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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For President GROVER CLEVELAND. For Vice President GENERAL A. E. STEVENSON. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. WALTER N. ALLEN, B. CARROLL, A. J. McALLISTER, L. D. RYAN, S. A. MARTIN, SEAN ALLEN, H. C. BROWN, A. C. SHINN, D. E. BART, H. A. WHITE. KANSAS STATE TICKET. For Governor L. D. LEWELLING. For Lieutenant Governor PEUCY DANIELS. For Secretary of State R. S. OSBORNE. For Attorney General JOHN T. LITTLE. For State Auditor VAN B. PRATHER. For State Treasurer W. H. BIDDLE. For State Superintendent H. N. GAINES. For Associate Justice S. H. ALLEN. For Congressman at Large W. A. HARRIS. For Congressman, 7th District, JERRY SIMPSON. For State Senator, 26th District, JOHN ARMSTRONG. BARTON COUNTY TICKET. For Representative M. W. COBURN. For County Attorney. For Probate Judge. For Clerk of District Court. For County Superintendent. For Commissioner, Third District, J. S. WINGET.

THE COUNTY TICKET.

Elsewhere will be found the report of the action taken by the democratic county central committee in endorsing the nomination of Messrs. Armstrong and Coburn. Pursuant to that action we this week place those gentlemen upon the county ticket, and give the democratic ticket as it will be printed for the election. In placing the name of John Armstrong upon our ticket as candidate for state senator we believe the democrats of the county have done the proper thing, and the DEMOCRAT can and will give Mr. Armstrong a hearty support. He is well known as one of the best men of our county; is a farmer who has experienced the ups and downs of agriculture under the periculous republican legislation for the last thirty years, and one who will work first, last and all the time to the interest of farmers. He will never be influenced by the railroads or by the horde of republican place hunters who haunt the Kansas state house during the sessions of the legislature. The same can be said of Mr. Coburn, our candidate for representative from this county. We believe he will work to the interests of the people of our county better and more faithfully than could his opponent. He has served one term in the legislature and is well prepared to push forward economic and needed legislation, and it is our judgment that he will be elected by a larger majority than was given him two years ago. A reference to our ticket will show that the positions of county attorney, probate judge, clerk of the court and school superintendent are left blank, the democratic party of the county showing no preference for either candidate for the various positions. For county attorney, the DEMOCRAT hopes to see Mr. E. L. Hotchkiss receive the support of democratic voters, as we believe him to be the best fitted for the position; and the support of this paper will be given Mr. Hotchkiss from now until election day. He has proved himself a good man in the place, and will, we doubt not, fill the position two years more with increased satisfaction to the people of the county. For probate judge, the DEMOCRAT favors the election of Mr. T. H. Brewer, the present probate judge, for the same reasons that we favor Mr. Hotchkiss, i. e., that he has made a good officer and is entitled to another term. He has never expressed himself that he always voted as he shot, or that he was too old to commence voting for democrats. Between Mr. Simpson and Mr. Charles, the two candidates for clerk of the district court, this paper will make no choice. Both young men are doubtless well qualified for the office; both are deserving of recognition from their parties. Mr. Charles has always been an active worker for the republican party, holding the position of ward committeeman for several years, and being the present republican city clerk. Mr. Simpson is a farmer who has, so far as we know, always worked industriously to gain a competence. Between Mr. McKinney and Mr. McTaggart, the candidates for superintendent of schools, the DEMOCRAT shall also remain neutral. We should like to be enabled to support straight democrats for the various county offices this fall, and believe that had such a ticket been nominated it would have won. As we have no such ticket in the field, we can only shape our course to the end that will eventually benefit our people and advance democratic principles. PURSUANT to arrangements of the republican state central committee, almost every republican paper in the state has given publication to the proceedings of the "kickers" convention, so called—that was held on the 7th. If any democrat in Barton county is in doubt about who is at the head of the movement called "the straight democracy," the fact that Caraway devotes over two columns of his space publishing the address of A. A. Harris, the resolutions, and the "address to democrats" ought to show very plainly that the whole thing is the outcome of a republican plot to take democratic votes away from the ticket nominated on July 6th by the regular, straight and only legal democratic state convention.

"A SLIM TURNOUT."

