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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, 35th District, GEORGE B. ROSS.

### Kansas State Ticket.

For Governor, JOHN W. BREIDENBACH.  
 For Lieutenant Governor, MAJ. A. M. HARVEY.  
 For Secretary of State, ANS FRANKS.  
 For State Auditor, E. J. WESTGAAL.  
 For State Treasurer, CONWAY MARRALL.  
 For Sup't. of Insurance, WES McNEILL.  
 For Attorney General, HOOP P. FARNBELL.  
 For State Sup't. of Schools, LEVI HUNNABER.  
 For Associate Justice, DAVID MARTIN.  
 For Congressman at Large, J. D. BOWEN.

### For Presidential Electors.

J. B. FUGATE, C. P. CANTRELL,  
 H. J. BOTTLE, J. D. GOSWELL,  
 R. W. TURNER, JAMES BALLGON,  
 TAYLOR RIDDLE, F. M. BRADY,  
 C. H. NICHOLAS, JAMES BUCK.

### 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. LUDAS.  
 For Probate Judge, W. P. FEDERS.  
 For County Printer, D. T. ARMSTRONG.  
 For Commissioner, 3 Dist., S. S. SHATTUCK.

### GEORGE B. ROSS.

Fusion Nominee for State Senator in Rice, Stafford and Barton Counties.

In a recent issue of the Sterling Bulletin-Gazette we find the following very favorable comment on the democratic candidate for state senator in this district. Remember that this comment is by the leading paper of Mr. Ross' own county, and know that the gentleman is deserving of the votes of ALL people:

"The office of State Senator is the most important within the gift of the district, because a State Senator, as a member of the highest body of legislators existing in the state, has the power of aiding or retaining the prosperity, comfort and general good of the community by his position on questions which affect the whole state. For this position a man should be selected who has a cool head, and some business experience; who is able to think, and act, from the inspiration of his own just convictions, and here, in Kansas, one who is accustomed to the routine and necessities of the farmer's life, for they who till the soil represent the largest and best class of his constituents. Geo. B. Ross combines all the qualifications which tend to make him an able and high-minded public official. For the seventeen years that he has resided in Valley township, Rice county, his life has been an open book to his friends and neighbors. His personal character is steadfast and pure. He has demonstrated the fact that he is a fearless and aggressive worker in the political field, and, above all, he is a farmer and knows the ups and downs, the blessings and drawbacks, needs and necessities of a farmer's life. He is making a vigorous and active campaign, and his friends are absolutely confident of his election. Mr. Ross has worked up from the bottom. When he came to Kansas he hired out on a farm, and later was manager of Irish & Quigley's lumber yard at Alden. He has been for years, and is now, a grain and stock buyer and shipper, and is peculiarly well informed on the needs of this section in regard to railroad freight rates and railroad legislation. Having been for some time a member of the firm of Ross Brothers at Alden, he is personally acquainted with the farmers of this section, and they

know his business ability to be great, and his integrity to be unquestionable.

"Geo. B. Ross was born in Indiana in 1864. In 1883 he came to Kansas, locating in Valley township, where he now resides. He engaged in several different branches of business, but finally located on the farm near Alden, which is now his home. He is engaged in raising blooded stock, and has some very fine Shorthorn cattle, and Poland China hogs, now on the place. His farm consists of 160 acres of fine land, two miles southwest from Alden, and 100 acres of pasture along the river. Mr. Ross married Miss Lydia L. Stout, and they have been blessed with four healthful children, three boys and a girl. Mr. Ross was a Democrat until the inception of the Populist party, when he became one of its first active members. For eight years he has been a member of the County Central Committee, and was Township Trustee for two years, being elected by a safe majority, although his township is nominally Republican. This is indicative of the warm personal support Mr. Ross receives from those who know him best and appreciate his ability. No candidate could have been selected who would poll more votes, both in and outside of his party. If Geo. B. Ross is elected, he will be a dignified and capable Senator, a conscientious law maker, an economical statesman, and as a neighbor and friend to every voter in this district, will have their best interests always in his mind.

