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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN.
For Vice President, ADLAI E. STEVENSON.
For Congress, 7th District, CLAUD DUVAL.
For Senator, 25th District, GEORGE B. ROSS.
Barton County Ticket.
For Representative, M. W. COBURN.
For County Attorney, JAS. W. CLARKE.
For County Sup't, B. J. HENNESSY.
For District Clerk, W. B. LUCAS.
For Probate Judge, W. P. PEDER.
For County Printer, D. T. ARMSTRONG.
For Commissioner, 2d Dist., S. S. SHATTUCK.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

Our Friends, the Enemy, Go Through the Form of Nominating a County Ticket.

The republican county convention met at the Court House last Saturday. W. R. Bunting was made temporary chairman, W. H. Carr temporary secretary and Frank Brown assistant secretary. The usual committees were named, and the convention adjourned for dinner.

After dinner the temporary officers were made permanent. The order of business was adopted. The committee on credentials reported all townships represented except Albion, Beaver, Clarence, Cleveland, Cheyenne, Grant, and Washburn precinct (7 in all). Motion carried that where republicans were present from townships with no accredited delegates such republicans be permitted to act, and cast full vote of said townships. On this proposition Frank Seeber represented Clarence, and a gentleman from Liberty—formerly—cast the two votes of Washburn. The other five townships not being "in it."

Mr. Banta read the resolutions and they were adopted. The resolutions were the same old rigamarole about allegiance to national and state platforms; endorsement of national and state administrations without mental reservations or explicit allegations, etc. They claim credit to the republican party for "bringing prosperity where famine existed" (got to be real rain makers, you know); are not antagonistic to capital, but "denounce all illegal trusts," (note the saving clause—"illegal"—that word, judiciously worked will bring the boodle.) The resolutions also "denounce the 16 to 1 free silver heresy" and endorse the single gold standard (as they did not dare to do in '96,) and declared as false and unpatriotic the democratic national platform made at Kansas City, which contained the Declaration of Independence and all the fundamental principles of a republican form of government.

The nomination of candidate for representative being first in order, Mr. Banta in quite an eloquent address named Dr. Shaw, of Great Bend, the local railroad physician for the Santa Fe, and moved the rules be suspended and the nomination of Dr. Shaw be made by acclamation, which was done, although there was quite a sprinkling of negatives to this proposition. Dr. Shaw was sent for, and came, and jollied the delegates considerably, starting out with "Now you fellows have done it, sure." The doctor acknowledged that he had "a good man to run against," and his wife advised him not to accept a nomination. A motion was here adopted,

that all other candidates be brought out by informal ballot. For clerk of the district court, the informal ballot was: W. B. Welch 112, Frank Brown 32, W. W. Bowman 2. Mr. Cole moved that the informal ballot be made formal, and W. B. Welch was declared the nominee.

For county attorney, the informal ballot was: D. A. Banta 72, C. A. Swartz 51, J. B. Prose 13, F. V. Russell 7, Nimocks 4. When the third ward announced 15 votes for Banta, Mr. Banta challenged the vote, stating that he being on the delegation did not want his vote announced as cast for himself. He further stated that he would not accept ANY nomination even if given him by a unanimous vote of the convention. He then moved that the rules be suspended, and that Mr. Swartz be nominated by acclamation, which motion carried.

For probate judge, the informal ballot stood: R. W. Emmerson 69, Stanley Prindle 51, H. E. Turck 23, George Land 2, E. W. Moses 2. Mr. Turck, on the announcement of the ballot, stated that he was not a candidate, had not been, and would not be.

First formal ballot—Turck 60, Emmerson 54, Prindle 33. Again Mr. Turck protested, saying "I cannot accept a nomination—this is final." There were cries of "Roosevelt him," and he was "Roosevelted" into an unwilling sacrifice, the second formal ballot being—Turck 85, Emmerson 51, Prindle 10, Boyd Evers 1. Turck was declared the nominee. He was forced upon the girdiron, and accepted his fate, saying "I hope I am as strong as you people seem to think; I do not want it, but will do the best I can to be elected."

For county superintendent the informal ballot resulted: E. Francis Ewing 106, Eugene Harrison 41. On motion the informal ballot was made formal, and E. Francis Ewing declared the nominee.

For county printer, informal ballot: Ira H. Clark, 83, W. H. Carr 54, J. W. A. Cooke 5, C. P. Townsley 4. A motion to make the informal ballot formal was lost, and convention proceeded to a

Formal ballot—Clark 88, Carr 53, Clark declared the nominee.

