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**For President-Elect in 1888,  
General John A. Logan,  
OF ILLINOIS.**

SMITH COUNTY, at the election last week, voted overwhelmingly against the issuing of bonds for the construction of a new railroad through her territory. This is another stunning blow to Smith Centre.

It is stated in the Millbrook Democrat of the 5th inst. that Miss Baldwin, the young lady who got burnt while making scrogum on the Biens place, in Moran tp., died the Sunday before, at ten o'clock. She was buried in Rooks county.

FRIEND FULLER seems to feel it all through his system as he plaintively observes: "Truly can it be said that the Ellis Headlight printers have had luck while fooling with guns." F. O. Ayers, of that office, while at home Friday night of last week, was unfortunate enough to accidentally discharge a revolver, the ball passing through his leg and making an ugly wound.

JUDGE MARTIN, of the Atchison county district court, the Commonwealth relates, has decided in favor of Attorney General Bradford's position in one of the liquor prosecutions which the state had undertaken in Atchison city. The attorney general commenced this suit, not only against the saloon keepers, but also the owners of the buildings in which the liquor was sold. The defendants tried to secure a change of venue to the federal court, on the ground that the nuisance clause of the prohibitory law is unconstitutional. Judge Martin refused to grant the change.

**KANSAS PATENTS.**  
S. A. Haeletine & Bro., patent solicitors, Springfield, Missouri, send the WORLD the following list of patents, which were issued to citizens of Kansas during the past week:  
Albert N. Bender, Manhattan, stove polish.  
Rebecca A. McDaniel, Burr Oak, preserving compound.  
James H. and W. T. Mitchell, Wellington, adjustable shade for windows.

**GOOD ENOUGH NOW.**  
A petition is being circulated, or is about to be circulated, praying President Cleveland to create a new land district of the counties of Cheyenne, Sherman, Wallace, Greeley, Wichita and St. John. Wallace is the place which is prayed for as headquarters of the new land office. It is perhaps not necessary for the WORLD to add that it does not approve of this scheme. Wa-Keeneey is not very hard to reach from any of the territory in this land district. We are opposed to the carting which would inevitably result from an attempt to break up the land districts of western Kansas as they now are formed. Then there would be the overwhelming objection—from a Democratic standpoint especially—that the extra expense of maintaining a new land office would be incurred. Neither Mr. Cleveland nor the WORLD wishes to see the Democratic policy of retrenchment and reform of the public service thus spat upon!

**PENSION COMMISSIONER GLICK.**  
The report is out, and generally credited, that ex-Governor Glick has been tendered by the president the appointment of pension commissioner, and has accepted. A jackassial kick went out into the Topoka air the other day. It purported to come from ex-Union soldiers who are Democrats, and claimed that they wanted to see this desirable position given to an ex-Union soldier. In other words, these Demos called a meeting. The meeting was a pure fizzle. It should have fizzled. Men who helped make Glick governor, thereby endorsing his copperhead "war" record, should be consistent, and not growl at this late day. We cheerfully assent that for such a man as Glick to be made the custodian of the interests of a large proportion of the pensioners of this country is a burlesque upon nature—a rape of justice. But we have not absorbed this view all at once. We have always held it. If these fellows who now claim to be so wounded over Glick's appointment had been averse to Glickism in the past, this malignant fever would not now be scourging them.

**ABOUT AS USUAL.**  
In presenting you with this, I have to say, that under a force of combined circumstances, I publish this issue of the Long Island Argus, and by way of explanation I will state a few facts: It will be remembered that about one year ago W. E. Montgomery came to this town to start a paper. He had ordered a press and fixtures to Logan, 22 miles south of here, expecting the business men of this place to advance him the money on advertising with which to make the first payment. But failing to get the money advanced, he was entirely at a loss to know how to pay for the press and start the paper. I then paid him twenty-five dollars advance money on advertising, and enough money to make one-half payment on press. He then informed me he had not one cent with which to pay freight, and he could not bring it to Long Island without paying the freight. Then I let him have thirty-five dollars with which to pay the freight. The thirty-five dollars was to be repaid to me in ten days, but is not paid yet. The second payment on the press was due in six months, at which time he was to have me paid up, and then he could secure the second payment with the property. But at the expiration of six months he had paid me nothing, and I was obliged to furnish the money with which to make the second payment in order to save my first money and save to him the press and paper. I then took a mortgage on the entire outfit as security, due Oct. 3, 1885, at which time he had paid neither interest or principle. The mortgage had been due nearly one month, during which time I endeavored to adjust matters with him, but being unable to do so, I have taken possession of the property under the mortgage, and to make good the proof notices at the land office at Kirwin which have been inserted here, and in justice to the many patrons of the Argus, I herewith send out this half sheet. Mr. Montgomery holds the patent title for this issue, and would not let me have them, even though I offered to pay him for them, and knowing the injustice it would be to the subscribers, and especially those individuals who have proof notices inserted, for which he has received the pay, I make this another effort to keep the Argus afloat. Thinking I had dealt fairly with him, and carried his burdens as long as justifiable, I have taken this step, trusting in the confidence of the public to be on the side of justice and right.  
J. N. CURL.

