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It Was A Real Pleasure For the Business Men to Entertain Their Friends This Week

Taft and the Insurgent Movement

Eight members of the House at Washington are blazoned in the current Success Magazine as the "Cold Feet Insurgents." The magazine says that "by their defection at a critical time they did more to help Cannonism than they could possibly have done had they never appeared to oppose it." The eight named are Scott, Anthony and Campbell of Kansas, Townsend of Michigan, Peary of Maryland, McKinlay and McLachlan of California and Foster of Vermont. On the other hand, Success prints a page of names and photographs of a "Roll of Honor," being the 31 Republicans who had the nerve to break away and stick it out against Cannon's machine. These 31 would have overthrown the Cannon oligarchy but for the unforeseen defection of the Tammany, McCarren and Southern sugar and lumber Democrats, who violated their caucus action and sold out to Uncle Joe for committee and tariff favors for themselves or the interests that control them.

The lineup of the 31 shows the growing political independence of the West at Washington. Wisconsin, a politically redeemed and upstanding State, contributed no less than eight of the 31, Iowa contributed six; Minnesota contributed four; Nebraska three and Kansas two. North Dakota, California and Washington contributed one each and Ohio two. These together made 28 of the 31. Massachusetts contributed two and New Jersey one, in Congressman Fowler, the long-time chairman of the committee on banking who, because he refused to stand for the Aldrich-Vreeland Wall street currency bill of last year, is to be disciplined by the loss of his chairmanship. His insurgency has that much of personal ground to stand on. None of the other insurgents had any personal animus. It was against their personal interest in the House that they stood up and were counted.

Congressman Anthony has informed this State through his newspaper that Madison and Murdock, the two Kansas insurgents who stuck to the end thereby disappointed President Taft, Success Magazine gives the story of Taft's connection with the fight as follows:

"On March 8, the Organization's position became so desperate that the Speaker resolved to pocket his pride, and to appeal to the President for help. It must have been with strange sensations, indeed, that the Iron Duke of American Politics' accustomed to grant, rather than to ask favors—approached his liege lord for help in overcoming an insurrection in his own domains.

"And now comes a sad chapter in our narrative.

"The problem presented to the President was one of peculiar distress and embarrassment. For years he has been fighting shoulder to shoulder with Theodore Roosevelt, and again and again both have found Mr. Cannon standing firmly in the path of progress, refusing legislation that was clearly in the interests of the people. The President knew, of course, that leopards do not change their spots and that past history will most surely repeat itself during the next two years.

"But on the other hand, he was met with the possibility of party confusion and deadlock in the House, resulting from the probable success of the Republican Insurgent-Democratic combination together with problem of reorganization of important committees, and other fearsome things which might delay the speedy settlement of tariff legislation.

"The President honestly believed that his most urgent duty was, and is, to bring about the quick return of business prosperity to this country, and that this could not be done until tariff revision and its accompanying quarrels and suspense should be out of the way. Furthermore as head of the Republican party, he felt it his duty to frown upon party insurrections and alliances with the opposite party.

We must record, therefore, the sad truth that the President decided to help Mr. Cannon by re-

ognizing in him the Speaker of the next House, in control of the important committees, and to him more than to any other one man is due the fact that Mr. Cannon is today firmly in the saddle for another two years.

We have tried to state the President's position fairly and carefully. He had his point of view, and it is one in favor of which much can be said. What he did not realize, we think, is that for every citizen in this country who is really interested in tariff revision there are at least two who are opposed, on principle, to Cannonism, and all would have supported him fervently and enthusiastically at any cost to the individual pocket, if he had stood upon principle against the vicious control of legislation by a single man or group of men.

Speaking of the action of the Democrats in the contest, Success says, "Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, Minority Leader of the house, is entitled to a special place upon this roll of Honor for his fidelity to the principles of the Democratic Party as expressed in its last National platform; and for the tremendous energy and absolute good faith shown by him in his endeavor to bring about a full attendance, and to induce his Democratic associates to live up to their party pledges unanimously.

He was loyally supported in his efforts by 143 out of the 166 Democrats present on the opening day, and to all of those 143 Democrats are due the thanks of the people."

