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Editorial Gossip

A western editor says "Politics are funny." Maybe it are(?) but "funny" seems a very mild word.

The man who has a vote and doesn't use it at the Primary Election ought to be denied the right to vote in November.

A story entitled "The Long White Trail" ran in the Kansas City Star last week. However, it had no reference to the political struggle in Kansas.

Wichita editors are complaining because the men were excluded from a recent exhibition of the directorate gown—speath skirt at one of the city's large dry goods stores.

A man who is satisfied with his present station in life is generally the same person who is stagnant. Dissatisfaction of the proper sort means reaching out for better and higher things.

"It costs the people of the United States \$25,000,000 a year to be born, \$300,000,000 to be married, \$900,000,000 to get drunk and \$15,000,000 a year to be buried. What it costs to sober up has not yet been figured out."

It takes lots of nerve to make a good press agent—but Leland's confederates with headquarters at Topeka certainly take the cake for unprecedented liberality. They offer to "let publishers use Leland campaign plates free of charge." Many of the country editors have, either for political reasons or out of sympathy, published this boiler-plate matter extolling the beautiful character and wonderful integrity of Cyrus Leland, Jr., republican candidate for governor of Kansas. From what his press agents say, it is our opinion that Leland has better qualifications for a Sunday School superintendent than for a governor of the great state of Kansas.

"For a shave: 15 cents." This was the decree that went forth from Hays City's two barber shops last Saturday. This will not interest many of the ladies, but it is of vital moment to their "better halves," big brothers, etc. Whether a barber earns 15 cents, or whether he is entitled to but 10 cents, for his high-impossible task of making the sterner sex more acceptable and pleasing to the eyes of their fairer sisters is a matter solely dependent upon the customer. So, in our opinion, when the barber gets to basing his charges on the length, strength and age of his customers' facial adornments he will have hit upon the only fair method.

We have all heard how immensely wealthy and powerful the Standard Oil Co. has become, and yet we may learn, if we will, that what our farmers earn in seventeen days out of the year would buy the entire Standard Oil Co. One fairly good American harvest would suffice to purchase the whole of Belgium and still leave us a comfortable margin of cash. Two harvests would purchase Italy; three harvests would pay for Austria, and five harvests—if we could get the cash in hand—would pay for the whole of Russia. Why, even the modest American hen is so gigantic a bird that in one year she produces more than the entire revenues of Portugal and Spain. What the American farmer has furnished for export alone since 1892—just the stuff he raised and could not possibly consume at home would enable him to buy every foot of railroad and all the railroad equipment in America. The money earned by the American farmer through the medium of the hog would pay the salaries of all the monarchs of Europe; and one year's corn crop would not only buy out the harvester trust, but also serve to build three New York subways.

Look for the brand on canned goods and see that what you use bears the Lee Trade Mark. 38-44

Exchange Items.
Wilson Echo:—Miss Mary Haffamier, of Russell, is spending a week with Mrs. G. A. Lester.

What with the notice of the primary election, five different kinds of primary ballots and the delinquent tax list, the official country papers are "getting theirs" lately.

The editor of the Oakley Graphic soliloquizes thusly: Some folks go to the devil because they haven't any place else to go. How much nicer it would be to have a city park where they might go occasionally.

Colby Free Press: Walter Light formerly of this county was married at Manhattan, Kansas, last week to Miss Edna Wilson of that place. They will make their home at Luray, Kansas, where Walt has a position with a hardware and lumber firm. The Press joins the many friends in extending congratulations.

Walter Light is a younger brother of Lee R. Light of this city and visited here a short time this spring.

Russell Record:—Mrs. Anna Gay spent Sunday at her home in Hays. H. L. Pestana came down from Hays this morning on business matters. Miss Lizzie Dee of the south-west country was a Hays visitor last Saturday. Miss Bessie Robbins went to Hays last evening to visit her sister, Mrs. Cloie Levick until Sunday. Mrs. Carrie Collier came down from Hays this morning to visit her parents F. S. Rockefeller and wife.