The above recalls a circumstance so strikingly suggestive of a few answers which we gave last fall to some questions from this same Mr. Curl that we can not resist the temptation to relate the event.  
Mr. Curl is the proprietor of the Long Island House. He is the oldest settler in that locality. We are sure he is a good man, and we feel very friendly toward him.  
In the presence of Congressman Hancock, Mr. Curl asked the writer whether he thought Long Island could support a newspaper. We answered that it was very questionable. Mr. Curl then made enquiry as to the extent of advertising and other support which would be required to place a newspaper on a paying basis in that place. We answered his question as fairly as we knew how. Mr. Curl did not dispute our proposition, but we thought that he did not consider it worth more than par, to say the least.  
We have met Mr. Montgomery only once. He may be a straight business man or not, as far as our knowledge of him goes. But there is one thing very certain: All business proceeds on the assumption that nothing can be paid out unless it has been earned and collected. We question exceedingly whether the Long Island Argus has ever been a bonanza to its publisher. Its appearance never impressed us that way, at least.

Of course, Long Island is now a more favorable place for the location of a paper than it was in September, 1884, when we were there, but we could not obtain our consent to take hold of a paper there with the hope of more than paying expenses with it. If Mr. Curl continues in charge of the paper, he will find this his experience. Long Island has an exquisitely beautiful location, but it is not every town which is beautifully-located that will support a paper.  
What we have said about Long Island as to one paper is true of some towns in connection with two papers. Our position is chosen with years of deliberation when we assert, as we do here, that no town which is not amply-able to support two papers should be called upon to be burdened with more than one. We use *burdened* advisedly. Is it not a burden to the business community to be exhorted, entreated, prayed at and hounded to give a living to a second paper when their interests are at antipodes with such a course? Is it not a burden to the business community to be asked to extend credit in the name of business, when, in reality,

it amounts, if done at all, to doing so for charity's sake?  
If matters not an iota whom these suggestions hit or miss. If they have force, it is because of their truth. If they have no force, nobody can take offense at them.  
Until business men unite in the policy of gauging newspaper enterprises according to the standard employed toward other kinds of business, the country press must average to be vacillating and sickly. The exceptions will be found far apart and under peculiar conditions.  
Every person, regardless of whether he is engaged in business or not, who supports one industriously-edited paper which is devoted to the real interests of the section of country where it is published, has performed his duty as far as the public welfare is concerned; and the fact of some disgruntled politician having given him advice of a different character constitutes no possible reason why such advice should be heeded!

**THE NORTHWEST FOR CATTLE.**  
The Northwestern ranges seem to produce heavier cattle than the more southern ones of New Mexico. The average weight of four-year-old native steers that have gone into the Chicago market from New Mexico was 1,010. The same class of cattle from Colorado have been 1,110, and from Montana they have been 1,200. Ex-Senator Dorsey, of the Palo Blanco ranch, in New Mexico, will next season remove all his steers above two years of age to Routt county, in Colorado, to grow up with the country. "They will grow," says the senator, "one hundred pounds heavier in a single year up in Routt, and 100 pounds on 1,000 steers is a deal of money."—[Prairie Farmer.

What the Farmer brings out concerning the conditions of cattle in these two sections of country is capable of indefinite expansion as applied to all of animal nature, either in the direction of weight or excellence. Any person of observing habits will assimilate readily the correctness of this proposition. It is to be seen or tasted in the men of the two sections, in the women, in the fishes, in the horses, in the fruits in general, and so on.  
As this is true, so is it a fact that the civilization of our Northern states over that of the Southern states rests upon natural causes rather than upon the injury wrought to the South. We aim to assert that it was in the nature of the Southern climate to overcome the free conditions which Governor Oglethorpe had impressed upon the young Georgia colony, and that it was in the nature of the New England climate to abolish the slave system which had been planted in her territory.  
With these facts fairly understood, a great deal of the false sentiment for the people of the South will evaporate. As far as the industrial work of the United States is concerned, the North will do as she has ever done—lead, and that decisively.  
It is far from us to denounce the people of the South because they live there. We are fond of the semi-tropical sun and its products. Socially, many men and women in the South are entitled to high rank. Many of them take high intellectual rank. But the climate is not sufficiently rigorous to demand great alertness in the industrial field. This condition begets slothfulness on the part of the masses of the people. This, in turn, creates a low condition of leadership. This tells it all!

