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- Sec. of State, W. E. BUSH.
- Treas. of State, D. H. HEFFLEBOWER.
- State Superintendent, Wm. STRYKER.
- Cong. at Large, J. D. BOTKIN.
- Cong. 7th District, JERRY SIMPSON.

### Soil Moisture And Soil Stirring.

The proper time for fall plowing for wheat is in the summer, as soon as possible after the removal of the preceding crop. Scarcely, if ever, a summer passes in Kansas without a period of drought between July 1 and Sep-1. Water is the most important constituent likely to be deficient in Kansas soils. The annual rainfall in nearly all parts of the State is nearly always sufficient to produce a crop if its precipitation could be controlled, or if, when fallen, the moisture could be conserved. Rainmakers have fallen into deserved obscurity, but means of moisture conservation are worthy of careful investigation.

The Kansas Experiment Station is studying the effect of different modes of soil treatment upon soil moisture. That the well-known effect of a mulch can be approached by proper tillage of soil is a fact not as widely acted upon as good farming dictates. One of the Station fields which contained in round numbers 26 per cent of water in the first foot of soil, on July 7, 1898, had one portion plowed, another disc-harrowed and a portion left untreated. The ensuing dry weather in the course of four weeks, notwithstanding several light rains, reduced the moisture of the untreated part to 10 per cent and that of the disc-harrowed to 18 per cent, the plowed ground retaining 21 per cent. The last two were in excellent condition for seeding, while the first would plow a lumpy and unsatisfactory.

The weight of an acre of the dry soil to the depth of one foot may be taken as 1,600 tons. Each per cent of water in soil to that depth represents about sixteen tons of water per acre or one-seventh of an inch. The water, apparently lost by the untreated soil was 176 tons per acre, equivalent to one and one-half inches of rain. This is about one-half what the soil would hold after a soaking rain. The real loss was much more than this, since as water escaped from the upper foot, other would be drawn up from below by capillary attraction. The figures given are minimum quantities, therefore.

Stubble ground should unquestionably be plowed while the moisture is in the soil. Experiments of the Station show that simple plowing, quite as effective for moisture conservation as any tillage yet tested, does not allow plowing, the speed work of the disc harrow compares favorably in efficiency. In either case if rain follows sufficient to start the weeds, kill them with a harrow. This will at the same time break up any crust and preserve the soil mulch. This treatment not only insures a perfect seed bed for wheat in respect to moisture, but the soil has time to settle to the firm condition so advantageous to wheat, and the bareness, warmth and moisture are most favorable to the formation of nitrates from organic matter. Nitrates are highly important for successful wheat production.

Indications point to a searching and prolonged investigation of war department affairs in the near future. High officials state that either Gen. Miles should prefer charges against Secretary Alger or the latter should order an investigation, the latter method being the preferable one.

The democrats in Vermont are to try to secure the permission of Admiral Dewey to present his name as candidate for Gubernatorial honors: but what success this will have is not known, as no sign has been received from him as yet.

### Coal Rate Reduction.

Although many changes have been made in other rates, no change has been made in the coal rates for a good many years. Soon after the organization of the board a conference was held with representatives of the railroad companies in which a demand was made for a 20 per cent reduction. Subsequent conferences led to a voluntary reduction of the soft coal rates to such Kansas points as had been pointed out as discriminated against by the then existing tariff rates. This resulted in cheaper coal rates from Colorado mines of from 25 to 50 cents per ton to nearly every point of importance on the Santa Fe system.

The people of the county noticed last year that Colorado coal was costing them one dollar less per ton than the year before without knowing why. The foregoing paragraph gives the reason.

Chicago, Sept. 1, 1898.