Walt Mason anent Long and his curious confession: "He is talking, talking, through the live-long night and day, and is futilely explaining why he voted that-away. He is dodging, ducking, squirming, he is sweating day and night, just to show the Kansas people why he never voted right. He's a-heaving and a-hawing, he is chewing atmosphere; he has spoken forty million words but still it isn't clear why he didn't vote for Kansas when he got his monthly pay, and come back to the people in the good, old-fashioned way."

A shy young man had been calling on "the sweetest girl in the world" for many moons but, being bashful, his suit progressed slowly. Finally she decided it was up to her to start something, so the next time he called she pointed to a rose in the buttonhole of his coat and said: "I'll give you a kiss for that rose." A crimson flush spread over his countenance, but the exchange was made after some hesitation on his part. Then he grabbed his hat and started to leave the room. "Why, where are you going?" she asked in surprise. "To the er-florist after more roses," he called back from the front door.—Ex.

To Save Them the Postage.
Pensioners of the government, about 1,000,000 in round numbers, will mail vouchers to the pension agencies in penalty envelopes, commencing with the next payment. This will mean a loss to the postal service in reduced revenues of about \$80,000 a year, and a corresponding saving to the veterans. There are four payments a year requiring the transmission of four vouchers, or about eight cents in postage for each pensioner. This is authorized by an act passed by Congress last session, which requires the pension agents to send with each voucher which the pensioner is required to fill out and return, a "penalty envelope."
As the August payments have already been sent out by most of the pension agents, the order will go into effect with the November payments.—Junction City Union.

A Railroad Man's Prayer.
An old railroad employee was converted at a meeting and was asked to lead in prayer. He hesitated a moment—then with a trembling but clear-sounding voice he said reverently: "O, Lord now that I have flagged Thee, lift up my feet from the rough road of life and plant them safely on the deck of the train of salvation. Let me use the safety lamp known as prudence and all the couplings in the train with the link of love and let my hand lamp be the Bible. And Heavenly Father, keep all the switches closed that lead off on the sidings, especially those with a blind end. O, Lord, if it be thy pleasure, have every semaphore block along the line show the white light of hope that I may make the run of life without stopping. And Lord, give us the Ten Commandments for the schedule; and when I have finished on schedule time and pulled into the dark station of Death may the Superintendent of the Universe say: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, come and sign the pay roll, receive your check for eternal happiness.—Guthrie Leader.

Concert every evening at the Olney Music Co's. Store. 38-44

Notice.
As I will be out of the city for a short time my dental rooms will be closed until August 10. 38-21
DR. W. H. JORDAN,
Resident Dentist.

Announcements.

FOR STATE SENATOR.
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for state senator in the 39th senatorial district of Kansas, subject to the will of the republican voters of the district. WM. WELLS, Hill City, Kans.

FOR CONGRESSMAN.
I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman of the Sixth District. In this notice it is not practicable to state the measures I believe in, but hope to be able to state them publicly in all parts of the district between this and August 4th, next. Stockton, Kansas. W. B. HAM.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.
I hereby announce myself as candidate for the republican nomination of Register of Deeds at the Primary election to be held August 4th, and will appreciate and endeavor to merit all support given me by the voters of the County. JOHN TROTH.

WANT ADS. PER LINE.

It's the grocer's goods marked Lee that sell quickly! 38-44

'Wanted' at Hays Laundry next week: Suits to Clean and Press. First Class Work and Prices right. Phone 62

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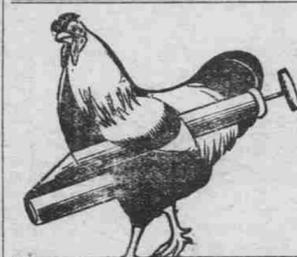
For Sale.
Three 5-room cottages; Two 3 room cottages; One 5-acre lot close to town. For terms see JOHN C. ADKINS. 23-44

One of the best investments about this time of the year is a generous advertisement in the FREE PRESS.

Eye and Ear Surgeon.
Dr. M. Jay Brown, the Salina eye and ear specialist will fill his regular monthly date in Hays on MONDAY, AUG. 17. Will be at the Brunswick Hotel. 34-24

Clean Rags Wanted.
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