

THE DEMOCRAT

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IN THE CONTEST.

Following is the result of the count (Wed-
nesday, Aug. 19th) of votes cast in the DEMOCRAT
Finger Contest. The count will be made on Wed-
nesday of each week:

CONTESTANT	LOCATION	VOICES
Mary German	Clifton	12000
Margie Johnson	Great Bend	12000
Alma Craig	Great Bend	10950
Linnie Amersin	Great Bend	1750
Katie Kennan	Liberty	1600
Ola Dawson	Great Bend	1175
Mattie Buhrie	Verbeck	900
Lizzie Wildgen	Hosington	600
May Sullivan	Homestead	460
Hazel Duncan	Great Bend	425
Cora Wilcox	Galatia	315
Josie Christensen	Ellinwood	300
Mary Basely	Liberty	300
Ella Shaffer	Moberly	300
Minnie Komarok	Ellinwood	280
Ella Vollmer	Great Bend	200
Sadie Hain	Olmitt	200
Fannie Bahr	Albert	200
Edna Lewis	Pawnee Rock	200
Hettie Koelch	Lakin	100
Iris Grosbardt	Clifton	100
Lizzie Tonkin	South Bend	100
Julia Kuhl	Lakin	100
Ola White	Sandiego	100

Committee
DR. LYDA
PERRY HORN
A. J. BAXTER

IN COOK county, Illinois, they have a law which requires the owners of property to have all noxious weeds cut and burned after fifteen days' notice. If it be not done within the time limit the Lord High Weed Exterminator throws a gang of men onto the lot, the weeds are cut and burned, and the owner finds the cost assessed against him when he comes to pay his taxes. That law might work to advantage in some other places.

A BREWERY wagon was the first vehicle to cross the pile bridge over the Kaw opened for traffic at Kansas City, Friday. "It was loaded with beer," the Times says, "and crossed into Armourdale at fifteen minutes before 4 o'clock. No other wagons were allowed to cross until after 5 o'clock." It was a clever action on the part of those in charge to give a beer wagon the right of track at the earliest possible moment.—Norton Champion.

The DEMOCRAT piano contest is waxing warm and we are pleased to note that Miss Mary German, a Clifton girl, is at the head of the list. We're not so jealous as some people, and we hope the two "Bills" will make \$5,000.00 out of their contest and that a Clifton girl gets the piano.—Clifton Clarion.

COMPARE this broad minded, gentlemanly comment of Editor O'Brien with the jealous, picayunish comments of Editor Cooke. No wonder the Clarion list is growing larger and the Leader list smaller.

PRINTERS' INK, a periodical which is supposed to be printed in the best interests of the craft, says that "An examination of Rowell's American Newspaper Directory for 1903 reveals the fact that the Beacon has a higher circulation rating than is accorded to any other paper in Great Bend." When you remember that the Beacon has not been in existence since February, 1903, and that, when it was published, it never at any time had the circulation enjoyed by the DEMOCRAT, the unreliability of some so-called newspaper directories becomes more painfully prominent. Printers' Ink may not be responsible for the greatly misleading statement, but such things are inclined to shake one's good opinion of the trade journals.

PARTIES wishing to enter the printing office this time of the year should be governed by the following rules: Advance to the door and give three distinct raps or kick the door down. The devil will attend to your alarm. You will give him your name, post-office address and the number of years you are owing to the paper. He will admit you. You will advance to the middle of the room and address the editor with the following countersign: Extend the right hand about two feet from the body, with the thumb and index finger clasping a ten dollar bill, which drop into the extended hand of the editor, at the same time saying: "Were you looking for me?" The editor will grasp your hand and the bill and say, "You bet! you bet!" After giving him the news of your locality you will be permitted to retire with a receipt for an obligation properly discharged.—Hiawatha Democrat.

SPREADING OUT

Having leased the room next west, formerly occupied by the Exchange store, we are preparing to re-arrange the stock, and in order to save moving it and make room for the new things coming, we will

Sell at Reduced Prices

during the next few weeks. We have anything you may want in the Furniture line, and invite a thorough inspection of our entire line and a comparison of prices.

