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

SURPRISE parties are the rage at Ellis.

MORE dwelling houses are what the Scott City Herald is shouting for.

THE Gazette sizes up Beloit's building improvements since the first of last January at nearly \$150,000.

At last, remarks the National Republican, the political disabilities of General Robert Toombs have been removed.

A BRAKEMAN, whose name the Review failed to learn, got a hand badly smashed at Ellis on Tuesday of week before last.

GANDY, Sherman county, has The New Tecumseh. It is six weeks old. The World suggests that the old Tecumseh, with the Sherman attachment, ought to become a subscriber.

EARNST NORLIN, while building a fire in the stove at his store at Lenora on a recent Monday, the Leader tells, accidentally knocked a leg from under it, scattered the fire all around, and barely saved his establishment.

In the case of Jackson, of Mitchell county, vs. the Solomon Valley railroad, A. H. Ellis, of Beloit, after tugging away several years, has scored a victory in the supreme court for the plaintiff. Jackson receives \$6,000 damages.

To the legislators of Kansas who are about to sit in special session: Do not forget or otherwise fail to include every unorganized county in the state in your figuring on how the one hundred and twenty-five representatives should be distributed.

MISS IRENA BLAIR, according to Courier tidings, lived at Alton, and was visiting relatives near Norton recently. Elias Barnes went from Alton to see her. They eloped into Nebraska, and were married. This was in opposition to the wishes of the lady's parents.

DISHORNING cattle seems to be growing in favor. It is accomplished by sawing off the horns near the base. The operation is not considered cruel, being nearly free from pain. The head of the animal should be fastened securely while the sawing is being done.

SUNDAY'S Leavenworth Times: "It is stated that the branch of the Kansas Pacific division now being built from Salina, Kan., northwesterly to Lincoln, about thirty-five miles, will be immediately extended westerly to Russell, on the main line, and will then itself form the main line. It is also stated the shops will be removed from Brookville to Salina."

In closing an editorial article concerning the greatness of Kansas generally, the Leavenworth Times says: "But western Kansas gives promise of making more rapid strides than did her eastern neighbors, and already many of her growing cities are putting on metropolitan airs. Let the good work go on, it is all in Kansas, anyway."

The bar of Ellis county, at the recent term of the district court at Hays City took charge of affairs in the court room long enough to pass a set of resolutions certifying to the high character, fairness and ability of W. H. Pratt as judge of the seventeenth judicial district, and tendering to Judge Pratt their earnest wishes for his future prosperity and happiness.

The editor of the WESTERN KANSAS WORLD acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from the executive committee of the Quarto-Centennial celebration—the particulars of which appear in another place—to be present and participate in the proceedings. It is our intention to be there. This is to be a grand effort to paint in the brightest red, so to speak, the great central state of the powerful United States.

THE Times takes strong ground in favor of the organization of a society in Leavenworth for the prevention of the use of profane language. It occurs to the WORLD that Colonel Anthony would be kinder to others than to himself. He certainly has not discarded entirely the use of profane language; and, what is more, he probably could not be induced to do so. Yet the colonel perhaps means nothing very bad if he does swear something oftener than occasionally. He has been in the publishing business long enough to learn that some emphasis in a newspaper office is necessary at least once in awhile. However, as we really meant to say before, Colonel Anthony should be encouraged in pushing this anti-swearing boom to a great moral termination.

CALLED TOGETHER.

Governor John A. Martin has promulgated a proclamation calling for a special session of the Kansas legislature to convene January 13. He enumerates his reasons for this action as follows:

First:—Because of the fact that the Constitution requires a legislative apportionment of the state every five years, and the last legislature failed to make such an apportionment.

Second:—Because of the failure of the state legislature to pass the bill appropriating money for the current expenses of the State Reform school.

Third:—Because certain recently organized western counties are not included in any judicial district in the state.

Fourth:—Because of a failure of the last legislature to make any appropriation for the expenses of the deaf and dumb asylum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885.

