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"All men are created  
free and Equal."

# HUTCHINSON GAZETTE

"All governments derive  
their just powers from  
the consent of the  
governed."

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE PEOPLE'S PARTY OF RENO COUNTY.

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There is much kicking from all ranks over some of the recommendations made by the tax commission. For instance the creation of 105 new offices in the State to be paid good salaries. But what brings the worst complaint is the recommendation that these new officers, the county assessors, are to hold office for four years term. If there is any officer who should be within easy access and control of the people it should be an assessor. Why should he be given a longer term of office than any other county officer? To use a famous bull, there is the footprint of the corporations almighty hand in that.

The gas works located where they are in this city are a nuisance. From the trouble the water company is having with the gas they may find it out as well as a lot of the citizens. Residents of that part of the city neighboring the gas works say that they can taste gas in their wells, some of which are more than a block away all the time and that it is not at all unlikely that the infection in the water is from their own gas works. They never ought to have been permitted to be located in the city. They constantly emit odors that make property in their vicinity undesirable. With the large use of acetoline and gasoline machines, and gasoline lamps and electric lights it would appear as though there would be little demand for gas and that it would not pay the company to keep them up especially when they are so leaky.

THE Stanley-Church fiasco of claiming a reduction in the cost of insurance, on claiming to have forced the insurance companies to have kept the rates made by Webb McNall when he was insurance commissioner, or lowered them, is now over. About a year ago or before election Church and Stanley held a conference with the insurance trust and arrived at a friendly agreement by which they claimed to have secured this wonderful concessions of rates. But now their bowels of compassion have been moved. Stanley and Church have discovered that they have forced this trust to do business at a loss and their consciences are sorely and sharply pricked. They cannot expect the trust to do business this way and one or two companies have raised the rates. So Mr. Church rushes into print with an interview to this effect to give the others notice that they too are expected to make a horizontal increase. The sum of it all was that during their first term they were afraid to throw over the work of Mr. McNall and tried to make a showing of maintaining it. They have lost their fear now.

Hutchinson has surely been an afflicted city this week. The street sprinklers went on a strike and the ice trust raised the price of ice fifty per cent all in one day when the mercury was flirting with two ciphers and the wind was somewhat higher. Now this paper is populist. We have a reputation to save. It never would be saved if we failed to kick on this state of affairs. We do kick. We kick high as a vaudeville female at a stag party in New York at the pinching pennywise policy of some of the merchants of this city who want to do their part even to the extent of a few cents in keeping the streets sprinkled. We can give in any sort of quantity to get conventions and reunions here to bring in a few customers but cannot give a few cents to make the streets fit to entertain our regular patrons or ourselves. And then the ice trust. Well, that is something every town and hamlet has to deal with. But such a metropolis as Hutchinson ought to have a plant to make her ice and be at the mercy of no one. But the average man doesn't seem to have energy to kick at anything during the heat of such days as these. Evidently the ice trust understands human nature.

**Reno County's Personal Property.**  
The county clerk has completed his abstract of personal property for this county and forwarded it to the secretary of state. The abstract shows that Reno county has 15152 horses worth \$186,278 or \$12.28 each. 60,317 head of cattle worth \$358,357, or \$5.94 each. 13,312 head of sheep worth \$8867. 18810 hogs worth \$36855 or \$1.05 each.

The number of farm implements is given at \$460 worth \$4.58 each or \$19,848 in the aggregate; 3539 wagons are reported at \$5.60 each and 3063 pleasure carriages of every description at \$6.74. Only 441 gold watches are reported and they are put down at \$3.58 each; 245 pianos are set down as worth \$31.72 each. Interest on U. S. bonds is set down as \$400 and assessed at \$133. Stocks in corporations amount to \$114,120 actual value, assessed at \$38,040. Shares in national

banks \$61,760 actual value assessed at \$20620. Money's are given at \$5,727 and assessed at one-third that amount. Average amount of merchants money's and credits \$13,200, assessed at 7.733. The notes listed for taxation amount in actual value to \$111,130, and are assessed like all other property at one-third that amount.