The following members of the county central committee were then elected:

Buffalo—Levi Gunn, Comanche—Louis Hagen, Eureka—Tom White, Fairview—Tom Brown, Great Bend—Geo. Caraway, Homestead—W. L. Mitchell, Independent—J. B. Frederick, Lakin—Ed. Bockemohle, Logan—Chas. Montgomery, Pawnee Rock—Mark Heynes, South Bend—Henry Ward, Walnut—Wm. Mildren, Wheatland—Frank Millard City, 1st Ward—L. P. Aber, 2d—G. L. Chapman, 3d—John Tilton, 4th—Sid Newcombe.

G. L. Chapman, W. R. Bunting and D. A. Banta placed in nomination for chairman of the county central committee. Mr. Banta again declined any honors at the hands of the convention. An informal ballot was taken, resulting: Bunting 111, Chapman 22. This ballot was declared formal and Bunting elected county chairman.

A committee of 5 was appointed by the chair to select 19 delegates to the senatorial convention. The committee reported, and convention by motion elected the following: D. A. Banta, A. H. Jennison, W. H. Carr, J. W. A. Cooke, W. H. Rediger, E. C. Cole, Jude Goodale, George

Caraway, Thos. DeWerr, A. A. Ward, O. E. O'Brien, F. Millard, S. Prindle, R. W. Emmerson, Boyd Evers, F. A. Praeger, A. L. Whitcomb, C. A. Swartz and Dr. Atkin. The convention then adjourned.

COMMISSIONER'S CONVENTION.

F. V. Russell was selected as chairman and Ira H. Clark secretary, of the commissioners convention. Chas. E. Dodge of Great Bend and Geo. Mitchell of Hoisington were placed in nomination.

Informal ballot—Mitchell 38, Dodge 33.

Formal ballot—Mitchell 37, Dodge 35. Mitchell declared the nominee, and convention adjourned.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Chas. Ewing backed out, but his brother, E. Francis, backed in.

The old soldiers, Prindle and Emmerson and the son of an old soldier, Brown, were turned down.

Ira Clark will not say another word about the unpopularity of Chester I. Long—not this year. That matter has been "fixed."

And they could not "Roosevelt" Mr. Banta—not this year—some other year. We have a suspicion that Dan talks one way and thinks another way.

The second ward—Dodge's own ward—could have nominated him had they given him 12 votes instead of 10 on the last ballot. Who was it balked? Ask Charlie.

There were two colored men in the convention—Rev. Greene and Rev. Johnson. By-the-way, the colored people put up an "independent republican" city ticket in Great Bend last spring. But that is another story.

Mr. Swartz could not be found by the committee sent out. He may have been looking for more votes to add to the grand total of 51 (out of a possible 167) which he got in the only ballot taken on county attorney.

There was method in Joe Cooke's madness in forcing Harry Turck to accept a nomination on a preordained "Dennis" ticket. In case such an improbable thing happened as the election of a republican president, Harry would be in Joe's way for the Ellinwood P. O.

READER, remember one thing: If a large standing army must be maintained by the United States, to enforce tribute from far off islands, then the time will come when that large army cannot be recruited voluntarily; and when that time comes then will come the necessary laws to compel young men to do military service. That state of affairs is bound to come about if the republican policy of expansion of trade by force of arms is endorsed. A vote for McKinley will be a vote for that un-American, un-Christian policy. A vote for Bryan will mean a vote for a return to the strict letter of the constitution; expansion only by peaceable means; government by representation, and a standing by the true principles of a republic that have made this country great. Stand by the flag; and at the same time stand by an honest construction of the constitution that will not permit it to be separated from the flag.

SOME men argue that this country must expand in order to increase her foreign trade; and say that, as we have the Phillipine islands now we must hold onto them if it takes a large standing army to do so. If, holding them by force of arms, at an expenditure of millions of money and thousands of lives

of our young men, is according to Christian teaching or the principles of just government upon which our republic was founded, then there might be some excuse for the commercial expansion advocated. But it is not; it is contrary to everything in our method of government that has made this country great. And if their kind of expansion is to be bought at the price of liberty, of right and justice, and an expenditure of more millions of dollars in a year than can be regained in trade in 20 years, it is a mighty poor business proposition for the whole people, although it may be a good one for the army officers, the contractors, the speculators and politicians. This country has grown great and powerful through peaceful and just methods of expansion. It will fall, like ancient Rome, through "militarism."

