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JUDICIAL COMMITTEE.

STOCKTON, KANS., May 6, 1885.
The Republican central committee of the 17th judicial district will meet at Millbrook, Graham county, on Monday, the 1st day of June, 1885, at one o'clock p. m., for the purpose of apportioning delegates to the several counties in the district, and calling the judicial convention. A full attendance is desired.
L. F. SMITH, Chairman.
S. J. OSBORN, Secretary.

THE Montana cowboy who, in a cattle case, testified that "a maverick is somebody else's calf that you get your brand on first," seems to have had at least one eye on the truth.

J. H. DOWNING, of the Hays Star Sentinel, was, last week, elected president of the Kansas editorial association for the ensuing year. Now for a convention of editors at a point in the western part of the state.

W. H. GRAY, foreman of the Independent office at Kirwin, mashed two of his fingers in the jobber at the Republic's office last week. Gray, there are, at least, two of us in the wild West who have felt the illustration of the power of the press.

F. E. JEROME, of the Russell Record, claims to have struck a stream of artesian water at Ellsworth at a depth of only 140 feet. The well furnished a column of water rising fifteen feet high. Mr. Jerome surmises that competent investigation will prove the continuation of this artesian belt into the southwestern portion of the state.

WHAT a glorious event has happened over in Illinois! The Republicans have overcome ballot-box frauds and Death, and re-elected John A. Logan U. S. senator. This is a hard shot at the heart of the Cleveland administration—a long, strong nail in the Democratic coffin as applied to that party securing complete control of congress.

LEADER! Do you remember this name, kind reader? It comes now from Santa Fe, N. M., is a five column folio, and, typographically, is a virtual facsimile of the Wa-Keeney Leader of years ago. Stult's name does not occur in the paper, but by these signs we know that he is controlling the enterprise. We shall exchange with him. We hope he is doing well, and can assure him that we are not quite starved out yet. Its having been about four years since a sign of newspaper opposition to the WORLD has been in sight, we have almost forgotten how to conduct a newspaper fight.

THE XVIIth Amendment last week published a list of names of persons who purchased spirituous liquors under the prohibitory law, whereas some of the boys waxed wroth. If the liquor is purchased and used legitimately, we can see no objection to the publication.—[Ness City News.] The XVIIth Amendment is Joe Langellier's paper, we have heard. He never sent one of them to this office. Joe is a good man. When he grows to be great, he will quit such foolishness as the Ness speaks of his practicing. The Prohibition cause, whose propriety the WORLD has asserted with steadiness and vehemence, never can be aided by the class of journalists who persist in doing things which are so foolish as to make themselves laughing stock at home.

THE MILLBROOK WAR.

Millbrook is said to be shaken up and divided. However small this may make the quotients, the work of division for permanency proceeds. Old man Terrell and some subscribers to the common cause have found a water reservoir in the hills three-fourths of a mile southwest of the old town, and the work of laying a pipe into town is under rapid headway. If this scheme don't miscarry, Millbrook will soon have a creditable system of waterworks, and Graves's addition will thus be deprived of its chief invigorator—the cry of no water in the old town.

On the other hand, some houses are being built in Graves's addition. Graves has built a house which the commissioners have promised shall be occupied by the county officers in July.

On the ragged edge, stand a good many men who will be ready to invest in one town or the other when "this cruel war" has shaped the destiny of the respective places.

DECORATION DAY.

This is the last time when the WORLD will reach its array of readers so as to suggest to them any thing which could be turned into use for the 30th day of May of the present year.

To our readers, (and there are to exceed one thousand of them in western Kansas, if the borrowers are to be counted,) we wish to deliver an address within the scope of a newspaper article of moderate length. Now to this address:

The only genuine republic which the world has ever known is the United States of America. Its true republican type consists in the fact that its people do, or at least can, dictate the conduct of the government. That this state of affairs existed in this large area of country as a nation beyond the first quarter of the year 1861 is attributable directly, unquestionably and emphatically to the fact that a band of patriots were in readiness to lay down their lives in order that their country might live. It is to the several hundreds of thousands of these patriots who freely offered their lives as martyrs, and who now fill martyrs' graves, that the ceremonies of Decoration day are devoted. The witnessing of this ceremony in its awful impressiveness is expected to rivet more firmly the bonds of patriotism between all the people of our common country. If this theory is not to hold good, as far at least as the people of the North are concerned, then the preservation of the Union will be overcome at another time. Why do we speak thus? Because the Union was preserved by its defenders wading through rivers of blood; tossing through oceans of consuming fevers; starving to death in the enemy's prison; being victims of myriad fatalities incident to war. And the wives, sons and daughters and dependent fathers and mothers of Union patriots! What was their condition? Is it necessary to say that there was suffering—often unto death—separations which never ended! But why speak of this to patriotic people, such as western Kansans generally are? Their knowledge of these facts will, upon their reflecting a moment, lead to their instinctive sympathy with the cause of commemorating the memory of the fallen heroes.