Fifth:—Because of the failure of the last legislature to make any appropriation to sustain the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The above appeared as news in the WESTERN KANSAS WORLD of week before last.

Governor Martin and the legislature, for aught we know, are friendly. It is, therefore, improbable that his proclamation convening this body in special session is intended as an arraignment for having left undone last winter very much which required doing then. It is true, at the same time, that this proclamation amounts, in logic, to such an arraignment.

Of the work which Governor Martin now asks the special session to perform, all that has to be done this winter could have been done last winter, with one possible exception. Indeed, we question whether this one exists in law. We allude to the apportionment matter. It seems to be the general opinion of lawyers whose opinions on constitutional questions are entitled to weight that it was clearly within the scope of legitimate legislative work for an apportionment bill to have been passed last winter. At all events, the constitution of Kansas would not have been strained more than it has been in various other instances, if the legislature, last winter, had fixed up this apportionment business. Of course, some wisecracker will be ready to stun us with the question, how the newly-organized counties could get along without being attached to judicial districts, and provisions made for terms of court being held therein. We answer him that Trego county lived as an organized territory from August, 1879, until the second winter following without the legislature meeting to attend to her case. Not only was this condition true as to Trego county, but the unorganized counties of Lane, Scott, Wichita and Greeley belonged to no judicial district, and crimes committed there went unpunished; yet Governor St. John refused to convene the legislature in special session, on account of the expense to which it would subject the state.

Expenses are something to Kansas yet. Let the legislature which foisted away a large share of the session last winter see that it attends to the work for which it has been called together, and then adjourn. The money of the people should not be squandered, against their will, for something they don't want or need.

SHOULD AND CAN.
Now let us have a railroad up Sand creek valley. No grading will be necessary, and the country adjacent is well settled with a prosperous farming community. The line should extend to Wa-Keeney.—*LaCrosse Christian.*

Your head is level. Moreover, common sense points to the necessity of Wa-Keeney having a railroad from the southeast, in order that she may have direct communication with the Arkansas pineries; and no reason heaves in sight why LaCrosse should not be on the line. Western Arkansas is fairly covered with hard pine. People in western Kansas should be able to buy lumber from there at Wa-Keeney and other yards out here for not far from fifteen dollars per one thousand feet. A direct line of railroad between here and those vast pineries would convert *should* into *can*.

THE Lamb of our esteemed contemporary, the Kirwin Independent, claims to have been reading the congressional proceedings without missing a paragraph, or words to this effect. He says Hanback's name fails to show up once. Lamb is not good at reading between the lines, or it would dawn on him that our congressman is taking time to get cocked and primed, preparatory to making a reputation in the sixth congressional district of Kansas just before the time for the coming spring campaign to be opened.

UNLESS he is coming back into the business, the WORLD wishes to bid an affectionate good-bye to its old friend, Hon. W. D. Street, who has sold the Kenneth Sentinel to Captain W. H. Ward.

Mr. Street is a splendid example of the thorough-going Westerner. We have long regarded him as capable, energetic, generous, deserving and a personal friend. He has not gone out of journalism to stay, we feel confident. Toward Captain Ward, we feel very friendly. He is a companionable gentleman of good ability. He was private secretary to Governor St. John, but did not follow the saint out of the Republican party. The captain may not be mixed in the use of terms to start with, but it occurs to us that he is. He claims that he will make the Sentinel a non-partisan Republican newspaper. The thing can't be done. Solid success to the Sentinel, though.

GROWING STRONGER.

Talking about candidates for 1888, it is pretty certain that the Republicans desire John A. Logan for president. But Wall Street likes John Sherman. In these struggles between the people and the brokers, it is pretty hard to tell which will come out on top. The brokers downed Blaine in 1884.—*North Topeka Mail.*

The will of the bulk of the Republicans is the bright signal for Republican action. Wall street may aspire; she can not control, if the enthusiasm thus early developed in behalf of General Logan holds its own. This enthusiasm, as a matter of fact, is gaining momentum hourly. General Logan won imperishable and productive laurels when he declined to be elected president *pro tempore* of the national senate.