H. M. Lyons of Greensburg, Kas one of the pioneer settlers of that part of the short grass country, when referring to the development of Kiowa county, generally speaks of the first and the second settlements. "Back in 1884," said Mr. Lyon, "all that part of Kansas was settled up. There was a tremendous rush of settlers into the country and especially Kiowa county. All the lands were taken, and everything started off with a rush. But a great reaction came and a few years later, those settlers began to pull up and leave. Finally the whole country was depopulated. They went farther West and over into Oklahoma, and most any place to get away from Kansas. But the second settlement was a very different one. The settlers came from adjoining counties and were the level headed class of men who were better than the first. They were here today. There is not a more prosperous section in the whole state, or for that matter anywhere. Farming has taken the place of stock raising, and farmers are becoming rich. Wheat is the leading crop, and it never looked more promising. Then we are raising hogs. I had in this trip a carload of hogs. Ten years ago we had no thought of ever raising hogs and shipping over 300 miles to the Kansas City market. But that is what we are all doing now. Then we are feeding cattle the same as the Missouri farmers, and making them just as good, as we have the great abundance of feed. The country is ahead of the towns the reverse of the rule in most new countries. The farmers have been making money, and have been putting it to good use, in improving their farms. Now if the wheat crop matures as it promises to and we get a good crop, farmers will be boosted still farther ahead."—Drovers' Telegram.

Mr. Lyons was a former resident of north Stafford county, and represented that county the legislature in the session of 1903.

If Milt Amerine of the Council Grove Guard keeps on hooking off fees, he will soon be the champion office holder in the state. He is a member of the house from Morris county, and a good one, a member of the board of Normal regents, land agent for the board, and has just been appointed assistant executive clerk to Gov. Stubbs.

If all the houses in this town were painted with Bradley & Vrooman Pure Paint there would be no more painting for at least 5 years. Fred Hemker is the agent.

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Branching Out.

The Brinkman-Brack banking interests of this county are branching out. They have secured a charter for the "Bazine State Bank", a new institution with \$10,000 capital, to be opened for business at Bazine June 1st. W. M. Forbes of Bazine is president, Peter Brack of Olmitz is vice president, and Adam Hehler of Bazine is the cashier.

John Strothman was up from Pratt this week on business.

Charles Widmill and family were visiting here the past week.

J. W. Susank, of Union township, was looking after business matters here last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Stark and came up from Macksville this week for the picnic and a visit with the Harris'.

Mrs. A. F. Livingston and son, A. L., have been here from their home in Grove county for a visit with friends.

We will in a few days receive a number of copies of the 10th Biennial report of Secy. Curnburn. If you wish one call on us for it.

Brodbeck & Sons have moved their Merry-go-round from the fair grounds to the lot south of the Friedman garage and will stay here for a week.

William and Henry Gagleman left Thursday morning for the mining district of Missouri on business in connection with the new mining company.

Wednesday night's rain was spotted. To the west it did not rain so very much. Farther south it rained more. We trust that the little rain we got in this locality is but a foretuner of more. An entering wedge as it were.

Clafin is getting the ball fever in great shape this year. They have organized a strong team taken up a substantial subscription to get the boys new suits and other necessary equipment, and are prepared to meet all comers.

At the election for Department Commander of the G. A. R. at the Ottawa encampment this week Great Bend's candidate was defeated by a narrow margin. There were three entries, Rickel of Chanute, Brougher of Great Bend, and Harmon of Wichita. On the first ballot there was no choice. Harmon, who received 63 votes, then withdrew and his votes went to Rickel, electing him by a vote of 246 to 215. Mr. Brougher was then elected senior vice commander. Right now is the time to get ready for the next encampment which will be held in Hutchinson, at which there should be no doubt of the election of Mr. Brougher.

For Trade

We have a 1908 Franklin, 7 passenger, 6-cylinder, 50 horse power car in the very best of condition, could hardly be told from new. Also a 50 horse power, 5 passenger Rambler and a 1909, 30 horse power, Chalmers-Detroit fully equipped. Will consider cash or raw or improved land for any of these cars.

Wichita Automobile Co., Wichita, Kansas.

Speaking of Bent Murdock, the Garden City Telegram says:

"He is the Big Noise, the Great Scare, in Kansas politics; the dyspeptic, sour, disappointed, pampered, petted, overfed old man of whom everyone is afraid."

"And the Telegram would like to know why."

(This is the first good description of Bent we have seen. It fits him to a T.)

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Commercial Club.

There was a good meeting of the Commercial Club held last Monday evening. This was the first meeting since the induction into office of Mr. Russell, and he started things off right by getting a little work out of everybody.

The committee on the new river bridge, through its chairman, made a report of progress, and were instructed to continue investigating the cost of the structure and to make preliminary arrangements toward calling an election.

