH.
For State Treasurer, D. H. HEUBLEBOWER.
For Superintendent of Instruction, WILLIAM STRYKER.
For Congressman at Large, J. D. BOTKIN.
For Congress, 7th District, JERRY SIMPSON.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative, ISOM WRIGHT.
For County Attorney, C. P. DIFFENBACHER.
For Clerk of District Court, F. G. STROTHMAN.
For County Superintendent, M. L. HARRISON.
For Probate Judge, L. C. BREEDEN.
For Commissioner 3d Dist., H. C. MERHOFF.

SAY, how does 60 cents a bushel set up as a "war price" for your wheat? What's the matter with Hanna?

IT TOOK this country less than six months to lick the vermacella stuff out of Spain—at least Spain was that long finding out she was licked.

REPUBLICANS told you last year (and some benighted chumps believed it) that the Dingley tariff bill "made dollar wheat." We still have the Dingley tariff law, but how about dollar wheat?

ABOUT those Philippine Islands: Let Dewey decide what we shall do with them. He won 'em all by his old lonesome, and without any impracticable red-tape to hamper him. What Dewey says, goes.

If Kansas City's ball club carries off the pennant—and it looks like it would—it will be largely because the Kansas City Star—that financial and political piarah of western journalism—has been "ferminst" the ball team.

DO YOU remember what a great howl of glee went up from the republican press when young Leiter had bulled the price of wheat up above the dollar mark? Well, our republican friends now would like you to forget that and "Remember the Maine."

THE united silver forces of Kansas should make the election of the entire state ticket headed by Governor Leedy so pronounced a victory that even the bones of the dead Ingalls would cease to rattle around like a clapboard in a cyclone.

REPUBLICAN papers all over the land are rejoicing at what they term the "downfall of populism" in Alabama. Inasmuch as the Alabama populists and republicans fused at the late election, it seems queer that they should exult over their own downfall.—LaCrosse Chieftain.

INASMUCH as the war is now over readers of the daily papers can now look for stories of that sea serpent, the Corbett-Fitzsimmons windmill, Chester I. Long's record in congress and other ridiculous and highly imaginative tales of things obsolete. There ought to be some protection to the public against the imposition upon them of these ancient themes.

It is said that Superintendent Stryker will attempt to have the study of Latin as a requirement in the high schools of the state abolished. He is of the opinion that the study is time thrown away. He says that he studied Latin three years, and that he can not now tell whether his diploma is written in Latin or Greek. He will

recommend that the time spent on this study be devoted to the English language. In this move Superintendent Stryker will have the hearty sanction of ninety-nine out of every hundred parents, in Kansas cities. The study of Latin by students in city high schools is just that much time thrown away, and why it has not been cut out long ago is one of the things we cannot understand.

CHESTER I. LONG was in congress two years; and the only time he opened his head was when he made a speech favoring the throwing out of Tarsney, a Democrat from Kansas City, Mo., and seating Van Horn, the Republican candidate. Tarsney, in the coming election, refused to support Bryan, while VanHorn repudiated the Republican candidate.—Hutchinson Bee.

THERE are six hundred thousand dollars in certificates for overcharges given by the stock yards company to Kansas shippers under order of the federal court at the request of Attorney General Boyle. Do you think these cattle shippers and feeders are going to vote against Boyle and for an administration whose election would insure the loss of this vast sum? Not on your life.—Troy Times.

BARTON county people are generally inclined to "let good enough alone." We have as good a set of officers now as the county has ever had, and those who are candidates this fall for reelection to a second term are pretty sure to receive well merited sanction of their acts for the past two years, at the polls in November. The opposition candidates are uselessly spending their time and money trying to beat our candidates.

IF THE scarcest and dearest money is the best money and the scarcer and the dearer it becomes the better it becomes, when money reaches its highest point of excellence the masses of the people must become slaves. Money is so scarce, dear and consequently "good" in India and China that six cents pay for a day's work on the average throughout those countries and skilled mechanics earn from three to seven dollars per month.—Watchman.

