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OUR SUNNY KANSAS

Kansas Should Get a Move on Herself and Drag in a Few Needed Emigrants.

The Finest Agricultural State in the Union Could Use a Few Thousand Farmers.

The Statistics of Our Products are Too Enormous to be Believed by Outside Parties.

For several years Kansas has been taking a rest, so far as any organized effort is concerned, to bring people to the state. Not only has there been a failure to systematically keep the advantages of our climate and soil and the productions of the latter before the public. But we have sustained a drain upon our population by the alluring and fascinating advertisements of less favored but more pushing new states and territories. Oklahoma made a heavy draft upon the state, and the northwest and the Pacific coast have reaped a fair harvest by judiciously advertising the advantages they imagine they possess. At the world's fair there will be a strife between all the states as to which will outstrip the other in their exhibits, especially will there be great rivalry among the newer states. Kansas cannot afford to do less than make the most creditable display she is capable of. To a large extent the world's fair is an advertising scheme. At the centennial exhibition at Philadelphia the Kansas exhibit attracted the attention of all visitors, and as an advertisement for the state was worth a thousand times as much as it cost, and to that display Kansas owes many of her best citizens. And although it followed so soon after the grasshopper year of 1874, the people came flocking to Kansas.

The past two years have been prosperous ones for Kansas, limited somewhat for the low price of wheat and cattle, but the state is not to blame for the market price of her products. What the people want to know is what we produce and how much. Market prices fluctuate but good, strong, rich soil and a climate that makes it productive are a fixture and that is what will attract home-seekers. There can be no doubt that if the exact truth was known in regard to Kansas—her climate and soil and the diversity of profitable crops that can be raised—but that there would be a larger immigration to Kansas the coming year than was ever known before.

The great trouble is that when we attempt to tell the truth our veracity is questioned. So skeptical are the people of the east that they don't believe Kansas raised this year 75,000,000 bushels of wheat, and the state agricultural report and the United States agricultural report, will be looked upon with suspicion.

It should be our business and it is our plain duty to overcome this prejudice, and to pound into these skeptics the truth. If farming is profitable anywhere it is so in Kansas. Land that can be brought for \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 per acre that will produce from twenty-five to forty bushels of wheat, and from forty to sixty bushels of corn, ought not to lay idle when it has to compete with the high priced lands of the eastern and middle states. A country ought not to remain unsettled that has a climate that is unequalled, and the climate of Kansas has never received the attention it deserves at the hands of her people in representing her advantages.

We have been too long, Micawber like, been waiting for something to turn up, and it is high time to shed our coats, roll up our sleeves and make Kansas what she ought to be; the leading agricultural state.—Wichita Eagle.

"Triumphant Democracy."
The republican leaders and organs are stoutly denying that either Carnegie or Frick contributed so much as a penny toward their campaign fund. The story they tell is that Frick took umbrage at what he denominated as the officiousness of Whitelaw Reid in endeavoring to bring about a settlement of the Homestead difficulty, and refused to hand over the sum he had previously promised. As we have heard the story told, it runs this way: Frick, for the Carnegie company, had

promised a large contribution (we have heard the sum placed at \$350,000.) The republican managers fully counted upon having this sum, and contracted bills in expectation of paying them out of it. About a week before the election Frick appeared in New York, refused point blank to give a penny of the promised sum, did not go near the republican headquarters, but fraternized with the democratic committee. We know not how true or untrue the story may be, but it is evidently true that the republicans were disappointed in their financial expectations and are unable to pay the bills they have contracted, while the democrats have paid all their bills and have an unexhausted treasury. One party has less money than it expected to have, and the other more than it calculated upon. This fact does not prove the truth of the story regarding Frick's refusal to "come down handsomely," but it renders it easier of belief. In further confirmation of it is the other fact that Whitelaw Reid did communicate with Carnegie and did succeed in inducing that triumphant plutocrat to interfere so far as to authorize the sending of a messenger to Frick urging the settlement of the difficulty. This messenger visited Frick before the latter had recovered from Bergman's wounds, and was met with a passionate refusal. Frick's words being: "I wouldn't settle it for God Almighty." Adding this was his sight and the company's, not Mr. Carnegie's. Whether Mr. Frick carried his resentment of Whitelaw Reid's interference so far as to transfer his political influence and his company's cash contributions from the republicans to the democrats, and so helped to create a "triumphant democracy," may never be known, but this is what many republican leaders are angrily asserting.—Journal of the Knights of Labor.

