

**DECLARES COUNTY CLERKS  
PRINT SAMPLE BALLOTS**

Attorney General Dawson Files  
Brief in Mandamus Suit to  
Test New Law.

In a brief filed Saturday in the state supreme court, John Dawson, attorney general, upholds the printing of sample ballots in Kansas by the county clerks. The last legislature, in passing the Massachusetts ballot law, included a section making it a misdemeanor to print or distribute sample ballots prior to or on the day of an election. Dawson maintains that the law did not repeal the provision of the general election law print and distribute sample ballots not later than five days before the election.

In order to settle the question, Dawson brought a mandamus suit against Frank Holcomb, county clerk of Wyandotte county, to compel him to print the sample ballots. In his brief filed yesterday, Dawson asserts that it is not public policy to keep the voters in ignorance, but that the sample ballot provision of the Massachusetts ballot law was intended simply to prevent the distribution of misleading ballots by interested persons or parties preceding the election. The law does not apply to the county clerks, Dawson recites. It is expected that the supreme court will decide the case early next month.

"The law places the exclusive control of the printing and distribution of not only the official ballot, but of the so-called sample ballot, in the hands of the county clerks," says Dawson. "If this construction is not correct, then no publicity is provided for in reference to the contents of this ballot. No one is permitted to see the original ballot that is to be voted until it is handed to him and he enters the booth. There is no provision for publishing the official ballot in any newspaper, and it certainly was not the intention of the legislature to keep away from the public the make-up of the ballot and to keep it a secret from everybody in the state, to be divulged to the voter only after he enters the booth. It is not public policy to conceal information from the voters."

**LAUGHLIN IS SQUARE**

P. E. Laughlin, Democratic candidate for state treasurer, has taken an unmistakable position regarding the retention of official fees by state officers. "If I am elected state treasurer, I shall draw no money from the public treasury except that appropriated by the legislature to pay my salary," says Mr. Laughlin. Developments of the past few years make Mr. Laughlin's statement particularly interesting to tax payers of the state at this time. Several years ago the law was so amended as to make the treasurer the state's fiscal agent. When these new duties were imposed on the treasurer, the legislature increased the treasurer's salary to \$3600 a year. It also provided that the expense of the fiscal agency should be met from a fee fund. During the past two years, fiscal agency fees have been many thousand dollars in excess of the expenses of the department. Under a technical construction of the law, the present treasurer, who is a candidate for re-election, claims that he may retain these excess fees for his own personal uses. Privately, he has said that he will retain these excess fees. This course will give him an official in-

# PUBLIC SALE

**WILL E. STOKE**

Administrator of the estate of the late deceased Lee Morgan, will offer at Public Sale at the Lee Morgan Farm, 1 1-2 miles east and 1 mile north of Heizer, Kansas, commencing promptly at 10 o'clock, on

## Monday, Oct. 12, 1914

the following Live Stock, Farm Implements, Buildings and Household Goods:

**10 Head Mules  
6 Head Horses**

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- 1 Bay Horse Mule, weight 1200 lbs.
- 1 Brown Horse Mule, weight 1200 lbs.
- 1 Bay Mare, weight 1050 lbs.
- 1 Black Mare
- 1 Gelding
- 1 Roan Driving Mare
- 1 Bay Gelding, 18 months old
- 1 Roan Colt, 15 months old

- 2 GOOD MILK COWS
- 4 and 5 years old, one brindle and one red.

**Full Line of Farm  
Machinery**

- 6 Grain Drills
- 3 Gang Plows
- 1 Lister
- 3 Wagons
- 2 Buggies
- 1 Acme Header, 12 foot.
- 1 Mower
- 2 Harrows
- 2 Header Barges
- 1 Hay Rake
- 1 Corn Cutter
- Pitch Forks, Shovels, Hammers, Wrenches, and dozens of other small articles.

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- 6 SETS GOOD WORK HARNESS
- 2 SETS GOODS SINGLE HARNESS

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**D. T. DENNIS, Auct.      C. R. ALDRICH, Clerk**

It is to be greatly regretted that two women representing the Women's National Congressional Union have come to Kansas to bring the suffrage question into politics. They announce that they have come to fight the Democratic party in the coming election, because they wish to force President Wilson to come out in favor of national suffrage.

