

Kansas Gleanings.

An Abilene man carries \$90,000 of life insurance.

The first train was run into Hiawatha in March, 1871.

There is a demand for residence property in Topeka.

Of nine Trustees in Lane county the Populists elected six.

A political cadaver is what Joe Bristow's paper calls Bill Higgins.

Ellsworth Ingalls is said to be a candidate for the Atchison postoffice.

Senator Baker announces that he is opposed to the annexation of Hawaii.

The Horton Commercial has inaugurated a fight on the joints of that city.

The Republicans only got eight of twenty-five Trustees in Phillips county.

Of twenty Township Trustees in Ottawa county the Populists elected fourteen.

Chester I. Long has not yet got enough, so he announces his candidacy for Congress.

Jerry Simpson claims to have the last letter written by Henry George prior to his death.

The Populists elected sixty-seven township officers in Ottawa county, while the Republicans got fifty.

A chattel mortgage on a "mule colt with curly hair and blue eyes" was filed in Miami county recently.

Pratt county, which has been controlled by the Populists for several years, has \$49,969.30 in the treasury.

Bert Logan, Chairman of the Osage county Populist committee, is opposed to the re-nomination of Governor Leedy.

The water supply is short at Wellington. In many Kansas towns this would cause neither remark nor inconvenience.

Most Republicans newspapers have quit waving the "bloody shirt," but the Junction City Republican is not in that class.

Senator-elect Stone (Pop.), of Leavenworth county, has a Republican brother who is State Auditor of Kentucky.

State Grain Inspector Culver reports receipts amounting to \$4,066.55 in his department for October. The expenses were \$3,368.53.

The discovery of a fourteen-inch vein of coal four feet below the surface is reported from a point near Cottonwood Falls, in Chase county.

Superintendent McNall is preparing to vigorously enforce his order prohibiting the further use of the Clarkson rate in the writing of fire insurance.

It was the sense of a majority of the Bourbon county fusion committee that a union of all silver forces for the future was a wise course to pursue.

The Hill City Revelle says: "We are still of the same opinion that it is better to divide the offices with our friends than with our political enemies."

The Rock Island is contemplating running a new local train from Horton by way of Topeka to Kansas City in the morning, to return in the evening.

Yates Center Advocate: "It is generally admitted that the worst thing that ever happened to Kansas was the boom, and yet all Kansans pray for another boom."

Johnson county voted by a majority of 2,400 to enforce the hedge and weed cutting law. Fred Vandegrift must have been down there with his hedge fence speech.

The Mail and Breeze prints a picture of William Martindale, of Emporia, and characterizes him as a probable candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor.

The miserable apology for a picture given in Sunday's Kansas City Times with the name of Mrs. Diggs under it looks more like Mrs. Staffebach than any other Kansas woman.

The festive Johnrabbitt is too much in evidence in Sumner county, and the County Commissioners will pay 3 cents each for the scalps of the members of his rapidly-increasing tribe.

Kirwin Independent: Fire R. W. Turner from the Secretaryship of the Board of Railroad Commissioners is our idea of the matter. If he is too Republican in his make-up to support the Pop-

ulist ticket in Jewell county he has no right to hold his position."

Ex-City Attorney Boone, of Wichita, who was disbarred before he left that city, is a fugitive from justice, being charged with embezzlement from a Chicago firm by which he was employed.

Kansas City Star: "Shawnee county's Republican majority is becoming shaky. The county continues to go Republican, but sometimes the faithful hold their breath until the result is announced."

The comfortable majority given in favor of the poor farm proposition in Rooks county indicates that the Republicans of that county are not banking on an overdose of McKinley prosperity.

The Mayor of Coffeyville has issued a proclamation for a special election to be held December 5 to vote on the proposition to issue \$17,000 in bonds to be used to erect a light and power plant.

W. C. Olson has transferred the Wa-Keeney Independent to A. H. Cox and W. L. Olson. Mr. Olson has built up a good paper which has exerted a commendable influence in Trego county politics.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon one day last week the proprietor of a little store at Milton, in Sumner county, delivered his available cash to a man who produced a convincing Winchester request for it.

