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

Ness City has spelling schools. THEY are said to be organizing a brass band at Millbrook.

The "Hidden Hand" play is to be rendered at Millbrook to-day (Saturday) by the Millbrook Dramatic Club.

Ness City business men must hunt a good deal. We see by the Times that they run for jack-rabbits when business is dull.

Wano is in Cheyenne, the north-west corner county of Kansas. A semi-weekly stage line now connects Wano with Wallace.

Not knowing him, we can't be certain. On general principles, however, we infer that Dr. Chance, of Ness county, is well named.

The Ness City Times of last week expressed the belief that the terrible storm would cause the mortality among cattle in that region to be great.

E. C. Hoskins, of Millbrook, and Mrs. T. M. Atterberry, of Rossville, Shawnee county, were married recently. They will make their home at Millbrook.

The Times understands that the firm of W. H. Dann & Co., Ness City, have determined to enlarge their store room, and add largely to their stock of goods.

Kansas City has been getting her water supply from the Kansas river. Steps are in progress looking to the changing of the source of supply to the Missouri river.

It does not require a great stretch of the imagination to conclude that the Democrats will not keep Dakota out of the Union a great while longer. The sceptre of political greatness moves further and further from the Solid South!

If Senator Ingalls's bill on the subject gets through, Kansas will have two federal judicial districts. Arkansas, with a population exceeding but little one-half the present population of this state, has had two federal judicial districts for many years.

In noticing the agitation by the Atwood Citizen in behalf of the removal of the government land office from Oberlin to Atwood, on moral grounds, the Gandy, Sherman county, *Ness Times* adds: "We are a stranger to Atwood, but if it is a grade better than h—, it is ahead of Oberlin."

DEPUTY SHERIFF MAKEE is reported by the Democrat to be making it lively for the boys who have been carrying revolvers and firing them about Millbrook. That paper, with the strongest kind of a showing of hard sense, says: "This is right, and every good citizen should heartily support him in this move."

THE Russell Record seems to possess enough faith to remove a mountain. In speaking of Captain McDowell as a candidate for congress, it says: "When the time comes, however, Hon. J. J. A. Dixon, of Russell county, will walk off with the nomination." Yet we feel constrained to remark that a mountain can not be removed from where it does not exist, and that a man without substance as a successful candidate for a position is exceedingly apt not to walk off with the nomination.

PENSION AGENT GLICK has, for some reason—let us be charitable as to its nature—remembered several old soldiers in organizing his office in Topeka. On recommendation of the G. A. R., of Baldwin City, Col. L. F. Green, of that city, was appointed to a clerkship, and will assume the duties of his office in a few days. Maj. A. P. Shreve, of Topeka, on recommendation of Gen. Rice post G. A. R., and B. W. Lathrop, of Paola, on recommendation of the Paola G. A. R., were also appointed to clerkships. There are said to be some seven-hundred clerkships in the pension agent's office.

GOOD ARGUMENT. The Russell Record rides the winter's blasts, as it were, in delving up argument in behalf of another railroad.

The big snow storm is an unanswerable argument, so far as the railroad company is concerned, for building the Lincoln extension. The snow blockade in the Harker Hills has damaged the company in a large amount, and caused several days' interruption of freight and passenger traffic, which would have been avoided had the road the Lincoln been constructed.

SEEMINGLY SOUND.

The tax some states and municipalities impose on drummers is surely unconstitutional. At any rate, it is damaging to commercial intercourse between the respective communities of the country, and should be prohibited, as it is said congress intends doing.—*Kansas City Journal*.

The *Journal* talks for Kansas City. There is no reason to doubt this. Now, if "the tax some states and municipalities impose on drummers is surely unconstitutional," why do not Kansas City and other trade centers which send out commercial drummers secure a legal decision or the necessary number of legal decisions to this effect, and have the practice stopped at once? It will not do to answer that the cost would be too great. It would be trifling.

The World believes that such taxation, or, rather, licensing, is right in morals and in law. These commercial drummers compose an army in point of numbers. Their expenses are necessarily very heavy, and they make them unnecessarily heavy. Ostensibly, the two thousand, three thousand or four thousand dollars a year which each drummer incurs in the way of expenses is paid by his employer. As a matter of plain fact, the consumers of the goods throughout the country pay his expenses. These consumers are the people. Why should not they have some means of redress? This is the question.