Dear Graphic:

I recently spent four days at Tomahawk Lake, Wis. My brother and I went there to fish. If you look on the map you will see that the lake is located in the northern part of Wisconsin near Lake Superior. We arrived there at 4:28 a. m. It was barely light but we got out our lines and the guide got us a pair of minnows and a boat. It could not have been a good morning for fish as we caught only a few bass. After breakfast at the hotel, we rowed two miles up the lake and landing, struck out through the woods for Bird Lake where we fished all day, catching about 20 fair bass. I am not going to worry you with an account of each day's sport, but the weather was against us and we caught less than we expected. I enjoyed the scenery and the change from the routine of my daily life. The lakes are charming sheets of water. The woods which surround the water have been largely cut and sawed up. Two large saw-mills will presently be shut down and the country abandoned to the partridges, deer, hunters and fishers. Land can be bought as cheap as 2 cents per acre. The soil is light and filled with stones and gravel. It produces potatoes, barley, oats and garden vegetables. The pansies and sweet peas in the flower gardens were wonderfully fine. In winter the temperature is very low. It is delightful in hot weather to leave the city and make an outing in the woods, but in cold weather I suppose it is very monotonous. I am hoping to return for a week's shooting in October and will probably do so unless it becomes necessary for me to go to Kansas.

The war excitement is pretty well over here. There is to be a celebration of the return of peace, and a troop at Washington Park on the 5th which is labor day.

I notice that a call for a People's Party convention at Kinsley is published and I wonder whether the party and its issues are dead, or whether some flash of the old political fire will flame up again. Perhaps some new leader will come forward and lead the people to victory. I have so little interest in politics nowadays that I seldom discuss the matter and I have not voted since leaving Kansas.

Mrs. A. and I read the Graphic with interest each week, and while Mrs. A. prefers Chicago as a residence I like the country better.

### PEOPLE'S PARTY CAUCUSES.

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP.**  
The People's Party voters of Jackson Township are hereby notified to meet in caucus on Thursday, Sep. 15, at the Jensen school house, to elect delegates to the county convention, and nominate township officers: caucus to convene between 2 and 4 o'clock p. m.  
Wm. Copp, Committeeman.

**LOGAN TOWNSHIP.**  
The People's Party voters of Logan Township will meet at the Brucher school house Thursday, Sept. 15, to elect delegates to the county convention, and to nominate a township ticket; meeting to convene at 7 o'clock p. m.  
C. L. Hubbard, Committeeman.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP.**  
The peoples' party voters of Franklin township will meet at Pretty Prairie School house, Thursday, Sept. 15, to elect delegates to the county convention, and to nominate a township ticket. Meeting to convene at 7 o'clock p. m. R. M. Drake, Committeeman

**KINSLEY TOWNSHIP.**  
A caucus of the peoples party, democratic and free silver republican voters of Kinsley township will be held at F. N. Cole's shop on Thursday evening, Sept. 15th, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held on the following Saturday, also for the purpose of electing a central committeeman for Kinsley township.  
A. C. Dyer, committeeman.

Among those who left on the special Monday morning bound for Ohio and other eastern points were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wilson and Mrs. W. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Fulton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Alering, Mr. and Mrs. John Mott, Mr. Force, Mr. Gunkle, and Mrs. Nichols.

### PEOPLE'S PARTY CALL.

At a regular meeting of the People's Party central committee of Edwards County, Kansas, held on Saturday, August 13, 1898, it was ordered that a delegate convention be called to meet at Kinsley on Saturday, Sept. 17, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of selecting candidates for offices of representative, County Superintendent, County Attorney, Clerk of the District Court, Probate Judge and Commissioner for the First District. It was further ordered that the representation in said convention be based on the vote cast for J. E. Andrews for judge at the Nov. 1897 election, allowing one delegate-at-large for each ten votes or major fraction thereof, which entitles the several townships to the following number of delegates:

- Belpre.....4.
  - Jackson.....3.
  - Kinsley.....14.
  - Franklin.....6.
  - Trenton.....3.
  - Brown.....7.
  - Wayne.....4.
  - Logan.....3.
  - Lincoln.....6.
- All Democrats and free-silver Republicans are invited to co-operate. It is recommended that the primaries be held in the several townships Sept. 15th, from 2 to 7 p. m. or at such time as local committeemen may designate. It is also recommended that each township elect a central committeeman at the primaries, if one has not already been elected for this campaign. Immediately after the county convention, the delegates from the commissioner district will meet and nominate a candidate.  
H. J. Noble, Sec. Geo. Tassell, Ch'mn

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