The total of taxable property is \$1,716,195. The constitutional exemptions are \$612,600, leaving the taxable property at \$1,103,595, which is supposed to be one-third the real value. While the property has been assessed by the township assessors at full value, only one-third the full value is reported to the State authorities, so as to come in on the same basis as other counties and prevent more than our share of State tax.

**Nearly A Fatal Accident.**  
Almost a fatal accident occurred on the Rock Island railroad near Partridge last Friday night. S. C. Sovereign, a young man thirty-four years of age who has been living with his mother four or five miles southwest of Partridge came to town to make some arrangements about his harvest. He was late getting out of Partridge and started to walk home along the rail road. His statement as well as we can learn is rather confusing. But at any rate when he was about a couple of miles from town at about one o'clock at night he was struck by a west bound freight just as he was crossing a cattle guard. The train crew did not see him at all and he lay by the track till next morning at about eight or nine o'clock. A boy then discovered him and went to a neighbors for assistance. He was then conscious and able to call the boy. About that time the East bound train came along and brought him to this city. He was taken to Stewart's hospital where his leg was amputated. The injuries received were so serious that it will be almost a miracle if he recovers. His right leg was run over just above the ankle, the flesh being largely torn off nearly up to the knee and the bones also splintered nearly as far. He was also struck in the back of the head apparently with the head of a bolt which mashed in a piece of the skull about the size of a nickel, the concussion being so strong as not to fracture the skull any around it. Then there was almost innumerable other bruises. The leg was amputated just below the knee, the skull was raised and the other injuries attended to and he now appears to be in a fair way to recover.

How it happened that none of the train crew saw him is something almost unaccountable. His statement we understand is that he heard the train coming and tried to get out of the way but did not realize that it was so close upon him. It is always the duty of the train crew to stop and pick up anyone injured, otherwise they are liable for damages for neglect in not watching the tracks. At least this is the word of a railroad man.

**Summer Pleasures.**  
Hutchinson is now very well provided with places of amusement for the hot season. The Shaduck park northwest of town at the west end of the Santa Fe yards has been purchased by the Crispin brothers and cleaned up and improved till it is a very pleasant place to spend the leisure hours. The steam pump has been at work till the lake is now full and every evening there are many bathers. Boats have been ordered but for unaccountable reason they have failed to arrive. The grove is cool and comfortable and it makes a very pleasant place for evening concerts.

Then there is Carey's beach right in town, just east of Main Street and between Avenues B. and C. Here is furnished what very few other summer resorts in the country afford, salt water. The lake is enclosed in a high tight board fence and all the paraphernalia for good bathing is furnished. Here you get a sea bath right at home. There are certainly few other cities in Kansas better prepared for hot weather than Hutchinson.

**Marriage Licenses.**  
The following marriage licenses have been issued by the probate judge since the last issue.

Lolo E. Glover to Mabel C. Hoopes both of Hutchinson.  
David K. Fortua of Chase, Kansas to Mary E. Collins of Stafford, Kansas.  
Wm. E. Howell, to Miss Annie Walker both of Burton, Kansas.

**Through Tourist Car Service to San Francisco.**  
For the accommodation of passengers desiring to take advantage of the rates made to San Francisco for the Epworth League meeting, the Missouri Pacific will run through Pullman tourist cars from St. Louis to San Francisco, leaving St. Louis on July 6th, 9th and 12th.  
P. J. LEINBACH, Agent.

"The ethics of gambling and the perils of making haste to be rich" was the subject of a recent sermon by Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis at Plymouth church, Brooklyn. Dr. Hillis said in part: "The evils of drink are familiar to you. There are other evils. But the greatest peril is the insane spirit of gambling which seems to have taken hold of the people, irrespective of social standing or religious belief. The insane desire to get rich quickly is at the bottom of it all. There is no difference between the newsboy who flips coins and the man in Wall street who buys stocks on margins on a chance that they will rise or fall. Both wish to get something for nothing; both are gamblers. The incessant gambling on all sports has wrought intellectual demoralization to the country. Horse racing is one of the noblest of sports, but it has been degraded and bestialized by gambling. Every Saturday afternoon you see at the race tracks thousands of working girls and men who have families to support crazy with the intoxication of gambling. As each race is run they stand up, a yelling, cursing, purple-faced, brutalized gang." In these words Dr. Hillis presents a scene that is growing to be too common for the good of the whole country. The gambling which is inseparable from horse racing at big city race tracks is, according to the metropolitan press, a growing menace to the honor, sobriety and virtue of the youth of the cities.