POLITICAL lines are now being drawn up for battle. The great generals are mobilizing their forces, and scouts are going out in every direction to learn the lay of the land and report the supposed weak points of the enemy. In the battle for national supremacy the "big guns" will be heard the oftenest in those states where the national committees of both the leading parties think the advantages are about equal. In New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan the battle will be waged the hottest, and the strongest speakers will be put to work. In Kansas the republicans virtually concede that their money and influence used here will be fruitless so far as their state or electoral ticket is concerned; they practically admit that Kansas will go for Bryan and Breidenthal. But that party will spend some "dough" in congressional and legislative districts, hoping to secure some small foothold in that direction. It would appear that Hanna's hand has already been opened and a few shekles tossed into the 7th district where they will do the most good for Long. Long is a McKinley kind of man—a "me-too," who can be depended upon to do the bidding of the Trusts. He has done it before, and they feel they can depend upon him to do it again; hence the "bar" will be opened early, the stuff will be dished out pretty liberally in Chester L.'s behalf. If, however, the voters who do not believe in sending a corporation tool to congress can be united on Claude Duval all the combinations of Hanna, hell and the devil cannot return Chester L. Long to the next congress.

WHENEVER some small fry populist, out in some county that does not cast a total of 100 votes, flops to the republican party the Hutchinson news fixes him up a double column notice, in a pretty border, and gives him the center of its first page. But when Andy Felt, an ex-repub-

lican Lieutenant Governor, flopped to the democrats the News barely noticed it in a nine line comment.

**Falschhood Nailed.**  
 Concerning the recent interview with L. P. Campbell, published in most republican papers of the state, in which Campbell so grossly misrepresented the democratic congressional convention, Prof. Wm. Strykersays, in the Wellington Voice:

"We were present at the time mentioned. The only shadow of truth or foundation there is for the above is the fact that some members were smoking though not more than is common in many such gatherings, and one drunken delegate was allowed to make a speech, which in no way changed the result. There was much earnestness, but no profanity and no disorder more than is common at political conventions. We wish further to explain the course the Voice has taken in this whole matter. We preferred a Populist and so stated in the paper, but did not consider either of the two candidates before the Great Bend convention, L. P. Campbell or W. L. Brown, in any way so strong a candidate as Claude Duval. For this reason and in the hope of an amicable adjustment of matters no name has been put up in the paper and nothing has been said. Both Campbell and Brown have been very indiscreet in what they have said and done of which the above is a sample, Brown more so than Campbell. Developments since the Great Bend convention have more than justified our action in the matter. United action of both Populists and Democrats in support of one able, discreet and active candidate has been the end which we had hoped and still hope to attain."

THE various candidates on the democratic ticket for county office have not commenced an active campaign yet; but they are individually feeling the public pulse, and are well pleased with the reception their candidacy receives at the hands of the voters with whom they come in contact. Ere long plans will be made for an active and aggressive campaign, and before election day rolls around every school house in the county will ring with the earnest voices of fearless men calling upon the voters to rally to the standard of Bryan and Breidenthal and to help wrest from power those who would lead this people into imperialism, militarism and the rule of the Trusts.

THERE will be mighty few "stay at home" voters this fall. The people are becoming awakened to the danger of imperialism, militarism and trust rule that threatens our land, and we honestly feel that the true patriotism that has made our land great will be awakened in the breast of every voter in the land, to the end that he will not let election day in 1900 pass without his going to the polls and recording his protest against turning this republic over to the money changers for the exclusive benefit of the few.

A RECENT editorial in the Atchison Globe, published by one of the brightest republicans in Kansas, says: "The republicans of Kansas will make a serious mistake if they forget that John W. Breidenthal, fusion nominee for governor, is in every way an excellent man. In all respects he is at least the equal of the republican nominee for governor. Mr. Breidenthal is not a "crazy populist" but an energetic, intelligent, worthy and patriotic citizen of Kansas."

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL COMMENT.

Let us have those park seats painted. The next big attraction in Great Bend will be the county fair.

J. M. Stauffer and family are visiting with relatives in the east.

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

M. Rader and Nick Sprinker were Ellinwood business men in town Monday.

Frank Hudson north of Galatia, is preparing to build a new house on his farm.

E. C. Davis has bought the A. West residence property, on south Main street.

Walt Cornell left Monday for a drive over to Russell, Bunker Hill, and Salina.

Prof. Boles and his medicine wagon helped to entertain the crowds last Saturday.

"Not as good as Ringlings" is the general comment on the show last Saturday.

John Stevens is down in Missouri with his string of horses, "showing" the natives.

FOR SALE—40 head of pigs. Geo. H. Taylor, 10 miles south-west of Great Bend.

Jim Kelley and wife, and A. Dougan and family of Clarin, took in the circus Saturday.

Everybody says they had the hottest time of their lives at the circus, Saturday afternoon.

H. J. Hammett, of the Larned Tiller & Toiler, was a caller on the DEMOCRAT Saturday.

Keep off the grass! Hop off the earth! Or you may get about seven dollars' worth.