Doctored Returns.
The republican state returning board of Wyoming have adopted similar tactics to those employed in Kansas. On their finding out that the fusionists, democrats and populists had a majority of seven on joint ballot, they send their emissaries to certain counties to have the reports doctored by their pliant tools—the county clerks. They entreat a state senator as elected where there was no vacancy. They get reports fixed up in Carbon and Converse counties thus throwing out two democrats elected in the former and one in the latter county. This cuts down the fusion majority one. They will probably manage that, if let alone, but legal methods have been resorted to bring them to time. Any party adopting such methods is on its last legs. It has political gangrene. The governorship stands about as follows. Warren, governor was elected United States senator, and Barber, secretary of state was acting governor. Osborn, the democratic governor elect climbs into a window of the state house and is there holding the fort having his meals brought to him. He is in office as there was a vacancy. He is in the office of the governor and proposes to stay. The returning board adjourned to December 19, without canvassing the vote on the governorship. They would attempt to have the election lapse by statute of limitation. The tricksters will be foiled, however. Republicanism thy name is Dennis!

Stop Thief.
The republican thieves are now crying "stop thief" to cause alarm and cover their own dirty tricks. They are publishing a banner that the populists will attempt revolutionary measures to seize and get control of the legislature. They associate in this conspiracy Governor Lewelling, Secretary of State Osbourne, and other populist leaders. The governor has emphatically denied that he is a party to such a scheme, and we presume that the secretary of state and others will also deny the charge. The "stop thief" cry will not work. We think that Ballinger, the competitor of Rice, will not be allowed a seat until the matter is settled in a constitutional way. This would leave the legislature a tie. If the secretary of state has the casting vote deciding a tie, the populists will organize the house.

JIM BRENNAN was elected sheriff of an Oklahoma county at the late election. This is the man that murdered Sam Wood.

KANSAS SENATORSHIP

All Eyes Turned Toward Kansas to See What Will be the Outcome of the Senatorial Contest.

Kansas was Once the Banner Republican State, But Now Leads in the Populist Cause.

With no Underhand Work Kansas Should Elect a Populist Senator to Succeed Senator Perkins.

All eyes are turned to Kansas to see what will be the outcome of the senatorial election. Kansas was prominent before the people as a republican state, and is no less so as a leader in the people's party movement.

Senator Peffer has made a good record, and even his political opponents are obliged to confess that he has ability and integrity and has well maintained the honor of the state in the senate.

Kansas has more talent and development than any other state of the union in proportion to population. Kansas is eminently American and Anglo-Saxon, and has the push and energy intensified of the older New England and middle states.

The people's party will doubtless elect a United States senator. He will be a worthy conferee of Mr. Peffer, and a worthy successor of the laborious and efficient Senator Plumb.

The people's party have many good men for the place. There is John W. Breidenthal, whose chairmanship of the state central committee, has brought into prominence. He has displayed remarkable ability and statesmanship in his management of the campaign just closed. He would fill this place—the senatorship admirably.

Then there is Judge Doster whose learning and ability are acknowledged by all without regard to political affiliation. He would grandly represent Kansas in the senate of the nation and reflect honor upon his constituency. We have other good men but, Judge Doster is facile princeps.

Then there is Mrs. Lease, the Joan of Arc of the people's party movement in Kansas and the nation. She is the most remarkable woman orator we ever listened to. She is as graceful as a willow, and as terrible as a cyclone. She is not a ranter, but a logical and powerful speaker, whose eloquence is irresistible. She would make the valley of dry bones rattle if once turned loose in that graveyard of progressive statesmanship—the United States senate. She would soon drive the spike of conviction into the pate of the sleeping Sissers of recreant partisanship in that moss-grown conservatory of political fossils, and the people would carry them out and bury them out of sight forever. Their lease of life would be short.

Whoever may be chosen by the populist party will fill the station well. They will stand up for Kansas all right, and for the people of the whole country.

Has Passed Away.

The republican party has passed away. It has made its mark on the history of the country, and now comes the people to undo the wrongs that it has done and to give it credit for all the good that ever came from its legislation and administration. It wiped out black slavery. It prevented the dissolution of the union. It created government money of paper that has, when created as full legal tender, served every commercial and debt-paying purpose with gold and silver money. It has proven the constitutional power of the government to create money regardless of the material used in its manufacture, and thus opened the way for the government to pay every dollar that it, the government, owes without levying even a penny of tax for this purpose. It has added to the educational facilities of the country. It has multiplied school houses in every state and territory. It has opened the door for progress to enter with bigger body than ever before. Now is it a good time for it to pass away. Why recall it to action? Those who are republicans as well go with the people to form a new party that will still march rapidly along the road of progress, faster than can any combination of men who are burdened with the affairs of administration and getting out of the quarrels

that every party in the majority sooner or later get into. Meanwhile let the democratic party do the best it can, and if it can improve on the record of the republican party, let it do so, and the people will be loth to interfere with it in its good endeavors. But it must continually strive to better the condition of all who are creating the actual wealth and intelligence of the country.—Advance Thought.

The Kansas City Star says that Kansas is 400 miles long, 200 miles wide, 8,000 miles deep and reaches to the stars.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Galveston, Tex., has a 3,000 foot well which does not afford any water suitable for drinking purposes at all.