**WORTHY OF A BETTER CAUSE.**  
The obstinacy with which the anti-Prohibitionists cling to their pet theory is worthy of a better cause.  
Leavenworth county, on Tuesday of last week, defeated Dave Keller, Republican candidate for sheriff, because he had been friendly, in a measure, to the enforcement of the liquor law. At any rate he, last winter, issued a proclamation to the effect that, within a given time, the saloons in that county must be closed. Little or no attention was given to the proclamation. The sheriff was powerless to make it respectable or respected. Keller had treated Governor Martin with respect. He had been seen in the company of Dr. Krohn, the temperance agitator. Notwithstanding that his nomination by the late Republican convention was harmonious, and that Keller is personally popular among all shades of political believers, he was beaten at the polls by some 800 majority.  
Leavenworth county thereby once more places her individual interests above those of the state of Kansas. Once more

Leavenworth county tells the people of Kansas that she is in an attitude of rebellion against such state laws as she does not happen to like.  
This reminds us that no such a fool thing will be attempted this winter; but if, during the special session of the Kansas legislature, Leavenworth should besiege that body for that fifty-thousand-dollar appropriation to reimburse certain capitalists in that city for having made a profitable investment in getting the soldiers' home located there, some of our western members would, of course, feel in sympathy bound to vote again for the measure.  
—Mrs. W. C. Olson started, Tuesday morning, to Knox county, Ill., on account of the dangerous illness of her mother.  
—Mr. J. B. Wheeler, a former resident of Gove county, in this state, renews his subscription to the WORLD, and adds: "I shall ever appreciate the WORLD's weekly rounds, and right here let me say it is doing a work that will yield fruit long after its founder shall have ceased to yield the pen. Long live the WORLD, and my best wishes for its honorable editor."

—Those of our people who are so fortunate as to be acquainted with the refined young lady who is referred to will appreciate, at least as high as par, this item, which is taken from the Millbrook Democrat of November 5: "The Graham County Teachers' association will meet at Hill City on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1885. According to program, one feature of this meeting will be 'Whispering,' by Nettie Van Dyke, but if we don't miss our guess there will be whispering by every person present."  
—George "Galloway," the Millbrook Democrat relates, has commenced business in his new hardware store, on the east side of Main street. Which induces us to ask whether George's rush of business correspondence has resulted in his discarding the "y" in his principal name. If something of this kind is not up, the Democrat editor has slaughtered his name. We'd go clear to Millbrook against any ordinary blizzard to see George chase that editor through the streets and alleys of that gangling town. Such a sight would beat an Indian war dance to death!

**Wa-Keeneey Dots.**  
Communicated.  
November 5.  
Has the outside world any idea how many homes "Uncle Sam" is giving away? Among the fair ones taking homes is Miss Martin, from Missouri. She is stopping with Mrs. J. H. Baker, and would pass for a "sweet sixteen," but she has succeeded in taking a home on the same section with her father and brother.  
Two of the firm of Baker & Sons went west, Sunday night, in the interest of land seekers.  
Several of the young men of Wa-Keeneey, rumor says, are to be spiced before cold weather. Who knows?  
Ask Henry who the young lady was that got the chicken for a picnic dinner at Castle Rock, and why the chicken, with the rest of the good things fixed up for that special occasion, was not taken. Did they get the wrong basket?  
HA! HA!

**Hack Line to Garden City.**  
Wichita Daily Eagle, 8.  
An outfit for the Cannon Ball stage line from Garden City via Scott City to Wa-Keeneey, left this city yesterday, consisting of a full line of four-horse hacks, with stable tents sufficient to establish a daily line of hacks from Garden City to Wa-Keeneey. Harry Hill is the proprietor of the line, and while doing business here as the leading horse and mule importer and trader, in the interest of extending Wichita's trade, will start the above mentioned line. The unprecedented influx of emigrants into Scott county from Garden City and Wa-Keeneey renders it necessary that a line of stages be run between the two points to enable easy access and bring the land office business into easy communication with the settlers. The distance of the line is about seventy-five miles and will afford easy travel at a short distance from the lands being settled so rapidly to the land offices at either terminus of the routes. The outfit left here fully equipped with tents for stables at the main points and the change stations along the line. A part of the route is covered by mail contracts which the line takes, and an effort will be made to establish a line through from the A., T. & S. F. to the U. P. road.

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