A NEW WINKLE. Mr. Blair has introduced in the national senate a bill to give the right of trial by jury to claimants for pensions whose applications have been rejected by the secretary of the interior on appeal from the decision of the commissioner of pensions.

This action of Senator Blair is its own eulogy on the goodness of his heart. There perhaps is no sound objection to bringing to the aid of these complicated pension cases a trial by jury. Yet two dangers to just decisions present themselves at the threshold of each case: In some neighborhoods it would seem impossible to secure a jury whose prejudice against the cause of the pension applicant would admit of his obtaining justice; in other localities a jury of the texture to jump at a conclusion in favor of the applicant would perhaps be unavoidable. It is pretty certain, at the same time, that the jury system would hardly make matters worse than they are now in many cases where the proof is insufficient. In equity, many of these applications would be allowed in hot haste. A class of them are really deserving on high moral grounds, while some pensioners who have, in one way or another, presented "sufficient" proof, ought to be struck from the rolls.

SENATOR INGALLS'S SOUNDNESS. Senator Ingalls's determined labor in behalf of the proposition that the government's accepting a person as a soldier shall be proof of his soundness at the time of enlistment should commend him to the esteem of every man who served honorably in the Union ranks. The only strange feature of the case is that any question was ever raised in connection with this matter. It would seem to appeal to the very best sentiment of a great and prosperous people, that if, perchance, a person of unsound body served his country acceptably, he is entitled to more credit—consequently more pension—than if he had rendered the same service with an admittedly-sound body. Of course, the government backers in the premises have a point to make. It is that a man who served with an unsound body, and now wants a pension, might not be an applicant for a pension if he had possessed a sound body on entering the service. The conclusion is not well-founded. It is too late to establish any such a theory.

IS THE MILLENNIUM HERE? At any rate, for once, the Nation has ceased to revile General Logan, and changed its tactics to say: "Senator Logan's position on the presidential appointments appears to be the prevailing one among Republican senators. They are disposed to grant the president's requests for a frank and sincere mutual effort to get only good men into office."

KANSAS PATENTS. S. A. Haseltine & Bros., patent solicitors, Springfield, Missouri, send the World the following list of patents which were issued to citizens of Kansas recently: Adolphus J. Landray, Clyde, stack-binder. John C. Reed, Topeka, car-coupling.

WE DON'T KNOW 'EM. There are a lot of shysters hanging around the land office at Wa-Keeney, so we are informed, who pounce down upon the "tenderfoot" the moment he arrives and offers to locate him on a claim for \$5. They show the "tenderfoot" a claim that somebody has already filed on, and thus swindle him out of his money. Tilton, you want to wipe the earth with these fellows.—*Russell Record*.

You bet your last shirt. Our arm is already raised against them. But we don't know them. Point them out, that we may go to wiping!

WERE GENEROUS. It is a matter of general remark (we hear it wherever we go) that the population of Russell county is the most intelligent and upright of any community in the state—and there is no state or nation in America, or on the globe, that contains a more intelligent and moral people than the state of Kansas.—*Russell Record*.

You don't "go" far enough west, young man. You have this thing simmered down all right except the county. This is Trego.—*WA-KEENEY WORLD*.

We are willing to concede a great deal, old man, but we can not modify the above. Rather than provoke a quarrel with you, however, and judging from the character of the World, we will allow Trego "second place on the ticket."

We don't want the second place. Take it yourself.

BUTTER MAKING IN URUGUAY. Uruguay, in South America, is said to be in an almost-charmed climate. All sorts of modern agricultural machinery dot the farms of that country, but no amount of persuasion can induce the natives to adopt the wooden churn. It is generally admitted that they make a better article than can be made in the civilized churn. Here is their method: "The dairyman pours the milk, while still warm, into an inflated pig or goat skin, hitches it to his saddle by a long lasso, and gallops five or six miles into town with the milk sack pounding along on the road behind him. When he reaches the city his churning is over, the butter is made, and he peddles it from door to door, dipping out the quantity desired by each family with a long wooden spoon."

TWO GRAND MEN. John G. Lee, of Philadelphia, the Republican whose appointment as secretary of legation at Constantinople was asked by Minister Cox, and whose name was sent to the senate by the president, has declined the offer, and his nomination has been withdrawn.

He is the second Republican who has declined an office from this administration, ex-Governor Noyes, of Ohio, being the first. He was appointed director of Union Pacific railway early in the administration.

