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OUR SLEEPING PATRIOTS.

"On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead."

So long as there shall remain a pension roll, so long as there shall burn within the hearts of the present generation a spark of true patriotic fire, there will be those who, upon the recurrence of this day, will gather into companies at the call of the fife and drum, and march beneath the folds of the starry banner, with hands full of flowers and hearts full of gratitude to where floats the spectre emblem o'er silent tents—to where sleeps those whose hands were so bravely lifted in the defense of all that an unselfish patriot holds dear.

And I saw a phantom army come,
With never a sound of fife or drum,
But keeping time to a throbbing hum
Of wailing and lamentation;
The martyred heroes of Malvern Hill,
Of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville,
The men whose wasted figures fill
The patriot graves of the nation.

And there came the nameless dead—the men
Who perished in fever swamp and fen,
The slowly starved of the prison-pen;
And, marching beside the others,
Came the dusky martyrs of Pillow's fight,
With limbs enfranchised and bearing bright;
I thought—perhaps 'twas the pale moonlight—
They looked as white as their brothers!

As will be seen by the roll published yesterday the silent bivouac of yonder prairies' swell are but few in number, yet the story of their lives, the value of their example, commands our homage as strongly as if their silent tents were numbered by the thousand. And each year there have been those of Wichita who have not failed in taking a part in this beautifully impressive ceremony.

Some fell in the din of the battle,
By minnie balls shot through the heart,
And others from dark rebel prisons,
By angels were called to depart,
We know that our lost ones are happy,
They were faithful to country and God;
But our hearts fondly yearn for the presence
Of our soldier boys, under the sod.

Then let us scatter flowers upon the graves of these sleeping comrades. "It was a victory, but it cost us dear, and the memory of their deeds should not only arouse our sympathy, but call forth our patriotism." It was a victory, but at what cost many such a "Roll Call" as the following attests:

"Corporal Green!" the orderly cried.
"Here!" was the answer, loud and clear,
From the lips of the soldier who stood near;
And "Here!" was the word the next replied.

"Cyrus Drew!" then silence fell—
This time no answer followed the call;
Only his rear man had seen him fall,
Killed or wounded, he could not tell.

There they stood in the failing light,
Those men of battle, with grave, dark looks,
As plain to be read as open books,
While slowly gathered the shades of night.

The fern on the hillside was splashed with blood,
And down in the corn where the poppies grew,
Were redder stains than the poppies knew;
And crimson-died was the river's flood.

For the foe had crossed the other side,
That day, in the face of a murderous fire,
That swept them down in its terrible ire,
And their life-blood went to color the tide.

"Herbert Kline!" At the call there came
Two stalwart soldiers into the line,
Bearing between them this Herbert Kline,
Wounded and bleeding to answer his name.

"Ezra Kerr!" and a voice answered,
"Here!"
"Hiram Kerr!"—but no man replied.
They were brothers, these two; the sad wind sighed,
And a shudder crept through the corn-field near.

"Ephraim Deane!"—then a soldier spoke;
"Deane carried our regiment's colors," he said;
"Where our ensign was shot, I left him dead,
Just after the enemy wavered and broke.

"Close to the roadside his body lies;
I paused a moment, and gave him drink;
He murmured his mother's name, I think,
And death came with it, and closed his eyes."

'Twas a victory; yes, but it cost us dear—
For that company's roll, when called at night,
Of a hundred men who went into the fight,
Numbered but twenty that answered "Here!"

KANSAS DEMOCRACY.

The democratic party never learns anything. The only party victories ever achieved by it are secured either through blind luck or some balance of power coming of prejudiced masses, who only lack enlightment to lift them above the average democratic aim and idea.

If anywhere under heaven the democratic party is favorably situated to catch the spirit of the age it is in Kansas, yet we have the spectacle of the head of that party in Kansas, in the person of Governor George Washington Glick declaring in a speech no later than night before last that the practical result of prohibition in Kansas had been only to increase the whisky carrying trade, the opening of back-door saloons and the invasion of homes by the whisky bottle and jug. Such language would not be excusable in a fourteen-year-old boy. However greatly the law of Kansas has failed in prohibiting the sale and use of liquors, to say that the sales in the aggregate have increased, or that the jug and bottle to any great extent goes now into homes where they were strangers before, is cheap rant. The law may be a failure, markedly so in localities, but it has not increased the traffic of liquors.

Gov. Glick took it upon himself to pledge the national Democratic convention against sumptuary legislation, against the liquor traffic, for that was the idea he desired to convey. The Democratic national convention will do no such thing, unless it deliberately concludes to commit hari-kari.

On the tariff question the party at Topeka straddled the fence. It indorsed first Carlisle's horizontal platform, and then turned right about and said it was in favor of that policy which the Republican party is acting upon.

We had hoped to see the democracy of Kansas take a stand which would be encouraging to the balance of the party in the Nation, hoped that it woud act and talk soberly; but it seems that so long as its representative members can carry bottles in their pockets the closing of the open saloon is no bar to their foolishness.

THE FT. SCOTT & WICHITA.

The editor of the Fort Scott *Monitor* has been out in Harper county as far as Harper City, and he seems forcibly impressed with what he saw. This southwestern country is always a revelation, its growth, beauty and fertility never failing to start strangers wondering why they had never realized the fact before. The *Monitor* seems inclined to the conclusion that it would be a wise thing for the Fort Scott & Wichita to go to Harper City. It has been understood, or believed here, ever since that road abandoned its Kingman route that it would run to Anthony, and until the publication of the following by the *Monitor* we had thought the thing settled. From this it would seem that the people of Harper City are alive to the importance of the road.