Again: How many of our people are not related to some one soldier, at least, by the ties of blood? How many of our people can not point with pride to being related to the wife or the son or the daughter of a soldier of the war for the Union? This relationship, whether the soldier branch is now dead or living, or whether it is here or elsewhere, must cause the blood to course more swiftly when the matter is mentioned. It is, in fact, these mutual alliances, these attracting features, of society, which, collectively, make our great nation.

The panorama of our national life is full of startling colors, of vivid contrasts and overwhelming beauty. When patriots once behold it, they rally at the bare suggestion of the necessity of doing so. Others do not see the panorama. They, too, are classed as citizens of the republic. Logically, they are not!

Will not our people lay aside their labors on Decoration day, and vie with one another in contributing to the success of the exercises at Wa-Keeney?

GIVE US A LATE CONVENTION.

It will be well for you to notice the call for the meeting of the seventeenth district judicial committee at Millbrook on the first Monday in June.

The WORLD believes that the committee should call the convention as late as the first of September. This is the off year in state politics. There is no sense in starting the political agitation early. The Republican nominee for judge will be absolutely sure of a triumphant election, unless he is some jack-leg lawyer whose ability, lack of experience and character render him wholly unfit for the position. This fact makes an early convention a nuisance, because the judicial nomination can not be made early without exercising a marked influence in hastening undue excitement, and consequent foolishness, in the politics of the different counties.

Give us a late convention. The best interests of the people of all classes demand this.

County Attorney Nelson has had an addition built to his residence.

This spring almost marks an era in the Kansas enthusiasm for building and loan associations. In our judgment, at least one of these associations should be formed in every growing village, town or city in the state. They are, at once, a source of profit to the conductors of the associations and the means of many families securing homes, who, in the absence of the chance to purchase them on the installment plan, would perhaps remain permanent non-owners of this bottom fabric of American civilization.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

The Philadelphia Times has said, is the most useful of all the agencies which stamp the impress of progress upon villages and inland cities. Without the aid of local newspapers towns are, as a rule, thriftless and dead. It is common for small great men to speak with contempt of the local newspapers, but the village newspaper makes more great men out of less material—more bricks without straw—than any other factor in politics, and it is the one ladder on which men climb to local distinction as the beginning of wider fame. The advent of the local newspaper has always dated the increased thrift of the community. The local newspaper is the life of the locality, and the measure of its support, as a rule, measures the advancement of the people.

HATTON GETTING SMART.

Frank Hatton has returned to his paper, the Burlington Hawkeye, and being out of office himself gives some of the Republican office holders some good advice: "In the great majority of cases the Republicans will have to go. And this is right. A Republican who has succeeded in gaining a prominent and lucrative place under his own party is entitled to little respect when he goes about whining to be kept in under an administration which he opposed, and which, politically, he does not believe in if he is a man of principle. When a man degenerates into a barnacle he should be scraped off."

The above is the only really smart thing we ever knew Frank Hatton to say.—[Beloit Courier.]

But, Colonel, isn't it a devil of a pity that, like the ex-postmaster general, so many of the Rad. office holders persist so unreluctantly in being "degenerate barnacles" until they are scraped off Hatton's smartness, we fear, is not the smartness peculiar to genius. Hatton is precisely right, at last, however.

ANOTHER WALRUFF WAVE.

John Walruff, of Lawrence, has been what wild Westerners call a d-d fool on general principles. Strictly speaking, he has been an obstructor of the law. But even these despicable fellows can be sinned against. Walruff, for instance, ran a brewery at Lawrence when it was legal to do so. Of necessity, he invested heavily in business property. The prohibitory law does not say that no beer shall be brewed in Kansas. This law places upon the brewing business certain restrictions. Recently, Walruff wished to open his brewery, and expressed a desire to observe the law in opening it. His brewery property, he claims, cost \$70,000, and is fit for no other kind of business. Douglas county people readily signed his petition, but the probate judge refused to issue him a permit to manufacture beer.