BOY, do you think you are in love? Have you a sort of an itching around the heart that can't be scratched; a kind of a thirst that soda-phosphate will not quench; a consuming hanker when you come near her that causes your fingers to twitch, your hair to curl, your mouth to water and your eyes to put on that yearning look so noticeable in a calf trying to get to its mother—if you have these symptoms, and have not taken any preventative, then you are sure in love.

A PLEASANT young man has gone back to free trade Germany to get him a wife and writes some excellent letters to the Pleasanton Observer. In order to get married legally he had to publish his intentions several weeks in a newspaper. We clip the following from his last letter: "If the Kansas farmer could get such prices for their products as are paid here they would all get rich. Fat cows bring from 4 to 6 cents, steers from 5 to 8 cents, hogs from 8 to 10 cents per pound, eggs from 15 to 17 cents per dozen, oats \$1.75 per 100 lbs., wheat \$2.50 per 100 lbs., rye \$2 per hundred, hay \$12 per ton. Although Germany's expenses are numerous considering that it has an immense army and navy to keep up the taxes are lower than in Kansas. But every one of its fifty-two millions of people except those who are supported by the communities, who are paupers, pays their share of the taxes. A farmer who has \$2,000 worth of land showed me his tax notice. His total taxes on his land were only 9.70 marks or \$2.40; his income tax and other taxes probably amount to \$5.00.

The Ellinwood Leader, will this week get out supplements giving the delinquent tax list—an exhibition of enterprise not found with the other papers of the county, outside of the DEMOCRAT.

While there is not much water in the Arkansas river, there seems to be plenty of it in the Kossa dike.

A POLITICAL SPASM.

It seems that the usual "just before election" movement to stir up the joint question is being made all over the county. Our readers will remember that, over four years ago, when the opposition to republicanism had the county attorney, the prohibition question was agitated all over the county, and Mr. Hotchkiss, then county attorney, was compelled to commence prosecutions that piled up many thousands of dollars in costs for the people to pay—and DID NOT close the joints—and the republican politicians were the prime movers in the agitation. The republican candidate was elected county attorney, all agitation ceased—and the saloon business MOVED ON SMOOTHLY.

In advance of the election two years ago they were very careful not to agitate the question; the joints were doing very nicely under a republican county attorney, and all agitation was squelched. But lo, and behold, the people elected a democrat county attorney; and now, in advance of another election, the same old tactics are being pursued.

The spasm has struck Hoisington, as the following from the Dispatch would indicate:

We have not been furnished with the proceedings of the city council of last Monday evening. It has come to our ears, however, that that the point at issue was whether or not the council should take action concerning the closing of the joints. It seems that a very strong pressure has been brought on the city dads to have them take some action in this matter. We are informed that the decision of the council was that red war should be waged at once. City Attorney Prose was awakened from his bed of slumber and told that action of this kind had been decided on. His advice has been that it would be a futile effort and would only result in a large bill of costs against the city. We are told that the city attorney has informed the mayor that he will resign before he will be a party to the prosecution of these cases.

The Blood Stained Greenback. We never found any gold or silver in the pockets of our dead comrades during the war.