You are Cordially Invited

to call During Fair Week whether you wish to buy or not. Among our new goods we will have a large stock of Lace Curtains, Tapestry, Rope Portiers and Rugs. A new thing we are arranging will be

A Rug Track

Something new to this city. We will show Rugs of all grades, from the cheapest to the finest to be found.

Our buyer has just returned from the Eastern Markets, where he selected a very large assortment good grade goods which we will show later in the season. Watch for announcements.

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Insurance written. Foreign Exchange and Steamship tickets sold. Investments made. Non-residents' property looked after. Correspondence solicited. Prompt attention to all business.

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Delicacies tempting are here every day.

Meats, poultry and fish at this market select,
Are kept in a manner neat and correct,
Reliable always—commodious and clean.
Keeping the best goods in this city are seen,
Every house-keeper knows—every cook is aware
That our goods are first-class and our prices are fair.

W. L. Harrison, Prop.
Great Bend, Kansas

Know what makes so much rain in Kansas lately? They are squeezing the water out of Wall Street stocks.

IF THERE are any post office officials in high places who are not to some extent besmirched with Bristow's investigating spasm, such ought to be awarded blue ribbons.

The Double Seven helped the youngest in the organization, W. P. Feder, celebrate his sixteenth birthday for the second time, last Thursday evening.

Eiler's big tent show, presenting "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," appeared to a crowded house at Great Bend last Friday night. The presentation of the play was the best ever seen in Great Bend. The acting was good, and stage work excellent. But the Eiler's ought to "cut out" that picture show part which is given as an after show concert. The "Czoigosh" business is becoming a chestnut.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Kansas }
Barton County, } ss.
In the Probate Court in and for said County.
In the matter of the Estate of Alvarado Raliback, Deceased.
Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said County, sitting at the Court House, in Great Bend, County of Barton, State of Kansas, at the September term of the Probate Court, to wit: on the 7th day of September A. D. 1903, for a full and final settlement of said Estate.
R. H. MOSEN, Administrator of the Estate of Alvarado Raliback, deceased.
Great Bend, Kas., Aug. 5, A. D. 1903. 22-5

First published in the DEMOCRAT Aug. 14, 1903.
Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Kansas }
Barton County, } ss.
In the Probate Court in and for said County.
In the matter of the Estate of Tichenor Vancil, Deceased. Creditors and all other persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are hereby notified that I shall apply to the Probate Court, in and for said County, sitting at the Court House, in Great Bend, County of Barton, State of Kansas at the September term of said court to wit on the 7th day of September A. D. 1903, for a full and final settlement of said Estate.
A. SWARTZ, Executor of the last will and testament of Tichenor Vancil, deceased.
Great Bend, Kansas, Aug. 12, A. D. 1903. 23-26

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The New Fall Skirts.

They are here; came at last. There never was a better assortment shown in the town. It comprises all the new Ideas as well as all the staple styles. With our immense stock we can fit any waist or length. Our new line has some of the new



Etamines, Voiles, and French Brd. Cloths, Irish Poplins and all trimmed with Taffeta silk bands, fringe and ornaments. In walking lengths we are showing many new styles, some trimmed and others



plain. We are showing them in all the popular colors, in plain and in plaids. One advantage you have in buying Skirts here is that all of our Skirts have been shrunk so that the hang of the Skirt is perfect and will remain that way. The prices range from \$1.56 to \$18.00.

New Waistings. We are able to show you the Prettiest line of new Oxford Waisting ever shown in the city. Come and see and we will prove the assertion. What everyone says must be true. Everyone that has seen the line has pronounced them handsome. Prices from 15c to \$1.25 per yard.

We want you to be sure and visit this store when you come to the Great Big Barton County Fair. You will see a stock of good dependable merchandise that will appeal to your good judgment. We will make special low prices on all goods during Fair week. Make this Store your stopping place. You can leave your packages here, have your mail sent in our care and get all the information you want free of all charge. A big tank of ice water always at your service.

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