Misses Clara and Bettie Bruesser, of Kansas City, are visiting with friends in Great Bend.

The hunters say the weather is too dry for the hunting of plover and "stubble ducks."

The knife and cane racks were "suppressed," Saturday, before they had run very long.

Ellinwood sent up to the Bend a delegation of several hundred of "her best," on circus day.

Mrs. Jake Heidley, of Ellinwood, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Great Bend.

Harry Brooker, the Hutchinson Marble man, spent a couple of days in Great Bend last week.

THE DEMOCRAT—trial subscription—to Jan. 1, 1901, for 25 cents. Tell your neighbors about it.

Grant Baldrige, formerly a tailor in this city, stopped off to visit friends, on his way to California.

N. S. Ream, of the south-east part of town is enjoying a visit from his sister, Miss Lottie Ream.

Half of August goes, and those extremely cold days Prof. Hicks promised have not shown up yet.

Wirt Dawson has embarked in the feed store business, buying out Fred Hainline, on Forest avenue.

POLOVER WANTED—\$1 00 a dozen for all the choice Plover you bring us. MCNOW & HAYS.

Dan Quinlan and wife came up from the Strip country last week to visit with relatives in this county.

Misses Nettie and Mary Soule, of Topeka, made a flying visit to Great Bend friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bernice McManus (nee Benedict) of Newton, has been visiting the past week with Mrs. Mayor Hulme.

Among the Ellinwoodites in town Saturday we noticed Postmaster Lockhart and Pete Kimpler "and families."

Chas. Cue, a stock man from Trego county, a son of J. Cue north of Hoisington, was a Bend visitor on show day.

Amos Johnson came in from Colorado last week to look after his Dartmouth gold mine—his farm, orchard, etc.

Everybody should turn in and help make the coming county fair a success. It should be a regular Harvest Home Festival.

There is quite a demand for city residence property, and a number of places have changed hands the past few weeks.

H. J. Gunn, of Mt. Paletine, Ill., a nephew of Levi Gunn of this county came out this week to make his relatives a visit.

The hot dry weather, is "just the cheese" for wheat threshing, although the boys who work on the machines would as soon have it a little cooler.

On account of diphtheria being in several families at Hoisington, no church services were held there last Sunday.

The Ladies' Brass Band, of Hoisington give another minstrel performance tonight—the 17th. Go and "see the girls."

Mrs. C. B. Morgan is home again. She left Uncle Charlie in Kansas City, where he proposes to stay and have a good time.

The north side circus grounds are all right. They were not near as dirty as the old grounds on south Main street.

FOR RENT—The three rooms lately occupied by Miss Cook as dressmaking rooms, over cigar store.

W. F. Putnam was down from Ness City last week to visit the family, and also helped Seward & Barnett in the rush circus day.

The boys say that the first place "the grass began to grow" on the streets of Hoisington was in front of the bank recently suspended.

FOR SALE—A good, New England Organ. Will sell cheap. At second hand store of Wallas & Strobel.

Why is there not more hay baled in this county? Baled hay will command a good price the next six months. Mark this prediction.

The first three days of this week were certainly the hottest of the season, the thermometer ranging from 102 to 104 in the shade.

Ask to see those Sash Locks and Broom Holders—the neatest thing out. You will sure want them.

The many Great Bend friends of S. A. Young will be glad to know that he has been promoted from Timken to station agent at Scott City.

Jake Christoph and family were up from Chase last Friday and Saturday, to visit with Mrs. Christoph's people, Uncle Dick Ewalt and family.

FOR SALE—150 to 200 tons of good hay; want to sell in bulk; may have more. ALBERT SPENCER, Hoisington, Kans.

Fred Zutavern, of the Great Bend Implement Co., has been laid up for a week or more being only able to come down town the last few days.

Mrs. John Dickson returned last week from a several weeks visit at Excelsior Springs, Mo. The Dickson family will probably move to Kansas City.

F. H. Lenger, who has charge of the nursery business in the north east part of town, returned Friday from a several weeks canvas in the interests of the nurseries.

LOST—Monday, August 13, leather bill book containing \$11 in currency, valuable papers and a photograph. Liberal Reward. Leave at this office. E. E. BAIRD.

Geo. B. Ross, democrat and populist candidate for State Senator of this district, to succeed Senator John Armstrong, was in the city Saturday and met with quite a number of our people.

R. A. Allison returned, the first of the week, from a tour of inspection in southern Kansas. He says there will be but little corn raised in Kansas this year at least from Barton county south.