At the close of one of our great battles I remember of taking from the pocket of a dead comrade his diary, some old letters, a few keepsakes and a pocketbook. In his pocketbook was a new five dollar greenback, and it happened to be covered with some of his life's blood. I did not think so much about it then as I have since. But as I think of it now I feel like saying thank God the little greenback had never drawn a cent of interest money in its whole life; it had never been polluted by the touch of a Shylock's grasping fingers in its whole existence. He had received it only a few days before, fresh and crisp, direct from the hands of Uncle Sam's paymaster. It was paid to him for his paid service as a soldier defending the old flag. I rolled all the contents of his pocketbook into a little package and sent it through the mail to his good old mother in Vermont. Many years afterwards I visited my old home among the Green Mountains, and while there called upon the mother of my dead comrade. After talking with me for a while, and thanking me with a tenderness and pathos which only a mother could feel, she brought from an adjoining room the same little package which I had sent to her so many years before. And there with the rest was still the blood-stained greenback. I looked into the mother's face, and I knew I need not be told, that more than once during all those long years she had baptized that greenback with her mother's tears as her son had baptized it with his blood up on the battlefield—typical of the great fact that every dollar of our greenback money was baptized in the tears of widows and orphans of dead soldiers, and with the best blood of the nation. I love the greenback because it saved the nation in its hour of peril, because it preserved the Union, because it liberated 3,000,000 slaves, because it planted the old flag upon rebellious fort throughout the land, because it is money of progress and civilization, and more than all, because it is the money of the American republic.—Norton's Monthly.

Through Cars to Cincinnati. Pullman Palace and Tourist sleepers and free Chair cars to Cincinnati without charge, via Santa Fe Route, on September 5, 1898. Round-trip ticket costs only \$21.50.

MEMORABLE WAR DATES.

The chronology of important dates of the war and events immediately preceding it is not a long one, but valuable to all students of history. This table gives every date worthy of precise recollection:
February 15: Destruction of the Maine.
April 19: Armed intervention ordered by congress.
April 22: Nashville fired first shot at the war.
April 23: President calls for 125,000 volunteers.
April 25: Declaration of war by United States.
May 1: Battle of Manila.
May 11: First naval engagement in Cuban waters, the Winlow fight.
May 12: Bombardment of San Juan, Porto Rico.
May 19: Admiral Cervera arrives at Santiago.
May 24: Oregon arrives off Florida; journey 13,000 miles.
May 25: President calls for 75,000 more troops.
June 3: Lieutenant Hobson sinks the Merrimac in Santiago harbor.
June 10: Invasion of Cuba by Americans commences.
June 11: Battle of Guantanamo.
June 20: Ladrones islands taken.
June 22: General Shafter lands at Baiquiri.
June 24: Battle of Baiquiri.
June 25: Sevilla captured.
July 1 and 2: Battle of Santiago.
July 3: Destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet.
July 14: Santiago surrenders.
July 25: Spanish Miles invades Porto Rico.
July 25: Spain makes peace overtures.
August 2: Arroyo and Guayama, Porto Rico, surrender.
August 3: French ambassador confers with President McKinley for Spain.
August 5: Spanish forces in Porto Rico ordered not to resist.
August 6: Spain accepts peace terms of the United States.
August 10: Protocol cabled to Spain.
August 11: Spain authorizes the signing of the protocol.
August 12: Protocol signed and President McKinley proclaims suspension of hostilities.

A SUMMARY.

War began April 21, 1898.
War closed August 12, 1898.
Duration of hostilities 115 days
Expense of actual war \$141,000,000.
Americans killed 308.
Americans wounded 1,455.
Spaniards killed 2,129.
Spaniards wounded 2,948.
Vessels destroyed (American) 0.
Vessels destroyed (Spanish) 35.

TERRITORY LOST BY SPAIN.

Cuba 41,655 1,631,000.
Porto Rico 3,570 806,708.
Guam 150 5,000.
Philippines 52,650 7,900,000.

Now a Democrat.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Stephen A. Douglas, son of the statesman who was Lincoln's opponent for the presidency in 1860, and since boyhood one of the fighting members of the Republican party and at times a part of the Republican machine, has become a Democrat. Formally and officially he joined the ranks of the Democratic party in Cook county and pledged himself to become a member of the organization and do whatever work for the party he is called upon to do in the following public letter:
"For years I have been considered by Republicans as doctrinally unsound because I really believe that this should be a government of the people, by the people and strictly for the people. This was the reason, without doubt, why I was not permitted by the machine to make a single speech in the state of Illinois during the campaign of 1896, though this year, under date of July 28, the Republican state central committee honored me with a request to take the stump for them.