The above is a dispatch from Washington, D. C. Two such men as these will be prepared to do more effective service for the Republican cause in 1888 than any brigade of so-called Republicans who have seen fit, for a salary or fat fees, to serve Democracy to the extent of refusing for years to raise hand or voice against it.

No one need doubt that there will be Republican patriots in the campaign of 1888. Cleveland, however, has been cutting the crop as short as possible by retaining in office thousands of Republicans by snubbing an equal number of his own party. The Republican party will perhaps get even with Grover by finding in their ranks a goodly proportion of these snubbed Democrats.

Cleveland's policy of substituting clear-cut business rules for politics will not do yet. He can not carry all sides with him. He is not invincible.

THE ORIGINAL COYOTE.

We want to tell the Wa-Keeney World that the editor of the *Union* was the original coyote, and we will stand by the unorganized counties until the last one is in the fold. The new counties away out west have no such trials, politically, as had Clay, Dickinson, Salina and Ottawa. It required a man of immense cheek to present himself for admission to the legislature from this region eighteen and twenty years ago.—*Junction City Union*.

Unexplained, the above might be considered an attack on us for having made some rash assertion. It is not. Deacon Martin was what he claims to have been. What we said recently was intended as a compliment to a man so far east with the courage of his convictions. His friendship for the unorganized counties has been uniform, just and sensible.

He and the World three weeks ago, advocated simultaneously the policy of the coming special session of the legislature including every county not now organized in the 125 legislative districts contemplated by the state constitution.

This is just what the legislature ought to do.

SUCCESSFUL SURVEYORS. Guess Some of Them Have Been in Western Kansas.

This, from the Topeka correspondence of the Kansas City *Journal*, may save some western Kansas capitalists some change. It occurs to the World that a large quantity of this class of railroad-line surveying has been done in this end of the state within the past year:

One more thing which should be mentioned in this by way of warning the *Journal* readers. There are surveyors in the state who make a living of the people through a species of blackmail. With instruments, a wagon and tent, they live on the road, run lines over hill and down valley, selecting from the numerous charters such lines as best suit their purpose. When near a growing town or an ambitious village, the line is sure to be run from half a mile to a mile away. This is the bait. It is not long before some of the enterprising citizens, especially those interested in real estate, make up a purse varying from \$100 to \$500, which induces the surveyor to go back a few miles, and resurveying the line, bring it within the town or village limits. This is the fish, and those paying the money are the suckers who so freely nibble. The latter do not complain, as they would be publishing something to the world they do not wish the world to know. In this lies the safety of these freebooters who obtain so easy a living. One instance in mind is where the surveyors obtained \$500 in cash from one growing town. These fellows and the pirates who get up the paper roads have nothing in common, do not know each other, and work their separate rackets without caring for what the other does. When a legitimate proposition comes up, backed by a responsible road, trouble comes from these fellows in most unexpected quarters, and fights are inaugurated that equal in intensity county seat fights. Localities could be named where good men, in their blindness, are working for schemes that have about as much solidity as a toy balloon.

Something Sincere. Mr. A. G. Stacy, the Topeka correspondent of the Kansas City *Journal*, in the course of an article on the many railroad charters filed at Topeka in 1885, throws this light on a subject concerning which numerous surmises have been made by our people:

UNION PACIFIC EXTENSIONS. In addition to the Union Pacific extensions alluded to in previous dispatches, surveyors are now at work on a line that speaks well for the wisdom of that company. They are running a line along the smoky Hill river, commencing at a point near the east line of Russell county, and running westerly through the southern portion of Russell, Ellis, Trego, Gove, St. John and Wallace counties, following closely the Smoky Hill. While there is, as yet, no charter for such a road, there is every reason to believe the Union Pacific means to hold by a parallel branch, this rich and fertile territory, which lies, on an average, twenty-five miles north of the great Walnut valley that will be occupied by the Santa Fe.

Our old townsman, John C. Henry, writes from Kansas City to Geo. Pinkham, Esq., that his (Henry's) electric car is a success. He says that on a level track it can be run a mile per minute. Mr. Henry also enquires for the whereabouts of C. C. Cobleigh, the architect of the Keeney Block, in this place. If any of our readers can answer the question, he will please inform Geo. Pinkham.

The Times relates that F. O. Ellsworth, the Wa-Keeney lumber man, was in Ness City the first of the week.

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