Dr. Lindas of the committee on motor service on the branch also reported progress.

Arrangements were made for entertaining the Kansas City Commercial club on their visit here this evening.

An effort is to be made to have Santa Fe train No. 17, which now stops at Newton, run through to Great Bend, thus giving us earlier mail service in the morning and better facilities for travel from the east. This is one move that should be pushed by all the towns along the line between Hutchinson and Kinsley. Our morning service from the east is miserable. It is an all night trip with practically no chance for sleeper accommodations. We surely feel that the amount of business being done by the Santa Fe in this city would warrant them in giving us this train instead of No. 567, or even for that matter in addition to that train. The Santa Fe usually gets what it wants from Great Bend people, and by all means every effort should be made to secure from them favorable action on this matter.

The usual "New Depot" talk was indulged in. The usual number of assurances have been received from prominent business men here that the depot would soon be built. What we need is the depot, not assurances. The new sewer and oiled streets were also discussed. The weather the past few weeks has certainly demonstrated the fact that a city that is supposed to be up-to-date like Great Bend is, and a community that is as prosperous as we are, should seek some relief from the dust storms that have prevailed. We certainly hope to see that question pushed.

Taken all in all there seems to be "Things" ahead for Great Bend.

Base Ball.

There has been considerable base ball the last week. The league season opened here Thursday of last week with the Lyons team. A very large crowd attended. In accordance with the Mayor's proclamation. The business houses closed and almost every one went to the game. A fine game was played, but the home folks were defeated. They played four with Lyons and then took on McPherson, for four games three of which had been played as we go to press. Thus far Great Bend has lost two and won five games.

The summaries of the games played is as follows:

First Game: R H E
Great Bend..000 010 000—1 4 1
Lyons .. 000 020 000—2 4 1
3 base hits, McDowell; First on balls, off Hassler 5; off Mize 3; off Green 1; Struck out by Hassler, 8 by Mize 1; by Green 2; Double plays, Hassler to Turgeon. Time 1hr, 40 min. Umpire Spencer.

Second Game. R H E
Great Bend..000 000 021—3 8 3
Lyons .. 000 000 011—2 8 4
Two base hits, Manda 1; First on balls, off Harris, 2; Struck out, by Harris 6; by Salm, 6; Double plays, Bankhead to Turjun. Time 1:40. Umpire Spencer.

Third Game. R H E
Great Bend..500 000 000 5 5 2
Lyons .. 010 001 002 4 11 6
Two base hits—Kneaves, Manda Bowen, Green. First on balls—off Green 7, off Hassler 1, off Harris, 2. Struck out—by Hassler 3, by Harris 2, by Davidson 1; by Green 2. Double plays—Harris to Kneaves to Turgeon,

on, Riggert to Bankhead to Turgeon; Block to Kling to Kennedy, Mr. Dowell to Horack to Block. Hit by pitcher—Harris 1; Green 1. Time—1:45. Umpire—Spencer.

Fourth Game. R H E
Great Bend..500 000 000—5 5 2
Lyons .. 010 001 002—4 11 6

Summary: Three base hits—McDowell. Two base hits—Bailey, Horack. First on balls—off Power 1, off Bailey 2; off Maple 1. Home runs—Weisner. Left on Bases—Lyons 5, Great Bend 4. Struck out—by Bailey 9, by Maple 4. Double plays, Kneaves to Bankhead, Manda to Bankhead to Turgeon; Jokers to Epling. Hit by pitcher—Bailey 1. Time—1:40. Umpire Spencer.

Fifth Game. R H E
McPherson..000 100 010—2 4 2
Great Bend..000 002 02x—4 4 2

Summary: Two base hits; Grant, Block, First base on balls off Clavson 3, off Mize 8. Struck out by Clawson 10, by Mize 4. Double plays Epling. Hit by pitcher Mize 1. Time 1:45. Umpire Spencer.

Sixth Game. R H E
McPherson..000 001 000—1 4 2
Great Bend..201 000 01—4 5 3

Two base hits—Block. First base on balls—Routt 1, off Salm out—by Routt 6, by Salm 6. Wild pitches—Routt 1. Double plays—Epling, Salm to Epling to Kennedy. Stolen bases—McPherson 8; Great Bend 5. Time—1:55. Umpire—Spencer.

Seventh Game. R H E
McPherson 201 300 013—10 12 3
Great Bend 100 000 220—5 9 5

Three base hits, Green Synck, Bowler, two base hits, Kling 2, Green 2, Haiasey. First base on balls off Green 5, Mize 1, Laugoner. Home runs, Laugoner. Struck out Comers 3, Mize 1, Green 2. Double plays, Green hit by Pitcher 1. Time 2:05. Umpire Spencer.