"Of late years the tendency of the Republican party has been to fasten this government under the control of trusts and monopolies.

"The tendency of the Democratic party has been to curtail the power of money and place the government in the hands of the mass of the people. I not only believe that this should be so, but I firmly believe that the only thing that can prevent this country from being wealth-ridden on the one hand or mob-ridden on the other is that the government shall be in the hands of the plain people.

"All my life my sympathies have been with the people (having been taught this by the two men I honor above all things, my father and Mr. Lincoln), and today I believe my proper place is in the Democratic party, and there I shall abide."

STEPHAN A. DOUGLAS, JR.

An exchange says it is astonishing to see with what eagerness some people who are not subscribers for a newspaper wait for its appearance so that they can borrow and read it. Some people would borrow what they eat and wear if they could. They are the ones who make the biggest fuss if the editor makes a mistake of any kind in his paper.

You are all proud of Kansas, and especially of Barton county. The best way to inform your friends in other states of what we are all doing out here is to send them the DEMOCRAT for a year. One Dollar will send it a year, postage paid, to any place in the United States.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

And it rained a little last Saturday.

John W. McCauley was over from Hoisington Saturday.

FOR SALE—A good farm. Inquire of J. H. JENNISON.

Poor old Spain was not a mouthful for your Uncle Samuel.

This is the favorite picnic season, and the chiggers are living fat.

"Johnnie will come marching home" about Christmas, if not sooner.

Will Bush is getting his new home in the third ward pretty neatly fixed up.

Clarence Aldrich started, Saturday, on an overland trip to Anguta, Oklahoma.

It will rain next Sunday, and the three Sundays following. Mark the guess.

P. Coopridge last week purchased the James W. Clarke residence, in the third ward.

Dry Walnut has been on the boom the past week, from the big irrigation ditch.

Clifton Coburn, of Albion, and his sister, Miss Lunda, are visiting in Colorado.

The wheat yield in the vicinity of Galatia is reported from 12 to 30 bushels to the acre.

Dick DePue and wife and C. J. French were Pawnee Rock people in town Saturday.

Can anyone tell us the whereabouts of the "Old Settlers Association of Barton County?"

City real estate still continues to change hands. Many new people are moving to town.

The purity of the Baking Powder named "Perfect" is a guarantee against sallow completion.

Barton county ranks second in the state in the production of wheat in 1898. Sumner takes first rank.

John A. Barthe, of Claffin, has been spending a week in Kansas City and other points east of here.

W. E. Durand, of Eureka township, last week bought the E. W. Moses residence, on Forest Avenue.

Frank Schenk, one of Olmitz solid farmers, called on the DEMOCRAT Friday and did the proper thing.

Miss Monger, of the south side, was a caller Monday, to order the DEMOCRAT for her father Joe Monger.

This—Thursday—is the day for the Old Soldiers Picnic, at John Kell's grove, in Pawnee Rock township.

FOR SALE—The E. E. Dawson residence property, Great Bend. On reasonable terms. See O. W. DAWSON.

By using the Baking Powder named "Perfect" you will show appreciation of pure food. Always use the "Perfect."

When you want old newspapers, for renovating shelves, putting under carpets etc., call at this office. 20 cents a hundred.

Every woman, in justice health and pocket book should try the "Perfect" Baking Powder. Once used always used.

Save this copy of the DEMOCRAT for future reference. It has the dates of all the important events of the late war with Spain.

The stomach is our best friend and the next best is the "Perfect" Baking Powder. It is chemically pure and assists digestion.

Hand your DEMOCRAT to that neighbor who does not get it, and ask why he does not subscribe for the leading county paper.

D. B. Palmer, returned Friday evening from his visit in the southern states. Well pleased to get back to prosperous Kansas.