No man since Lincoln has borne such burdens for his people as Mr. Wilson has carried. This grave, quiet man, facing national and international questions in the midst of a world-war, the most awful in the history of civilization, was lately bereft of his wife.

Mrs. Wilson was a woman of wonderful charm, keen sense of sympathy, sweet and refreshing as rain after the heat of a summer's day. Her presence and help in the life of her husband must have been as the shadow of a rock in a weary land, to cheer and sustain him, to strengthen him for the work God has called him to do. But the infinite Father of us all called her away, when her husband, the ruler of our nation, most needed her.

That two militant women should seize upon this hour of agony of our President to hurt and wound him, to cripple him in his work politically, will not meet with much response among Kansas women who have never learned to be cruel and partisan.

Make no mistake; to defeat Democratic congressmen and a Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate, is to strike at Wilson whose presence in the White House is our safeguard that the great questions facing the United States for settlement, will be settled in the interest of all the people—and for their peace and happiness. Every Democrat on the congressional ticket and the Senatorial candidate is pledged to work for national suffrage. Likewise, every candidate on the state ticket and the party platform is clear as crystal on the subject.

These women, Mrs. Latimer and Miss Trox, are leaving the impression that they are sent out by the National Suffrage Association to which we are all loyal. But it is unbelievable that women like Anna Shaw and Carrie Chapman Catt are sending these women into a safe state when there are fields white for the harvest, whose women have no political privileges.

—CORA G. LEWIS.

Now would be a splendid time to spread your straw on your wheat ground in place of waiting until after the ground starts to blow. We have the Simplex Straw Spreader that you can attach to the back end of your hay rack. Next time you are in town look this spreader over. We will have one Fair Week. Don't fail to see it. At WILCOX'S.

R. G. McDougal, a former resident of this city, was here from Muskogee, Okla., the first of the week on a business trip and for a visit with relatives and friends here and at the old home at Pawnee Rock.

come of close to \$15,000 for two years, or twice what the legisla-

ture intended he should have. If he is permitted to continue this course for another two years, it will mean that he will probably put \$10,000 into his own pocket that will go into the state treasury, or indirectly into the tax payers' pockets, if P. E. Laughlin is elected state treasurer.

While you are looking around for a cream separator, drop in and let us show you the Bluebell. It is very simply constructed, easily kept clean, long life, making it one of the cheapest separators on the market. Sold by WILCOX.

**BUYS KINGMAN LAUNDRY**

Ed Schaeffer, a former Great Bend boy, and son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Schaeffer, of this city, last week purchased the Kingman Steam Laundry and took possession of the same the first of the month. Ed has been engaged in the cleaning and pressing business in Kingman for several years and will now combine the two plants. Bert Schaeffer, who has been head man at the Riverside Steam Laundry here for the past four years, has resigned his position and has gone to Kingman and will take active charge of the laundry for his brother.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, try Doan's Regulets, a modern laxative. 25c. at all stores.

H. R. Meils, who, some years ago, purchased the Bosse & Brodie hardware and implement store in Ellinwood, last week completed a deal for the sale of the same to Ed Panning and Fred Isern, and the new proprietors took charge of the business yesterday. Mr. Panning was formerly engaged in the implement business in this city, but for the past few years has been traveling salesman for the Avery people. Mr. Isern has, for a number of years, been connected with the Stephan & Isern store in Ellinwood. Both gentlemen have had an abundance of good business experience and will doubtless make a big success of their new undertaking.

Gus Mausolf returned home last Friday after spending several days at Nekoma looking after his wheat threshing on his half section of land near that place. There were about 250 acres of wheat on this place and the whole field made an average of 28 bushels per acre, which ought to pay mightily good interest on his investment.

James Logan was here from Hoisington the first of the week on a business trip and for a visit with his many old friends.

Will Mull was in from Pawnee Rock township Saturday looking after business matters and visiting with friends.

Lee Ullum was in from the south side Saturday on a business trip and visit.

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