Antone Bbeck Dead.

The death of Antone Bbeck, at the family home 1 1/2 miles west of Great Bend occurred last Monday morning. He has been a sufferer for the last three years from locomotor ataxia, suffering much each winter and being confined to his bed but able to get up and be about a little during the summer.

In 1875 his father, Mr. Bbeck and Mr. Buess came to this county from New York state. Mr. Bbeck bought the place west of town from John Wells and the first year, Antone his two sisters, Mrs. Troillett and Mrs. Buess, and mother came out. He is surviving member of the family, the others proceeding him to the world beyond some years ago. He was born in Gesivhi, Bohemia in 1858, the family coming to America in 1860.

Antone was well known in Barton county and had a large circle of friends. His sickness had been such that of late years he was unable to meet with them as formerly, but he did not lose interest in them and their visit with him were always much appreciated. He was a kindly man and his death is mourned by many. The W. O. W. lodge, of which he was a member, had charge of the funeral. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home west of town.

W. G. Merritt was in Topeka Saturday on business.

Mrs. Will Mitchell was over from Hoisington Wednesday the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Hammond.

G. N. Bicknell was over from Hoisington Monday being initiated as a member of the Elks in the evening.

Miss Pearl Emley, of this city, assisted by Mrs. Florence Townsley Leland gave her graduating recital at Lawrence Wednesday evening. Miss Emley has won high rank as a musician at K. U. She has succeeded in completing her four year course in three years, something which has only been done by one other student previous to this.

THE BIG PICNIC.

Second Annual Event Is A Howling Success.

The Business Mens Association covered themselves all over with glory Wednesday, and those who worked, with tired feelings, physically, by the successful management of their second annual picnic. With the possible exception of circus days, the city entertained the largest crowd ever present within its limits. The crowd is estimated at having been about 10,000 and they came from all over. It was also the best natured crowd, the happiest crowd, the best dressed crowd, in fact the best all around, that we have ever seen, and could only have been improved upon by those who did not attend. By attending. Every thing went off like clock work. The 1100 loaves of bread and all the other eatables disposed of in short order. And every one seemed to have enough. The automobile parade was without a doubt the largest that ever occurred in the state. There were over two hundred autos in line when passing down Main street, and at almost every cross street others would be added to the procession. No less than three hundred machines were in the demonstration.

The various sports advertised were pulled off, and evoked much laughter as well as excitement and enthusiasm. Everything was orderly. With many people in the city, some on foot, some in autos, and some in carriage. With the many new hands manipulating autos, so far we have not heard of a single accident to any one. This is remarkable. No trouble of any kind occurred. And all this speaks well for the management, for the peace officers, for the good nature and carefulness of the visitors.

The credit of the success is due to the untiring efforts of the various committees. To single out any one man would be unfair to any other. Everyone who accepted a place on a committee, worked with might and main, and that was the secret of the successful, terminating of the affair. And as if to lend His helping hand, the Rule of the universe sent a fine rain following the picnic, that our people, city and county, might be blessed with another good crop.

The winners of the various prizes were as follows:

Motorcycle race, 1 mile—Selle; 1:40
Driving race, 1/2 mile, 4 wheeled rig—Price

Mule race, quick hitch 1/2 mile—Woodburn.

Running horse race 1/4 mile—Bargner.

Harness horse race 1/2 mile—M. Deiley.

Mule race, 1.2 mile—Alefs.

Running race, ponies, 200 yds—Christianson.

50 yard dash young men—Porter.

Automobile relay race, 1 mile—Carl Morrison.

100 yards dash, free for all—Block
Automobile race, 2 miles—Geo. Scheutler; 2:47 1/5. Ed Panting made the 2 miles in 2:48.

L. L. Gunn was visiting at Lindsborg Sunday.

Will Osmond has purchased what is known as the Arlington hotel in Topeka, located at 322 Kansas Ave., directly opposite the Copeland hotel. The building has been used as a rooming house. The purchase price was reported as \$8,000 in the Topeka papers.

Frank Shongo, of Bushton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Shongo, was accidentally killed by being struck by an auto last Friday morning as he was starting to school. The accident is a very sad one, but from all accounts it was accidental. The auto was being driven slowly and carefully. It seems the boy tried to cross the road in front of the machine, and was struck in the temple and causing instant death.