The latest novelty in the counterfeiting line is reported from Philadelphia, where a lawyer, where a lawyer was the other day arrested charged with aiding two of his clients, prisoners in Moyamensing prison, in an enterprise for the printing of bogus \$20 bills. The charge is that the men made the plates at odd moments during their confinement awaiting trial, and then printed the notes with a cleverly devised apparatus, so small that it could be hidden in a cigar box. For paper which would defy scrutiny they used genuine dollar bills, washed in a manner to obliterate the first inkings. The daring of this scheme distinguishes it from the ordinary work of the bad-money makers, who usually seek secluded places for their engraving and printing. If the facts are as now represented, the affair reflects seriously upon the prison authorities, who are supposed to exercise the closest possible surveillance over the movements of all prisoners, and to search their cells periodically for contraband articles. The United States government would seem to have good reason to complain of the Pennsylvania prison methods.

President McKinley's declination to cross the Mexican border while at El Paso is said to have reminded Representative Hitt of an incident of one of Gen. Grant's tours. During his first term as president Gen. Grant paid a visit to Niagara Falls. He was eager to cross over to the Canadian side, and it was with some difficulty that his friends restrained him, urging that there was an unwritten law that the president of the United States should not leave the country during his term of office. "Well," said Gen. Grant, pulling at his cigar, "that seems a very silly law to me. I would like to cross over so that Colfax may realize his ambition to be president, if it is for only five minutes."

According to a Washington report the telephone slot machines are doing an enormous work in the matter of taking worn-out dimes out of circulation. There is nothing to prevent worn-out, mutilated and almost smooth dimes from being put into the slots, and as a result many persons keep the worn-out dimes for that particular purpose. Many druggists and others who keep public telephones make no objection to taking mutilated dimes any more for the reason that they keep a supply on hand to do a telephone business with. When they see that a telephone user is going to put a new dime in the slot they simply take it in and hand a worn-out dime in exchange.

A Boston lady describes the United States as a land "flowing with ink and money." It is hoped that the Boston lady has not inadvertently gotten acquainted with a coterie of counterfeits.

Advice against speculation is sensible but unavailing, truly observes the Washington Star. People who won do not need it and those who lost have no more money.

## Great Rebuilding and Alteration Sale!

**"Martin's"**  
July 4, 1901.

STANDARD PRINTS, these include Black Fancies, Indigo Blues, etc. .... 4c Yd.

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We, having bought the building which has been our rented home for the past fourteen years, are getting ready to fix it up. The property adjoining us on the south was bought by Mr. P. Martin several years ago, with the intention of building an addition to the building we now occupy. We have decided to remodel and rebuild the entire structure, making a 75 foot front with two large entrances. We will have a special room for our enlarged stock of shoes, and greater furnishing department. Carpets will be brought to the ground floor and everything done that can be done to make this big store a more pleasant place in which to trade.

The dust and dirt of rebuilding will damage lots of goods in our crowded departments: We'll give you the price of the damage in a liberal discount off regular prices of all goods now in stock. The sale begins Monday. This will be an honest effort to reduce the most complete and best dry goods stock in the State of Kansas. Prices quoted will hold good until the last yard or garment of every advertised lot is sold. It is not our intention to fill this announcement full of the many good things in store, but to impress upon your minds that "something's going to happen" and that our Rebuilding and Alteration Sale will far exceed all other attempts at bargain giving.