City Attorney Will Osmond returned the first of the week, from an outing of several months up on Puget Sound. Mr. Osmond left the children well and happy and pleased with their new home.

The smoke of the thrasher ascends to the skies, but the hope of the farmer refuses to rise. If the price of his wheat would go up—like the smoke—his hopes would do likewise, and that is no joke.

Ed. F. Winterburg and Louis Hiss left overland, Tuesday, for Oklahoma to look after a bunch of stock they have down there. Three or four others from this city went with them to see the land.

The continued dry weather has very much delayed wheat seeding in this part of Kansas. The farmers will, however, get in as much as they can, and trust to fall and winter rains to bring on the grain.

E. Esfeld and family were down from Cleveland township, to take in the circus Saturday. Mr. Esfeld ordered the DEMOCRAT, while in town. There are a whole lot of his neighbors who should do likewise.

As peaceable a gathering of 10,000 people as ever assembled in Great Bend was the show crowd last Saturday. Some few toughs filled up on beer, and got a little obstreperous, but were soon put in the cooler.

We had not heard of Editor Carr's troubles, but his Hoisington Dispatch last week says: "After one year of married life a Hoisington woman has proposed to celebrate her wooden wedding because she married a block-head."

Editor Cooke, of the Ellinwood Leader announces that he has purchased \$14,000 worth of new printing machinery. Gee-whizz! What a lot of confidence the Brother has, to invest so much money in a country newspaper plant!

FOR SALE—A block of good town property; 5 room house; stable, buggy house, granary, chicken yards and houses, 500 bearing grape vines, other fruit trees, 2 windmills and horse power pump. Call and see JOHN SCHAFFER.

The Barton County State Bank will be opened at Hoisington this week. Messrs. O. B. Looney, J. H. Hartman and M. C. Elmore, of Clarin, together with some Hoisington business men, will furnish the capital, and Mr. Hartman will be the cashier.

W. T. Smith of near Greenbush, Ills., accompanied by his wife and daughter, are stopping in this county, for a couple of weeks, with his brother, J. F. Smith of Maherville. They are taking a trip overland for the benefit of the daughter's health.

Before placing your order with anyone else, come and see me, as 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 MARBEL WORKS, A. C. Baxter, Prop.

Small fire at Hoopers Drug Store The gasoline lamp took fire Monday evening, and for a short time, caused quite a commotion, when one of the men had the nerve to take the lamp with gasoline flame yet burning, and throw it out the door, before it exploded, so that only the goods in the window where the lamp was located were damaged.

Mrs. S. J. Saul writes from McLeansboro, Ills., to renew her DEMOCRAT. She says: "I would be glad to see all my old friends. Am glad to hear of Kansas' prosperity this year, and if the farmers can only get what their wheat is worth, can elect Bryan and defeat the trusts they will be in the swim."

By another summer arrangements should be made for putting on another street sprinkler. There is plenty of work for one sprinkler to do to keep Main street in good condition for its full length. Another sprinkling wagon could keep the by-streets in good condition. The cost of sprinkling could almost be saved in the saving of street work.

J. S. Shively, of the Topeka Paper Co., was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Shively, who is, as are most traveling men, an enthusiastic Bryan man, is carrying around with him \$25 that says Mr. Bryan will get the electoral vote of Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Kentucky and Indiana; that is, he will put up \$5 on each of those states. He has found no takers, so far.—LaCrosse Chieftain.

THE DEMOCRAT is 12 pages this week. Being always up-to date and full of "ginger;" not curtailing the news columns for the benefit of the ad. columns; prompt in getting out on time, and persistent good work for Barton county and Great Bend, is what makes the DEMOCRAT list always growing—never decreasing. Not only "now is the time to subscribe," but any old time is the time. \$1.00 a year; 50 cents for 6 months, or 25 cents—two bits—a quarter of a dollar—from now to January 1, 1901.

A Broken Thigh. Monday morning a young son of Ben Kelley, just east of town, was raking hay with a godevil the concern whipped over at the wrong time and struck him on the legs, breaking one leg just below the hip. The boy is between 11 and 12 years old, and being in good physical condition it is anticipated the injured limb will not be long healing up.

G. A. R. Encampment. The Santa Fe Route will run a tour 1st sleeper and chair car from Great Bend to Chicago without change; leaving Great Bend August 26th at 10 a. m., arriving in Chicago at 9:30 the next morning, giving ample time for breakfast before starting. Parties desiring space in this tourist car should call upon Wm. Torrey, agent. First come, first served. You have first choice now. Seats on chair car free. Double berth on tourist car only \$2.00. Wm. TORREY, Agt.