THAT the German press throughout the land will not be for McKinley and his English ideas, is growing more evident each day. Dr. L. W. Habercorn, who was heretofore connected with the Republican national and congressional committees as manager of their German bureau, has resigned therefrom, realizing that he cannot support the administration in its policy of imperialism and militarism. In explanation of this action and the reason thereof he says in substance that he left the Republican congressional committee because he could not defend and promote its expansion and foreign policies.

THE half empire and half republic scheme of President McKinley will not pass muster before the American people. It is dangerous, and too liable to lead to whole empire. If the island of Porto Rico and the Phillipine islands can be held as outside of the constitution; if the people of those lands may be made, by military force, to pay tribute to this republic, then the laws can be construed to mean government without representation of any state in the Union. No half empire and half republic can stand.

REPUBLICANS are asking: "Is Dr. Shaw a Baker man, or a Burton man?" It will make no difference to the democrats and populists which he is. They know he is a republican, and if he should be elected to the State legislature he would cast his vote for some republican for U. S. Senator. It is therefore unnecessary to state that democrats and populists should, and will, see to it that the pleasant doctor is not sent to Topeka to assist in sending a republican to the Senate.

REPUBLICANS say that "Roosevelt will set the Kansas prairies on fire." As Kansas prairie fires are a disastrous thing, will somebody tie up Teddy's "setter" and save the prairies. Rooseveltism has waned in Kansas about as fast as Funstonism. Each of them were overdrawn heroes.

YOUR Uncle Adlai E. Stevenson, nominee for Vice President, is a Kentuckian by birth, an Illinoisian by adoption. An old-time greenbacker, a Presbyterian in religion, a "smooth" rider and a "swift" rider, and will add strength to the ticket in the states where it needs strengthening.

NO NATIONAL ticket ever nominated gave more general satisfaction to its party and more trouble to its opponents than the one named by the Kansas City convention.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL COMMENT.

A welcome shower Sunday night.

When little girls fall in love it increases their sighs.

See this office for all kinds of job work. We meet all competition.

Wm. Shaplond, at Galatia, is preparing to build a new farm house.

Where is the busiest place in town? McCullough's restaurant, of course.

FOR SALE, CHEAP—A new, 12-hoe McSherry Hoe Drill. G. E. Wyman.

Last week's hot weather made many a Kansas corn field look like 30 cents.

Edwin Tyler is now busily engaged taking the school census of Great Bend.

Mayor M. E. Heynes, of Pawnee Rock, called on the DEMOCRAT Saturday.

Elihu Jordan a brother-in-law of the DEMOCRAT man, is in the county this week.

J. C. Lowery, north of Hoisington, is preparing to build him a commodious new barn.

Lost—Pacific Express book. Reasonable reward for its return to W. B. Armstrong.

The busiest craftsmen these days are the blacksmiths, wagon makers and machinists.

Lou Deleplane started this week on an overland trip to Oklahoma, to visit with his brother.

The wheat tests away up, and the yield in this county will average above 20 bushels to the acre.

Threshermen can get threshers' certificates, in duplicate, bound in book form, at this office.

Mrs. H. J. Ives, an old and prominent resident of Ellinwood, died at that place last Thursday.

The city was a little too wild for good morals, last week. The general public misses "Uncle Dick."

Sam Shattuck, the coming north side commissioner, was in to see the republican circus Saturday.

J. W. Shields, of the north side, is among the new subscribers added to the DEMOCRAT list the past week.

Geo. Barrows and wife, of near Galatia, are the happy parents of a fine girl baby, born on the 7th inst.

J. T. Kell, of Pawnee Rock township, was in town Friday last, rejoicing that his grain was all gathered.

State democratic and populist convention, at Fort Scott next week, the 24th. Special rates on all railroads.

The report comes in that a threshing outfit south of Ellinwood was burned up Saturday, also a lot of wheat.

A. C. Baxter the local marble works man is around again after being laid up with a severe illness for several weeks.

Lost—In the north-east part of town, a pair of spectacles, divided, double lens. Leave with A. G. Laugham.

John Bauer, of Pawnee Rock township, finished cutting his wheat at noon the 13th, then knocked off to come to town.

On account of the alfalfa being so generally injured by the army worm, the local honey crop is expected to be short this year.