### A Few Items to Start the Ball Rolling:

Magnolia Dimities—Rebuilding and Alteration Sale ..... 3c yd

Five pieces plain Silk Muslin in pink and lavenders, worth 50c yard—Rebuilding and Alteration Sale ..... 29c yd

Ten pieces Fancy Silk Muslin in light and dark grounds, worth 65c yard—Rebuilding and Alteration Sale 29c yd

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### Linen Department

REBUILDING AND ALTERATION SALE

### Price Reductions.

72-inch full bleached Damasks, Irish and Scotch Linens, \$1.19 and \$1.25 a yard regular—Rebuilding and Alteration Sale ..... \$1.00 yd

Napkins to match above, dinner size..... \$2.98 Doz.

Half bleached and Unbleached or Cream Damasks, all pure linen, 2 yards wide, \$1.00 and \$1.25 values—Rebuilding and Alteration Sale .... 87c yd

Will not Go Back to Former Prices.

FOR OUR GREAT Rebuilding and Alteration Sale

We have decided to let some goods, even though they have been greatly sacrificed in price, remain at marked prices. Among them are the

### Bargains in Millinery:

All Trimmed Hats Half Price

Tuscan Braid Frames..... 5c Each

All colored Trimmed Hats 25c Ea

Flowers worth 75c bunch at... 25c

\$1.00 and \$1.50 Street Hats ea. 25c

All Items Exactly as Advertised.

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### REBUILDING AND ALTERATION SALE OF RIBBONS:

Wide Fancies, Heavy Silk Ribbons

64-inch, \$1.50, at..... 80c yd

6-inch, 75c, at..... 35c yd

4-inch, 75c, at..... 25c yd

Velvet Ribbons. Colors Only.

No. 1, 5c, at..... 1c yd

No. 2, 10c, at..... 2yds for 5c

No. 5, 15c, at..... 6c yd

No. 7, 20c at..... 10c yd

Fancy Combs. Backs and Pompadours.

75c grade at ..... 50c each

50c grades at ..... 25c each

Send for Big Poster—Same will be mailed to you at once

Only One Price Cash House in Hutchinson, Kans.

Freight paid on all \$5.00 Mail Orders within 100 miles.

## P. MARTIN DRY GOODS CO.

A measure to change the mode of capital punishment for United States criminals sentenced to death will be introduced at the next session of congress at the instance of the Allegheny County Medical society. The bill, reports the New York Sun, will prescribe asphyxiation by carbonic acid gas, instead of the hangman's rope and the electric chair. The agitation for a more humane method of execution was taken up by the Allegheny County Medical society seven years ago and a committee was appointed. Statistics were gathered to show that the present modes of inflicting the death penalty had a degenerating effect on the inhabitants in communities where the deaths took place. Nervous disorders of extraordinary kind had attacked persons of sensitive temperament. The Pennsylvania State Medical society became interested in the investigations and the discussions in that body attracted the notice of other medical societies in this country and in Europe. It is not the object of the bill to make the punishment less terrifying for the criminal's sake.

Henry Watterson was talking about his lecturing experiences a night or two ago, says a Washington correspondent. "The best introduction I ever had," he said, "was given to me in this city by the late Frank Hatton, who was the editor of the Washington Post. I was going to speak on 'Money and Morals.' 'Ladies and gentlemen,' said Hatton, 'I take great pleasure in introducing to you the celebrated editor and orator, Mr. Henry Watterson. He will speak to you on "Money and Morals." He represents the money and I represent the morals.' And that was a good joke both ways," said Watterson.

How much of horse meat is served upon the tables in this country is not mentioned in food statistics. Probably many of us have devoured it in the shape of sausage, and the argument holds good that the horse is a cleaner animal than the pig 365 days out of the year. Many people eat horse meat knowing that the viand is of equine character. Tons of it are sold in western New York.

## AN OLD SAW.

"'Tis not in mortal to command success."

It is in mortals to deserve success, however, and if selling honest goods in an honest way, and at honest prices will cause one to deserve it, then we certainly ought to have

THE LUMBER TRADE of the town.

SCREENS ...

Let us help you fight the pests.

**L. J. WHITE LUMBER CO.**

## State Exchange Bank,

Capital, \$30,000. Surplus, \$2,000.

Our patrons, irrespective of the size of their accounts, will receive careful and courteous attention.

## Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

WILLIS N. BAKER, President. F. W. COOTER, Cashier