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

THE subject of timber planting is noticed considerably by the *Ellis Review*.

A SETTLER in Scott county proposes a county fair next fall. [*Wallace Register*.] He ought to have it.

THERE was a big wolf hunt up in Norton county last Tuesday. The center of the circle rested on the Prairie Dog. No guns were used by the hunters.

THE potato is mainly carbon, and has but little manurial value. This is a hint at the uselessness of leaving rotten potatoes on the ground for manure.

THE cow that drops her calf in February, says the *Nebraska Calligrapher*, if she is well housed and fed, will pay a third more profit than one that drops her calf in May or June.

W. E. ROWE, we catch from the *Independent*, slipped and fell on a Kirwin crockwalk in such a manner as to break both the tibia and fibula of one of his legs. The injury is very painful.

WA-KEENEY folks are all on their heads waiting to see where the land office shall be. [*Grainfield Cap Sheet*, 19.] It shall be where it is—at Wa-Keeneey. E. S.—Don't forget the place, please.

HAYS, if we interpret strictly the words of the *Gov. Am. Advocate*, is bothered with swimmers. Hear that organ howl: "The almost universal verdict of the adult population of this city among the late madly spell has been, 'give us sidewalks, or abolish the law restricting swimming in public places.'"

FOUR esteemed contemp., Prof. Wilson, of the *Register*, up at Wallace, knows more about our "round up" business than we do, let him come and take our place. We refer to his "caustic remarks" concerning our esteemed statesman friends, the honorables Osborn—without the final e—and Hanback.

It has been remarked that our dear brother Hill don't appear to have so much business in Millbrook since the drug store was started in Hill City. [*Millbrook Times*.] Let us see, Tommy McGill, the great modern, self-cooking back-action reformer, runs that drug store, don't he? We ask for information.

THE new paper at Dighton, Lane county, is called *The Dighton Journal*. It is a five column quarto, and opens up on the basis of cutting a wide swath. Whether it does or not, will depend materially on how much respect it displays for the weather maker on high. R. W. Montgomery is the editor of the *Journal*.

THROUGH a rattlesnake which was killed by some men who were digging a cellar south of Scott City on the 8 inst., the lady editor of the *Western Times*, at Scott, Scott county, says that "we certainly have won back our title of sunny Kansas." Wonder what the sight of a fresh rose or something of the sort would have elicited in the nature of an exclamator from our fair friend.

FITZ JOHN PORTER is 84 years old. He is liable to be much older before the bill for his relief, which recently passed the house, passes the senate. [*Kansas City Journal*.] We hope you diagnose the senate correctly. But do you? We doubt it mightily. Sewell is as big a fool as he was last winter, and Sabin and the rest of that side are the same way, as far as in public information is concerned. Show the nature of the change, please, Mr. *Journal*, and thus delight the despisers of traitors!

WE see thou "tumblest not." Brother Tilton. The em dash was omitted in the quotation, we admit, but the em dash was not the thing we were after. It was the verb "has" in the singular following a nominative in the plural, but then we presume you will explain that away in the same manner, we are such human beings. [*Wallace Register*.] "Grammar" is the "summativ plural" referred to. We have chased the fox into his hole, and seen him pull the hole in after himself. Good day, Professor.

AS THE Atwood *Republican Citizen* puts it, the senatorial district mapped out to include Rawlins county is fearfully and wonderfully made, is composed of fourteen counties, contains to-day a population of fifty thousand, and by the time another apportionment is made will contain 100,000 inhabitants. Now, Mr. Green, please go on and tell us how many statesmen this new district contains, and how many it will have at the time of the next election of senators. The counties in this district are Rush, Ellis, Rooks, Graham, Trego, Leaton, Rawlins, Thomas, Gove, St. John, Wallace, Sherman, Sheridan, Cheyenne.

OUTRAGEOUS.

THE World would be untrue to itself were it to fail to place itself on record as utterly opposed to the recent legislation at Topeka, which seeks to withhold from the market, until three years after a county has been organized, all the school land within its borders. The law, aside from the question of who is responsible for its passage, is infamous, for these, among other reasons:

1. It is in conflict with the best interest of the state: School lands cannot be taxed until they have been sold; there is no adequate reason to doubt that the prices of these lands in western Kansas are as high now as they will be after any of the at-present unorganized counties shall have been organized three years; moreover, had the law been permitted to stand as it was, history would have been certain to be repeated to the extent of a large proportion of the lands affected by this act being sold by the state at least two or three times prior to the time when this law permits them to be placed on the market, thus giving the state the material advantage of harvesting oftener than once, instead of not at all, one-tenth of the purchase price and one or more instalments of interest.

2. It is utterly unjust to deprive the people of western Kansas of the privilege of having the school lands lying in their territory sold after the people in all other sections of the state have partaken of this privilege.

3. The withholding of these lands from market for three years from the organization of the counties in which they lie, constitutes an incubus to the prosperity of the schools in every school district in those counties, and, to a great extent, the interests of every school district in the state, thus being a boomerang to the very interests for which this class of lands was created.