That is the general remark made about the Long procession of last Saturday. It was too short to be a "long" procession, and it will be a long time before Jerry will have such a short turnout, although it will not be long until Long's longing for a long visit to Washington as the long representative of the long seventh district will be cut short by the return of the Hon. Jerry Simpson. Early Saturday morning the faithful were out hustling about to get the boys in line. The Great Bend and Helzer brass bands were promptly on the streets, and by ten o'clock it was supposed that a concourse of republican enthusiasm was gathering in the west suburbs that would smother the Jerry Simpson procession out of sight. It came. We saw. And the remark which heads this article, "A slim turnout," aptly describes the parade. First came chairman of the county central committee, Mr. Keeney, followed by a carriage containing the ex-boss—Morg.—and a trio of "the boys" who had been "smiling" all morning, and who smiled quite audibly as they drove down the street. Following came Wm. Long's dray hauling the Great Bend band, and the balance of the procession was a mixture of wagons, carts, buggies, carriages, boys on horse back, and an ice wagon. The Helzer band, through some misunderstanding, did not get in line the whole time. The writer stood on the Farmers and Merchants Bank steps and counted the vehicles, as they came north on Main street and turned east around the square. We counted 58 in all. As a number of the boys got ashamed and dropped out of the procession down the street farther, the count of those down on Forest avenue would probably be just, and that count gave the procession 67 vehicles—just about half the number that was in the Jerry Simpson procession on the 17th of September. Several parties took the pains to count the number of FARMERS vehicles in line, and the largest count was 13 (that unlucky number). All the balance were town vehicles. The day was as fine a one as has been known this fall, and that the g. o. p. did not get out a larger demonstration was a surprise even to the democrats and populists. Seats and a platform were arranged on the north side of the court house, and Mr. Long had a good audience to listen to him. Those who heard him probably numbered as many as the crowd which heard Jerry Simpson a month before; but while the speaking was going on there were but few people on the streets. Mr. Long's text was "Jerry Simpson," and he stuck closely to it for a couple of hours. Like Hallowell of two years ago, he has but one speech, and instead of its being improved upon with use, it is becoming very threadbare. In the evening State Senator Kirkpatrick spoke to a good sized audience in the opera house. Every negro in town was present, and as the speaker took especial delight in abusing, misrepresenting and maligning democrats he of course got enthusiastic cheers from the darkies. He made a labored plea for the old soldiers who are in the peoples party to get back into line; even warned them that if they persisted in voting with the peoples party they would lose their pensions. As a democrat who desires to see such politics as Kirkpatrick represents wiped out of Kansas we would like to have had every democrat in the county hear his speech, for no conscientious democrat could vote the republican ticket after hearing the abuse and calumny heaped upon democracy by the fellow. The democrats of Rice and Stafford counties are unanimous for the election of John Armstrong, the farmer, to the state senate, in preference to Bob Bailey, the speculator, and we believe the democrats of Barton county will vote the same way. INGALLS says he has seen degraded labor in Germany. Germany has a protective tariff so high that the people can not afford to eat American bread and meat. It is curious that the United States is the only nation where high tariffs raise wages and that these wages are highest in nonprotected industries.—Kansas City Times.

NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS.