Fannie and Lottie Cliff arrived last week, from Champaign, Ill., on a visit to their step-father, Harry Shore, and their half sister.

Look out for fires. An ounce of prevention is worth a whole river of water if you don't have the water about your wheat stacks.

Threshing machines are coming in to Barton county from a dozen of neighboring states. They have all heard of old Barton's big wheat crop.

J. W. Luss, the tinner, who has been down in Oklahoma for the past few months, came up to Great Bend on a business trip the first of the week.

Word reaches Great Bend that Miss Leota Humphrey, daughter of J. K. Humphrey, died on Saturday the 14th, of heart disease, at her home in Pueblo, Colorado.

It keeps the thresher men dodging to keep from running into the wheat stacks when they pull the engine into the field for a setting—the stacks are so thick on the ground.

Keep your hands away from the threshing machine cylinder. It is loaded. Every year from two to a dozen hands are taken off during the threshing season in this county.

Henry Born, manager of the New York Store, returned Monday from a several weeks outing in the mountains of Colorado.

Jacob Klein and wife, of Cheyenne township, were in town Monday. Mr. Klein coming over to attend a meeting of those interested in the Cheyenne bottom condemned lands.

A. B. Willcutt, the popular manager of the Albert skimming station, accompanied by Mrs. W. was in town Tuesday, not to attend the show, but as an evidence of goodfellowship.

The chuck-chuck of loaded wheat wagons now makes music in the air. If the price was what it really ought to be—70 cents and upwards—the music would have a sweeter sound.

The Langford boys started up their machine the last of the week, but after a half days' work on wheat, started to thresh pitchforks, with the result that the machine was laid up for a few days.

S. A. Young was down from Timken the first of the week. He says that, from his observation of public sentiment, the chances for democratic success are 40 per cent better than at this time in 1896.

J. F. Williams, an older brother of Steve Williams of Dundee, has been out helping through the harvest. Mr. Williams was a Barton county resident in the 70's, but is now located at Baldwin, Kansas.

Tom Brown was the first man in town to attend the county convention Saturday. But Tom has been treated so kindly by the bosses the past ten years or more that he is excusable for his republican enthusiasm.

J. A. Purviance and family will move back to Great Bend shortly. Jim will buy grain for the Farmers Mill & Elevator Co. The many friends of the Purviance family will be glad to see them again residents of Barton county.

A thresher named Murry, south of Hatchinson, was on top of his separator Monday, when the cylinder cap being off and the top of the machine covered with straw, he stepped right into the cylinder and had his leg torn off in a moment. He afterwards died of the injuries.

Great Bend republicans could not dodge the inevitable, on the commissioner nomination, Saturday. For the next three years the city of Great Bend will have no representative on the board of county commissioners. But Sam Shattuck will be fair and just to Great Bend, just the same.

Before placing your order with anyone else, come and see me, and I will save you money. Others are saying they will sell cheaper. But give the Home Shop a chance. I supply any kind of a monument you wish.

GREAT BEND MARBLE WORKS, A. C. Baxter, Prop.

Repair work on the ditch was discontinued last week, and the water turned into it to fill up the cracks and leakage holes. We believe it is not contemplated to turn the water into the bottoms until the appraisal matter is adjusted in the courts, which will be at the October term.

The only time to stop advertising entirely is when you go out of business. When the orders are being placed, the success of a competitor who has, by means of a small ad, during the quiet season, wisely retained his acquaintance with the readers, makes your mistake of several months retirement from the advertising columns painfully apparent.

At least one thousand men and teams from the outside found employment in Barton county during the harvest time. Estimating that they put in an average of 15 days, at \$2.00, the farmers have paid out, for extra help in this county alone, for two weeks of wheat cutting, the neat sum of \$30,000.00. And that was only a small part of the expense of harvesting our 5,000,000 bushel crop.

Inquiries have been made as to "what is Barton county's indebtedness?" County Clerk Lutecb is preparing a financial statement, showing the indebtedness of the county, the townships and cities. As to the county debt, the county refunding bonds, issued in March, 1888, and due Feb. 1, 1918, for \$30,500, is our total county indebtedness. To meet this there is now on hand, and drawing interest, over \$45,000 in the general fund, and a large amount in the redemption fund. There was no levy for the general fund last year, and will be none this year. Instead of being in debt, Barton county is about \$40,000 cash ahead of all obligations.