The Lebanon Journal says that Banner township, Smith county, the precinct in which Webb McNall votes, gave the largest Populist vote in proportion to the total vote cast of any township in the county.

The Executive Council has made contracts amounting to about \$18,000 for the completion of the dome of the State House. The old dangerous scaffolding which has been in the rotunda so long will be removed.

A Pratt county young lady explains the defeat of two candidates on the Populist ticket by saying that they married Reno county girls and thereby offended marriageable daughters of a large number of voters.

President Andrews, who was deposed from Brown University and afterward reinstated when it was apparent that the move was unpopular, will lecture before the Kansas State Teachers' Association at Topeka in December.

The affairs of an Abilene bank have just been wound up and the depositors get 3 per cent. of their money. The liabilities were \$680,000 and the assets at the time of the failure were given at about the same amount.

Cherokee county voters gave a majority for a new jail. Galena provides more business for a county jail than all of the remainder of the county, and the proposition was very properly given a majority in every ward.

J. J. Herman, Trustee of Smoky Hill township, McPherson county, has filed a complaint with the Board of Railroad Commissioners charging that the rates charged by the Union Pacific between Sallina and McPherson are excessive.

Ernest Wilson, who has been running the Richfield Monitor-Republic as a non-partisan paper, will quit that sort of thing and run a silver paper. He favors Bryan for the Presidency in 1900. His paper is the only one published in Morton county.

John E. Turner, a stockman of Coffeyville, has been convicted in the District court of Montgomery county on a charge of moving cattle across the quarantine line without permission. The penalty provided by the statute is \$500 to \$1,000 fine and thirty days to one year in jail.

An Oklahoma banker presented himself at the State prison at Lansing with commitment papers for himself. He came unattended by officers to serve a three years' sentence, having entered a plea of guilty to a charge of receiving deposits when his bank was in an insolvent condition.

The Shawnee County Farmers' Institute will meet at Oak Grange hall, Mission Center, December 9 and 10. Addresses will be made by Professors Cottrell and Graham, of the Agricultural college, Miss Gertrude Coburn, Bradford Miller, T. W. Harrison and others. H. H. Wallace is Secretary.

Henry Scott, who ran for Judge against Sam Vandivert eight years ago and who was a Judge in Oklahoma by appointment of President Cleveland, has broken into Tammany Hall, and the dispatches

indicate that he has obtained a front seat. He is a candidate for appointment as Corporation Counsel.

Lawrence Jeffersonian: "If it is true that R. W. Turner, Secretary of the Railroad Commission, fought the silver ticket in Jewell county, he should be fired. It places the State administration in a bad light to have an appointee in one of the best positions making an active fight against a local ticket."

The Mound City Torch of Liberty charges that the Observer (Rep.) presents a bill to the County Commissioners for a "counter for printing press, \$2.50," and that it was allowed. A citizen of Linn county is quoted as saying that the editor has not as yet presented a bill for his board, but that it will doubtless be filed soon.

The Supreme court has decided that the present method of computing good time for the prisoners at the penitentiary is correct. The charge that the prison officials were keeping prisoners beyond the time provided by law therefore amounts to nothing and has about as much foundation as other charges brought against them.

Hiawatha has an old soldier controversy of a new sort. A plot of ground was set apart in the cemetery for deceased veterans. It was owned by the G. A. R. post. A colored veteran was recently interred there and the widow of a white veteran immediately had the remains of her husband taken up and moved to a private lot. This is drawing the color line after death.

Wellington Voice: "The theory that Populist majorities are regulated in size by good, bad or indifferent crops is knocked into smithereens. At Topeka Sumner county is credited with being the banner Populist county in the State, and it is yet within the memory of the most obtuse Republican that her wheat crop was nearly double that of any other county in the State—dollar wheat (?), too, you know!"

Senator W. E. Sterne, who has been recommended by Senator Baker for United States Marshal, objects to Republican headquarters being kept open in Topeka all winter. He says that if some one were put in charge who would work for the interests of the whole party, it would be all right; but that its influence would be used to strengthen the Leland faction. As Leland is fighting him, Sterne don't want his strength increased if he can help it.