Harper county is, as we remarked the other day in these columns, destined to be, in the near future, one of the great counties of the southwest. But we reproduce the *Monitor's* article in full:

Harper is the terminus of the Kansas City and Southern Kansas railroad, and while it is only about seven years old, it contains a population today of at least 2500, of as wide awake, active energetic people, as this world can produce.

The county was organized in 1873, and there was but little settlement until about 1876, yet in 1880 the county had a population of about 5,000, and the city of Harper a population of 747. In 1880 there was in the county 1422 horses, mules, 579, oxen, 4,610 head of cattle and 1,700 sheep. There were 10,565 acres in corn, 3607 acres in wheat, 1364 acres in oats. Now the land of the entire county has been taken up, and over one half the county is under cultivation, and the population of the county has more than doubled.

The amount of business done at Harper, considering the newness of the town and country, is really wonderful. The business of the town is now represented by three banks, some forty odd stores, a number of which would do credit to Fort Scott or any of the older cities of the state, and is supplied with three hotels and supports three newspapers that will compare in size, ability, &c., with any county papers of the state.

In passing through this lovely and rich agricultural and stock county another thought has forced itself upon us, and that is, why Fort Scott should not have a direct commercial connection with this section, and we certainly will have it in the near future.

The St. Louis, Fort Scott & Wichita R. R., which is a pet of Fort Scott, is building, or intending to build, their road from Wichita southwest through this favored land. We are not apprised of the location of their route or their objective point, if indeed that has been settled, but from personal knowledge of that section, and especially of Harper county, the road cannot afford to give the town of Harper the go-by. It is too important a place to be ignored, and has too much business energy and wealth to be left and to remain out in the cold. If the Fort Scott and Wichita Railroad does not go to Harper, some other road from southeastern Kansas will, and it is from an honest public spirited motive, for the benefit of the Wichita road as well as Fort Scott, that we express the decided wish that we soon be in direct commercial connection with Harper, the emporium of the trans-Arkansas country, by the Fort Scott and Wichita railroad. If Kiowa is an objective point, no nearer route from Wichita to Kiowa can possibly be found than through Harper, and this route would carry the road through the very best part of the northwest corner of Sumner and through the very best agricultural portion of Harper county, and for which the people of Harper stand ready to give freely any reasonable bonus or subsidy in order to secure this eastern outlet.

There is another consideration of much importance to the Fort Scott & Wichita railroad, and that is this: The city of Harper, this past winter, used over 100 car loads of coal a month, and this will be very largely increased. The freight of Harper amounts to over $30,000 per month, while the receipts of Adams' Express amounts to $1,800 per month. These facts fully bear out all we have said about the importance of Harper, and shows the importance to Fort Scott of a commercial connection through this road with the city of Harper.

Mr. C. P. King, the popular druggist, of Leon, Kansas, spent Monday in this city interviewing our various wholesale firms. Leon has proved to be one of the liveliest business points on the Frisco road. We should judge from the number of daily EAGLE's handled by Mr. King's news department which he runs in connection with his drug store.

The growth of cremation throughout the country is rapidly on the increase. In fact the heirs of the late Dr. Lamoyne have issued a circular to the effect that their crematory establishment cannot longer be used by the general puplic—that it is too small to supply the increasing demand.

The widow and mother of Jesse James have brought suit against J. H. Chambers, of St. Louis, to recover their share of the royalty on a life of the noted outlaw which has been published. The case will come up for hearing in June.

Miss Becky Jones, the heroine of the Hammersly will case in New York, has had several offers of marriage since she went to jail Monday for refusing to talk. This may be the beginning of a popular reform movement..

A statesman in the Presidential chair has ceased to be a prime necessity, and good common sense is now a sufficient qualification. Statesmen are needed in Congress, and political sharpers are best off at home.

A staff correspondent of a London paper, who visited this country not long ago, gives the following information concerning one of the southwestern states: "Arkansas is situated between Memphis and San Francisco. Its climate is mild in winter, but in summer, I am told by an old inhabitant, it is extremely cold. The governor of this State receives $800,000 a year, which he spends mainly for the entertainment of his friends I am much concerned in American politics, and never tire of studying the situation. At the present writing the country is much stirred up about President Dorsey. He went out on his sheep ranch somewhere in Cleveland and has not been heard of since. Should he never be found Vice-President Sam Tilden will be knighted in his place."

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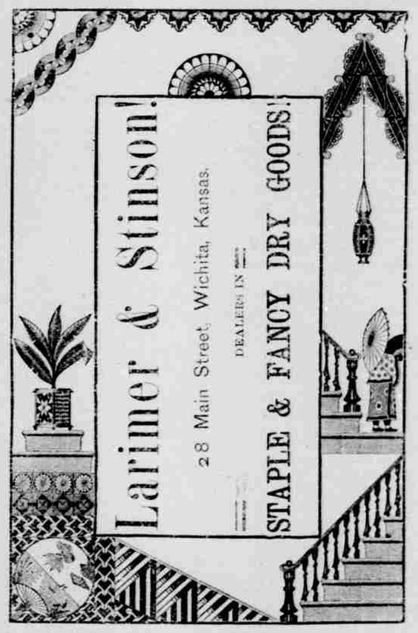

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