Walruff is now out in a proclamation, declaring that he will open his brewery without a permit. If Walruff is sincere in his professions of intending to respect the law in the manner of conducting his business, we fail to see that he does wrong in re-opening his brewery. The law is above any probate judge.

The trouble with Walruff, however, is the same as with the loud-mouthed of the anti-Prohibition crew generally: His past language and actions have placed him beyond the pale of being worthy of belief in any matter connected with the Prohibition law. This condition is the sure precursor of his downfall. Law-abiding people rally instinctively against such men in defence of home, honor, and country!

—Mr. Walter Brown, of Kansas City, is out in western Kansas for a few days. He is interested largely in real estate in Trego, Sheridan, and, perhaps, Gove counties. He expresses the belief that Wa-Keeney is the coming city between Ellsworth and Denver, and expects it to contain a population of at least 4,000 or 5,000 in the course of ten years from now.

Wool Quotations.

In their circular of May 12, H. C. Judd & Root, wool commission merchants, Hartford, Conn., quote Kansas and Nebraska wool: Fine, good condition, 17 @ 20; fine, heavy, 12 @ 15; medium, 17 @ 21; coarse, 14 @ 17.

They say: The general trade of the country shows little, if any, improvement, but more hopefulness; and until there is a revival of business, we may not look for improved prices, either for wool or woolsens. The prospect, and with some the almost certainty, of war, imparted activity to the produce trade of the country, which activity, it was hoped, would extend to other branches of business; but now, with the fair prospect of peace in Europe, we see little encouragement for an immediate advance in price. Wool is, however, on an extremely low basis, and if it can be bought in the country, at prices to correspond with eastern market rates and show a margin to the shipper, we should regard it a very safe investment.

Fleeced in Confidence.

Ness City News, 16.
While some of Ness county's citizens were at Wa-Keeney last week on land business, one of them was induced to put up \$20 on a confidence game. The trick was to open a small padlock within a minute. Of course the lock was not opened, and the traveling man "knocked in" the stakes and started on his journey. Through the timely assistance of a friend of the Ness county man, the confidence men were induced to pay back all the ill-gotten gains but one dollar. "Don't bet on another fellow's game."

Schmitt vs. Miller.

In Justice Groff's court, last Saturday, the case of John Schmitt vs. T. W. Miller was tried. Schmitt had sued Miller for \$102 of back pay. The plaintiff used to herd sheep for the defendant. Miller, as an offset to Schmitt's claim, claimed that the plaintiff had not herded his (Miller's) sheep with proper diligence, but that he had let them get into the sorghum patch and eat so much of that crop as to kill a number of them. G. C. Shultz conducted the prosecution, an S. J. Osborn the defense. The court gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$74 and costs.

—W. S. Tilton thanks Governor Martin for a commission as notary public. We have not figured carefully on the business end of this fresh piece of glory, but one advantage is that we will be spared the humiliation of paying a quarter—in some instances—after having done for the oath administerer more than that much free advertising by publishing, in connection with land notices, the name and occupation of the attorney, and the saving in our boot leather may approach a new pair of boots per annum.

—Jo. Marks, of our town, is the boy who has the contract to repair the plows for the fireguard plowers while the run is made from Wilson to Denver and back. When the plows need repairing, they are shipped by the next train to Jo. After he has repaired them, Jo. then takes them to the Wa-Keeney depo, directed to where he has had orders to send them. Jo. thinks the demand for repairing will be about eighteen plows per week. Six plows are used at once by the guard plowers.

—Mr. Jas. G. Hall brought to his mother a few days ago the fossil remains of a sea-shell valve. It is about as large as a dinner plate. It reminds one of a huge muscle shell. Mr. Hall found it in the Castle Rock vicinity. He reports plenty more in the same locality, but says that it is difficult to find one which has not been broken to some extent.

—The spring term of school in this district closed yesterday afternoon. Those who have given the matter any attention give the teachers credit for having taken a high degree of interest in the advancement of the pupils. There will be no more school in this district until after the school election in August—perhaps not until well along in September.

—Baker & Shultz ask us to say to our farmers that they would like to have, for display in their office, samples of whatever remains from the crops of last year; also samples of grasses and anything else which would be of interest to people looking for homes.

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