HOW'S THIS?

When Noah was in the Ark young Ham was always playing tricks on the old gentleman. One day he told his seafaring father that there was water in the cellar and they had all caught cold! Then it dawned on Noah that he had omitted to secure a supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which he always used.

The above appears in the Kansas Methodist, which is published at Topeka, and edited by Presiding Elder See. This little piece appears to be a regular reading notice in that journal. The notice is paid for, we presume.

Now, we are after more light. We now enquire of the elder whether he believes that yarn. If he does not, ought he, as an apostle of truth in all things, to permit it to occupy space in his paper? We are not mad or anything that way, Elder, but don't you really think that is a terrible whopper for a great religious journal to persist, week after week, in poking down the understanding of a gullible public?

P. S.—If you have religious scruples against answering this publicly, just write us a private note, with the order, "Please publish."

WANTED—AN INSTITUTE.

Will not Prof. Shelton, of the State Agricultural College, see that a farmers' institute, under the auspices of that institution, is held at Wa-Keeney between now and spring? Mr. Shelton may remember that, in a conversation several years ago with the writer, coming west on a train from Topeka, this subject was talked over. The professor then mentioned the desirability of a meeting of this nature at Wa-Keeney. What do you say now, Professor. If you will name a date for an institute three days' long at Wa-Keeney, the WORLD will do its duty in making the draw of a large attendance. At the college, you are familiar with the propagation of broom corn, rice corn, sorghum, millet and the grasses. These are the articles whose successful culture concerns most nearly our devotees of stock farming. The advent of each new year brings re-

newed conviction that live-stock-growing out here is not desirable unless the raising of large quantities of artificial feed is made an accompaniment.

Professor, we hope you will absorb fully the earnestness of the WORLD's appeal in this matter, and send us definite notice of the time and program of a stock-farming institute in the buffalo-grass country, which is this.

A GRIST MILL.

Once more, but with no enfeebled sound, the WORLD wishes to catch the ear of a practical flouring-mill man, in order to assure him that Wa-Keeney is just the point where he can establish a mill with assurance doubly sure of making money in the enterprise. Much of the wheat crop of last year is still in the hands of our producers. A good mill at Wa-Keeney would drain the milling materials for seventy-five miles to the west, at least twenty north, and nobody knows how far south. With the assurance of a mill being a reality here, the acreage of wheat sown next fall would be increased several times beyond that of the palmist wheat year in the past.

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GOOD ANYHOW.

Deacon Martin, of the Junction Union, has for some time seemed to be an ardent admirer of the civilization of the upper Smoky country. We did not suppose, however, that he was watching it so closely as to have an electrical or spiritual telephone stretched from this office to his, whereby he could catch our written sentiments before reading the WORLD. This, indeed, may not have been the way of it. At all events, his paper of last Saturday—dated simultaneously with the WORLD—advocated, as the WORLD of that issue advocated, the including of every unorganized county in Kansas in the new bill for the apportionment of representatives. Right thou art in this, friend George. Do what you can for the west end of the state, and when, like Wee, Wilder, you want land in Greeley or some other far-west county, we will do what we can to see you located on some future great manufacturing water course.

GRINNELL has a mite society.

Week of Prayer.

Sunday, January 3.—Sermons: "Occupy till I come."—Luke xix: 13.
Monday, Jan. 4.—Praise and Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, Jan. 5.—Humiliation and Confession.
Wednesday, Jan. 6.—The Church and the Family.

Thursday, Jan. 7.—Home and Foreign Missions.
Friday, Jan. 8.—Nations and Governments.

Saturday, Jan. 10.—The Christian Life.
Sunday, Jan. 10.—Sermons: "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait unto their Lord."—Luke xii: 35, 36.

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