4. The avowed friends of this infamous measure, as well as those who permitted it to be passed without remonstrance, will be apt to use as a defense the proposition that this new law does not prevent people settling on these lands, and improving them, and that the settlers are certain of the chance to be the original purchasers on sale day. This specious plea does not answer these other weighty objections. Nor does the charge that speculators were handling an undue proportion of these school lands affect the fact that the six months' residence recommended by Superintendent Lawhead, as a qualification to become a purchaser, would have been a sufficient panacea for this complaint. And the limitation of purchase to one hundred and sixty acres by the same individual, as recommended by Professor Lawhead, should have quieted the nerves of the most suspecting.

In the passage of this bill, the interests of western Kansas have sustained a shock which the next legislature will be very apt to heal.

JUST THE OTHER WAY.

THE *Kansas City Journal* is showing a decided disposition to engage in its old trick of meddling with Kansas politics. Its Topeka correspondent, A. G. Stacy, Esq., has considerable to say in the issue of the 18, in defense of Mr. Hanback. Mr. Stacy confines his remarks to the action of Mr. Hanback in the house on the pan-electric telephone case, with the casual ending up that:

The result has been a refection, and even Mr. Tilton, of Wa-Keeneey, a probable candidate for congressman from that district, admits that Mr. Hanback is stronger than ever among the people who know him.

Correspondent Stacy is a grim joker. He seeks to negative what we did say. No man who is not reliable can grow stronger than ever among the people who know him.

A RAILROAD TO ARKANSAS.

It will be well to give prayerful attention to the new railroad from Great Bend to Wa-Keeneey, by the way of La Crosse. With the facts in favor of such an enter-

prise fairly placed before almost any set of men, who make railroad building their business, it seems that they would be captured. We need the chance to have shipped directly up here a large lot of the in-exhaustible hard pine lumber from there. We do not doubt that it will turn the manufacturers of that lumber, as well as the followers of other branches of business in that poorly farmed state would consume immense quantities of flour of western Kansas manufacture. Thus accompanying our good fortune in securing a much better quality of lumber for one half or two-thirds of what we now get costs would be the improvement of the condition of our wheat growers, and, consequently, of the business community.

By the way, would not it be an elegant idea for the business men of Wa-Keeneey to hold a meeting one of these evenings, and discuss this question? We are unalterably of the opinion that it would.

We like your proposition, Bro. Tilton, and pledge our support to the new railroad. Appoint your committee, and we will appoint a similar one to co-operate with you. Keep the ball rolling, and we will get a north and south road. [*La-Crosse Chief*.]

We are prepared to say now that an earnest effort is to be made shortly to put into execution the above plan. We shall unfold the news as it develops. Indeed; we will step up to the line now, and say that we are assured that Rush county will vote bonds in aid of the enterprise.

ONE exchange of the *Millbrook Times* fell in with the idea that when that paper advertised to take 1883 nickels for a dollar, it meant to pay for each nickel bearing that date one dollar. Several readers of the *Times* fell on the same side, and took big batches of nickels to the editor to sell. He had only to refer them to his offer to show them how fooled they were.

Bees in Their Bonnets.

As the horizon of next fall's campaign begins to faintly emerge through the distant mists, the lun of the congressional bee is buzzing in the bonnets of several gentlemen of the sixth district. Hon. David H. Lyon, of Trego county, is an open candidate for the position, and being a man of sterling integrity, steady habits and ability, he will have a strong fighting chance.

Hon. Lewis Hanback will, in all probability, be a candidate for reelection, and being a good puller, together with the prestige of being already in, he will be quite sure to make a hard fight.

Hon. A. L. Patchin has already been named for the place, and will be quite likely to scratch up several delegates on the frontier.

It is currently rumored that Hon. W. H. Barnes, of Stockton, would not throw congressional honors over his left shoulder, nor would it be necessary for him to do so on account of lack of qualifications, especially should the comparison be made with several present incumbents.

Just now, while we write the south breeze, rustling through our open window, murmurs the name of W. S. Tilton, of Wa-Keeneey. Was it an intuition, or a real inspiration, that zephyric combination of vowels and consonants, which formed the name of the man who has been chosen to represent the district in the approaching contest.

With calm and dignified mien, Capt. McDowell, of Smith county, passes on the threshold of the race course, waiting with bated breath for the signal to start. And, not the least roman of them all, is the Captain, by any means, a well bred gentleman, courteous to all, and beloved by his neighbors and friends, his support will be an earnest one. And should there be a possibility of the Captain not being a candidate, yet in that case Smith county would not be entirely destitute, for the irrepressible Webb McCall stands "like a greyhound in the slips ready for the start," while Senator Pickler is already perched upon the trap only waiting for somebody to touch him off.

We have not heard as yet whether or not Mitchell county will trot out a candidate; but should they present the name of Senator I. D. Young they would indeed have a formidable man, and one hard to beat. During his short service, and clear sighted ability. Physically and intellectually he would fill the measure of a statesman, which would be an honor to the district.

But, gentlemen, while speculating upon the possible congressional contingencies which may arise, it might be well to remark right here, that Phillips county may shy her cannon into the ring with such a velocity that its hum will be heard from center to circumference.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Texas, by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so hopeless he could not turn over, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at Jones & Ferris.

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