Nobody should try to live without fruit during this hot weather. The place to buy it is at the Star Grocery of A. R. Moss.

Mrs. Jane McMullin has bought the Coopridge place, in the 4th ward, south of Myron Gilmore's, and will move in from Liberty township.

Was not that a bombardment royal, Saturday morning? It was about the most uproarious thunder storm that has visited these parts in many a day.

Barton county according to the assessors' report, increased 501 in population during the past year. The total increase in the state is something over 20,000.

Guess it was canard, about one of the Great Bend boys being "reduced to the ranks" for writing letters home to his local paper. Don't believe half the

rumors you hear on the streets about our soldier boys. They are all pretty near able to take care of themselves.

John Welch was in from near Dundee, Saturday, to get coal and other necessary essentials for threshing time.

Erick Cole and wife returned last Thursday from Wisconsin, where they have been for the last three weeks or more.

Call on this office before you get your sale bills printed. We guarantee you quick work and prices that will knock out all competition.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A good restaurant business in Great Bend. Other business requires my attention. Call on or address. CHAS. JOHNSON.

Tom Brewer has gone into the coal business at Pawnee Rock. First thing you know Tom will be one of "them thar bloated aristocrats" and go to buying wheat.

This has been a good year for lumber dealers, but according to the advertising columns of the Great Bend papers there are no lumber dealers in Great Bend.

Have our silver people nominated township officers yet? The DEMOCRAT would like a list of all township officers as they are nominated. Send in your nominations.

Call at Hotel Greene on Saturday, Aug. 27th and make an appointment with Dr. W. A. Phillips, the eye and ear specialist. He will be here three days—27th to 29th.

The Woman's Relief Corps will go to Cincinnati via Santa Fe's special through train, which will leave here on September 5. Round trip ticket from here costs only \$21.50.

A "Wild West" show is said to be headed this way, and has Great Bend down as one of the places to stop. If it comes within a hundred miles of us we hope it will stop—there.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. have arranged for through train to Cincinnati via Santa Fe on September 5. The round trip is \$21.50. An excellent opportunity to give your family an outing.

Frank Keenan was in Saturday to have some sale bills printed. His sale will take place September 10th, at his place 1 1/2 miles north-east of Seward. See his bills for terms and enumeration of stock.

Real estate men are said to be doing a good business. The public, however, would not think we had any such people in Great Bend, after consulting the advertising columns of the papers published here.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Lelia Clancy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clancy, to Frank Leek, both of Eureka township, to take place next Wednesday, August 24th, at the home of Mr. Clancy.

Fred Evans, formerly of this city, and for a number years a printer in the DEMOCRAT office, came out from Kansas City, Kans., last week for a few days visit. Fred is now working on the Kansas City Gazette, Geo. Martin's paper.

A wagon load of men who had been harvesting in this county passed through town one day last week, on the side of their covered wagon being the following inscription: "Thirteen hundred Spaniards down below; Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Love and a lumber wagon are about alike—travel a hard rough road. Sometimes a smooth valley is passed over with a jar or rut to mar the pleasure but there is always a hill ahead which is often stony and rough, but with patience and plenty of good axle grease, the most undesirable obstacles may be overcome.

Editor Armstrong of the Beacon returned last Saturday evening from his visit to Indiana. He was gone about two weeks, and visited his old home, besides a number of eastern cities. He did not particularly enjoy the wet, miasmatic haunts of his childhood, and expresses himself glad to get back to Kansas, the finest country on earth.

Saturday morning Squire E. J. Dodge went out into his back yard to take care of a set of harness, just as the rain storm came up. When near an iron pump there was a blinding flash, and he lay prostrate on the ground. He thinks the lightning struck the pump, the main bolt following it into the ground while a small "splinter" hit him in the right ankle, burning the ankle and one side of his foot and knocking off a slipper, besides laying him out cold for a short time. Squire thinks it was as close a call as he ever experienced.