Jay Gould is dead and his remains are deposited in the magnificent tomb which was built under his direction in Woodland cemetery, New York City, and cost \$30,000.

There has been a report of the finding of a diamond mine thirty-seven miles southeast of Boise City, Idaho. Specimens have been sent to specialists who report them genuine.

A big gold find is reported in Arizona, 175 miles back from Canyon Diaballo, on the Atlantic and Pacific railway. There has been a stampede of railroad employees and others to the new gold field. One man is reported to have washed out \$700 in one day and another \$2,800 in a day and a half.

The counting out of the colored populist elector Cappel, by the republican returning board at Topeka, on account of the technical misnaming of the name on ballot cast in certain counties, will serve to demonstrate that the love of the g. o. p. for the negro is not of the kind that lasts until after election.

The confessions recently made by the Champion, the Wichita Eagle, and many smaller organs, ought to convince every reasonable minded republican that he can no longer consistently remain with a party that made such mistakes and then stoutly defended them till after election knowing them to be mistakes.

Tully Scott is mentioned for the appointment of United States district attorney for the state of Kansas. Mr. Scott is well qualified and deserving. He is a thorough gentleman and a lawyer of ability. We hope to see Mr. Scott appointed to this important position. It would be but a fair recognition of his services to the party and would please the democrats and populists of northwest Kansas. From several years' acquaintance with Mr. Scott, we have come to think highly of him and we esteem his friendship very highly indeed.

The national executive committee of the republican party was in session last week in Washington to devise means to reimburse Cornelius Bliss of New York for \$60,000 that he advanced out of his own private purse for the expenses of the late campaign. It is good deal like paying for a dead horse that was mortgaged for the purchase money. Who will become a martyr for a lost cause? Do not speak at once, but sixty men who will pay \$1,000 apiece may say "I" and pass up their checks with their names. It is too bad to have a fuss at a funeral about the undertaker's bill.

We read many criticisms of Congressman O'Connell's bill. It seems to us both feasible and reasonable. The government loans money to the national banks at 1 per cent. It is proposed to extend the time of payment of the Union Pacific's railroad bonds 100 years at 2 per cent annual interest. Cleveland loaned \$20,000,000 to New York banks at no per cent. But when there is a proposition to loan to the people of the states on good security it is hooped at. Do not the great loan companies loan on lands and find it a paying and safe investment? Any cheapening of interest to common people meets with strenuous opposition.

Isn't it rather strange that the president of the United States in his last message to congress has not a word to offer on the labor troubles of the country? He says not a word about the Tennessee miner's strike, nor a word about Homestead and the Pittston strike where the federal troops were called in to thwart the cause of justice. The president is commander in chief but has no report to make.

Jay Gould died worth \$70,000,000. His will, just made public, leaves everything to his family. Not one cent was left for charity. Mr. Gould rose from obscurity and poverty to opulence and celebrity. Anyone would have supposed that he would have remembered the poor. It only shows the hardening effect of accumulated wealth. It reminds one of the Saviour's words: "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of heaven." It was too much to expect of Gould that he would leave anything to charitable institutions. He never was remarkable in life for charity, why should he be in death.

Gov. Lewelling has decided to omit the inaugural ball from the state ceremonial. This is a wise and prudent move. It is beginning with a reform that will be approved by all the good people of Kansas of all parties. The responsibilities of public office should not be begun with levity. No one will think any less of the newly elected governor for this decision, but very many will think more of him. In 1896 we will elect a president and we hope that this precedent will follow in the inaugural of the first people's party president. For aught we know the next president may be L. D. Lewelling. More wonderful things than this have transpired. There is a fitness of things about this at any rate.

The charge made by Jim Legate that the republicans stole the state from Willits two years ago is rendered reasonable and very probable by the doings of the state returning board this fall. They stole Rosenthal's seat in the legislature, through the connivance of the county clerk of Haskell county. In secret, star chamber executive session, having ordered the sergeant-at-arms to clear the room, they drew lots on the Coffey county tie without any notice to O. M. Rice, the populist candidate, and the lot fell on the republican of course. The law requires the board to officially notify the candidates on both sides to be present. The parties to this fraud are Humphrey, Higgins, Stover and Hoover. If they wanted to do things in a fair and honorable way why did they drive everybody out and do it in secret. The good book says: "Men love darkness because their deeds are evil. They hate one presidential elector on a technicality, the blunder of the county clerks in Sedgewick and Wilson counties. There is a method in this madness. It proves the animus of the ring and renders the charge of the state two years ago strongly probable. Indeed it amounts to a moral certainty that Legate's charge was true. One thing is certain, the boodle gang has to go. It cannot last forever—this defying of the people's rights of Kansas. It is an eye opener that the people of the state should heed and remember.

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