A lot of Republican papers and politicians are wearying people with whom they come in contact with a lot of stuff about the enormous coal output of the penitentiary under Populist management and the attendant injustice done to free miners. Why don't the miners go after the Republicans who sunk the coal shaft in the first place? And why do they complain about what they call an abuse which is not so bad as when in the hands of Republicans?

In Bourbon county the vote on County Coroner was a tie, each candidate receiving 2,156 votes. The tie was settled by the board as provided for by law, and Doctor Cummings, the Populist candidate, won. Doctor McLemore, the Republican nominee, is a colored man. All of the other Republican candidates were elected, but they like the colored man so well that they scratched the only one on the ticket, notwithstanding the fact that he ran for an unimportant office.

Kansas City Star: "The lawyers are showering compliments upon G. C. Clemens for his Supreme court reports, which are said to be the best arranged of the long series back to the beginning. The index is especially comprehensive and reduces the difficulty of locating points in the subject matter to a minimum. The headings to the various cases are arranged with a view to clearness and to telling the story contained in the case in a few paragraphs—in true newspaper style."

The friends of F. C. Johnson, of Phillipsburg, were very much disappointed because of the failure of the Justices of the Supreme court to name him as State Librarian. Mr. Johnson's work in a political way has been fully as extensive as that of any member of the party, with a few exceptions, in Kansas. He is a man of high character and unusual ability and is amply qualified for the place. But the Justices saw fit to give it to another; and in view of the fact that the selection was such that it was no

discredit to him to be defeated by one of the standing that Mrs. Diggs enjoys, Mr. Johnson's friends are satisfied.

Wellington Voice: "Many veterans may not be aware of the fact that under an act approved March 6, 1896, the Union soldier who applied for a pension under the new law, act of June, 1890, and whose claim was rejected, can have it reconsidered and in the event of his pension being granted he is entitled to all arrearages that would have accrued to him under his original application, provided it is shown that he was disabled in a pensionable degree at the time his first application was filed."

Ellsworth Populist: "We have seen men before now that were too modest to vote for themselves, but a little the best job of this kind of work was done in a certain road district in this county last week. The report is, one of the judges on the election board in the east part of the county took the ballots before they commenced voting and wrote his own name in for road overseer in the blank spaces left for that purpose. It is not necessary to state that he was elected. We don't know how true the story is, but it is said to be a fact."

The announcement that ex-Warden George H. Case, of Mankato, will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor has caused the resurrection of an old story about him. He was a candidate in 1888 and Captain Norton, of Mitchell, was a candidate for Secretary of State. Case's fight defeated Norton, but all of the circumstances tended to show that Case was merely running in the interest of Humphrey and that he got Warden of the penitentiary as pay for his work. Naturally the fellows in the Big Sixth are a little slow about pushing his boom until they can learn whether he is in earnest or merely operating as a sideshow for some one else.

President McKinley will doubtless read the following estimate of the value of his latest appointee from ex-Speaker Lobdell with a pleasurable feeling: "There may have been some political wisdom in giving Barney Kelley a soft political job, but to our uninitiated mind the reason why a worn-out old political hack, powerless for good and with but little power for evil, who has already received \$16,000 in cash for four years of public service, who hasn't a constituency in which he could elect a State delegate or recall a halting Republican, should be preferred, is very obscure. There is, however, one consolation—his bellyaching around at political conventions will be stopped and he will probably be far enough away so that his disturbing influence will cease to be felt."

A western Kansas aspirant for office is ready to agree that there is a wide difference in the worth of personal friends. The convention in which he was interested was to be held in a neighboring city, and one of his local friends insisted that he had better be on the ground early in order to take advantage in the aforesaid aspirant's interest of any circumstances which might occur prior to the arrival of the main show. This appearing to be a good idea, it was approved and carried out. When the friend reached the convention city he found a liberal delegation representing his townsman's chief opponent. He inquired why this candidate was not in evidence and was told that it was not believed to be necessary. "Well," he said, "if you fellows expect to stand any show whatever in this convention you had better get Mr. — here at once." Mr. —'s friends wired him and he came and put up such a fight as to make the result decidedly uncertain for a time. It is unnecessary to state that the first mentioned aspirant did not fully approve his friend's method of taking advantage in his interest of ante-convention circumstances.

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