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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3.

OUR NEW OFFICE.
We have removed the office of the BAXTER SPRINGS NEWS to the second floor of the new building just south of the postoffice. The upper floor of this building was designed and constructed especially for the News office and is exactly fitted to our wants. In many respects it is superior to anything of the kind in the country, and if we fail to publish the best newspaper in Cherokee county or put out the finest job work we shall ever believe it is the fault of the protective tariff or the delinquency of subscribers. We cordially invite our readers and friends to call and see us in our new quarters. We believe our presses, type and material for every variety of job work and practical printing are superior to anything in this section of country and as we guarantee every job to give entire satisfaction do not hesitate to ask the patronage of the general public.

A GLEAM OF LIGHT.
A bombshell exploded in Topeka last Sunday in the shape of a sermon delivered by Rev. A. S. Embree, pastor of the First Methodist church, in which he admitted that prohibition is a failure.

Rev. Embree has been pastor of a church at Leavenworth for several years and during that time kept up an open and courageous fight against the illicit sale of liquor, and it was owing to his prominent and active efforts in the cause of temperance that he was invited by the good people of Topeka last Sabbath to preach a sermon on the soothing and moral effect of prohibition as practiced in Kansas.

The reverend gentleman declared among other things that temperance is as well promoted by the laws of Missouri as by the laws of Kansas and that local option or high license is better for the people of Kansas than what is now called prohibition. His statement that the law has not, can not and will not be enforced as long as public sentiment is against it covers the ground exactly that anti-prohibitionists have occupied for years.

His statement that as much liquor is drunk in Kansas as Missouri is disheartening, but if true should have great influence on our future law makers. If we must drink as much liquor as our Missouri friends why not secure the same revenue. A great part of the taxes in Missouri are paid by license fees, and all must admit that the liquor traffic is under better control in Missouri than in Kansas. Mr. Embree will no doubt have to stand the execrations of a good many of his followers, but it should be remembered that he has for years fought in the front ranks of the prohibition

element and no man has a better knowledge of its weak and strong points than he. He is a leader in the cause of temperance, but he is honest enough to admit that prohibition itself is an error of judgment and in fact an utter failure.

Considering the question from a financial standpoint there is but one opinion. The towns and counties along the border can not only see its effects on their trade and commerce, but the inland cities are beginning to observe the loss in emigration and the fallacy of selling corn at 25 cents a bushel and buying it back at three dollars a gallon.

A DIVIDED STATE.
If Kansas could be divided into states something on the style of the congressional panhandle gerrymander of Missouri the division could come none too quick, but if Baxter Springs is to be left to the tender mercies of the bigoted fanatics who have brought the state to the verge of "financial and moral ruin" we are opposed to any division whatever. Could we be attached to Eastern and Southern Kansas, leaving out such risidly righteous towns as Topeka, Lawrence, Olathe and Ottawa, and go out into the wide world naked, as it were, we might form such a state as any man would be proud to hail from. If it is really an assured fact that we have got to live under republican ring rule, subject to all the fool laws that the female sap suckers suggest, or under the rule of another set of cranks with still wilder and more impracticable laws, with no redress or hope of change, then let the division come when it will. Split the broad commonwealth wide open from center to circumference; split it into a thousand pieces as the comet would have split the earth had it arrived on time, or as the republican party was split at the last election.

Eastern Kansas is without a peer in everything that goes to make a state, but she is cursed with a set of laws that would not be tolerated in any country in the world except China. And yet we are told there can be no change. It is true the people had a vote on the subject at the last election, but during the fight for spoils they forgot to vote, or for lack of education did not know how to vote. Thousands who voted against a constitutional convention did so for fear it would kill the prohibition law, choosing rather to suffer under the present impracticable code than endanger their favorite hobby.

Such arguments are supremely selfish and narrow. In order to place Kansas on a footing with other prosperous states we must have many changes in the laws enacted twenty-five years ago. We must have new railroad laws, new assessment laws, new school book laws, new exemption laws, new mining laws. We must have a reduction of officers' salaries and a big cutting down of fees and emoluments; we must have a general revision of all our laws and if possible make them more closely to conform to the laws of other prosperous states.

This cannot well be done by a legislature. That is a political body of rank partisans, too full of party prejudice and petty jealousy to ever agree on what would be best for the people. A constitutional convention should be composed of the best men in the state, without regard to party affiliations; they should be chosen at an election held for that purpose only, and we have faith that such a body of men would enact laws that would afford relief to all classes without detriment to any one—even the straight-out prohibitionists—of which Baxter seems to have three—heaven bless them.

"Middle of the road" democrats are more numerous than one would have supposed. It is almost impossible to find a man in Baxter whose sympathies were with the people's party. Grover knows that this is true.

It is really no part of our funeral, but were we permitted to express an opinion we should say Mrs. Lease ought to be the next seustor from Kansas. It is not now a question of sex, but merely as to the style of buttoning their pants, and if Bob Sands and Arthur Kane are permitted to wear the old flint locks what is the objection to giving Mary Ellen a chance?

Old man Powell, who was convicted of selling liquor last summer, has been unable to pay his fine and still lies in jail seriously ill. The way of the transgressor is hard—in Kansas.

R. A. Love, an old Baxter boomer, is now a member of the Missouri senate from Jackson county. Dick started out in life wrong and we always predicted he would come to some bad end.

The Y. M. C. A. boys were all out at the charivari Wednesday night and Brother Kane did some good work as exhorter and interlocutor, but it was a dry affair and resulted in nothing.

Baxter Springs has really a first class hotel. It is a small one, but well kept and in first class order. It is called the National hotel and located on the corner of Military and River streets.

No stronger argument can be produced against the prohibitory law than the fact that quite a liberal majority of the voters failed or were unable to "stand up" for Kansas on election day.

There have been more transfers of city property within the past year than in the four previous years—and they were not mortgage foreclosures either. It is safe to say that real estate is steadily and surely advancing in value.

George Bigham, the broad gauge merchant of Melrose and Miami, is contemplating a move to Baxter. Mr. Bigham is just the sort of a merchant we need and he is wise enough to know that Baxter is the proper place for just such a man.

Bud Simmons says he expects to put new boxes in the post office and fit it up to correspond with other places of business. We hope the new man will make kindling wood of the old outfit and give us a set of boxes that are at least respectable.

A good many tax payers think that work and money spent on unused streets is a useless expenditure. If there is a large surplus in the city treasury next spring it might be applied to other purposes. Our streets are all in pretty fair condition.

Bernard Kelly and O. H. Coulter are both working hard for the position of department commander. We think it should go to Sam Hopkins or some other loyal colored man who stood in the front rank and made breastworks for the white soldiers. Let it be a colored man by all means as it is purely a social organization.

A son of Mr. M. D. Pusser, a merchant of Gibraltar, N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more as to be unable to work or go to school. His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on the boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. 50 cent bottles for sale by J. G. Polster.

The Rev. Mills has just completed a course of revival meetings in Kansas City during which he made 3,000 converts. If we mistake not there were just 3,000 illegal votes polled in Kansas City at the last election and it seems the reverend brother has got them all. If they vote as they pray the big democratic majority will be cut down materially.

The laws of health are taught in the schools, but not in a way to be of much practical benefit, and are never illustrated by living examples, which in many cases might easily be done. If some scholar who had just contracted a cold was brought before the school so that all could hear the dry, loud cough and know its significance; see the thin white coating on the tongue and later, as the cold developed, see the profuse watery expectoration and thin watery discharge from the nose, not one of them would ever forget what the first symptoms of a cold were. The scholar should then be given Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely, that all might see that even a severe cold could be cured in one or two days, or at least greatly mitigated, when properly treated as soon as the first symptoms appear. This remedy is famous for its cure of coughs, colds and croup. It is made especially for these diseases and is the most prompt and reliable medicine known for the purpose. 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by J. G. Polster.

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