ELLINWOOD. From the Advocate. There is one thing that the McKinley bill don't seem to increase and that is, republican votes. Won't some of the things that the republican papers are saying now make funny reading after the election? Mrs. Kaiser, mother of Geo. Kaiser, who lives about three miles south of town, died at the residence of her son-in-law C. A. Williams on Tuesday, Oct. 11th in the 87th year of her life. A vote for farmer John Armstrong for Senator will be calculated to go to about the right spot to enable the farmers to have something enacted in the hall of legislature to favor them instead of the railroad company and other monopolistic corporations. E. L. Hotchkiss was a long time Ellinwood's only attorney, and he made enviable record for himself while here, as he has also done since he assumed the duties of county attorney. A vote cast for Mr. Hotchkiss will be one with good results to the entire community. Jerry Simpson will speak in this city on Monday evening Oct. 24. Let everybody turn out and hear the next congressman from the big seventh. Jerry never slight Ellinwood and our people should not slight him as he is about the only congressman who has ever humbled himself sufficiently to honor us with his presence. OLAPLIN. From the Banner. A great many people in and around town, are suffering from colds or hay fever. Frank Stout expects to move his family into town the first of next week, so as to be able to send his children to the city school. Mr. Cannon will leave next week for Washington, taking his family with him. He expects to locate and make that state his future home. The streets are being graded with the dirt taken from the basement of Norris & Elmors' hardware building and that part of town presents a greatly improved appearance. It is now about time for year to organize the literary and debating societies for the coming winter evenings. A society of this kind would be a pleasant resort for our boys and girls this winter. Clafin has an elevator capacity of between twenty-five and thirty thousand bushels, and yet there is so much wheat coming to town, as to make it impossible for our grain dealers to handle it. A number of farmers had to borrow wagons last week in full to return home, their wagons being full of wheat which they were unable to unload. HOISINGTON. From the Dispatch. Dick Jones has been appointed deputy city marshal. The railroad is doing an immense business at present and the train men and round house men are kept busy. U. H. Holder left Wednesday morning for Indianapolis, where he will enter the Indianapolis Medical College as a student. A fine rain fell yesterday which makes it much more agreeable all around. The dust is no more and the wheat is getting ready to make a nice fall growth. A Dispatch representative asked Mr. Corcoran what he thought his corn would yield and received the reply that it will go at least seventy or seventy-five bushels per acre. A great deal of care should be taken this fall in protecting wheat, hay, buildings, etc., against fire. The vegetation was very rank this year and a fire makes rapid headway. Burn fireguards. Barton county being a wheat producing county, the number of wagons in town loaded with corn are not as usual thing very numerous, but this year the crop in the north part of the county is immense, and although the acreage is not very large there will be a great deal marketed. S. S. Shattuck was in town Saturday with a load of as fine corn as one would wish to see anywhere. The ears were large and well filled. He said he had about seventy-five acres that will yield forty bushels to the acre. From the Blade. The girl with the "gallus" has made her appearance in Hoisington. During the prairie fire this week Mr. C. L. Jones lost hay to the tune of about \$300. The Pacific hotel was opened last Friday evening with a grand ball and oyster supper. The Christian Endeavor society will give an oyster supper on the evening of the 25th inst. Captain Pearson is figuring on the erection of a handsome farm residence on his place west of town. W. W. Truax and Press Cooperider

PAWNEE ROCK.

From the Leader. A girl is reported at Ira French's, south side. So much building is going on that we can't keep track of all. Miss Jessie Vosburg returned Saturday night from her visit with relatives in Pennsylvania. The mill track has been repaired this week, new ties being put in in the place of the old ones. If you want something good said about you after you are dead, patronize the home paper while you are living. A. B. Crook came down town on last Thursday morning in a fearful condition. The cause of his disorder was a big, nine pound, baby boy. He is quieted down now so that he can do business. DIED—On Wednesday night, October 5, M. Burnip. He was buried in the Pawnee Rock cemetery Thursday. He was an old resident and leaves an aged wife to mourn his loss. DIED—On Thursday, October 6, at 1 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Jane Barrett. Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church, Sunday. She leaves two children, a boy and girl. An Independent View. The Kansas City Star, an independent paper, and one published outside of Kansas, and therefore not effected by the political situation here, has this to say about the kickers convention on the 7th: "The anti-fusion democratic convention has met, done its work and adjourned without creating much more than a ripple on the sea of Kansas politics. Of the 106 counties in the state only forty-seven were represented and of these twenty-one sent only one delegate. Ten counties had more than half the delegates and Pottawatomie had a delegation of thirty-two, although casting a comparatively small democratic vote. "The mass convention was intended to be an uprising in which indignant democrats would bury their old time leaders. All that was required of the attendants was opposition to the populists state ticket, and a county could send as many men as it might see fit. There were all told 207 delegates who signed the "roll of honor" and when representative hall was full 216 persons were counted. To make this total such stalwarts as Major J. K. Hudson, William Sterne and William Higgins were counted. An attempt was made to nominate a straight ticket, but the gentlemen who signed the call had the delegates well in hand and as J. B. Crouch, a member of the central committee, explained several days ago, they did not propose to waste their powder. "This pretty fairly states the matter; and our prediction is that not 10 per cent. of the democratic vote of Kansas will be delivered over to the republican party by Crouch and his fellow conspirators. DEMOCRATS, look into the history of the republican party, especially the Kansas republican party, and see if you can find one instance of that party advocating or adopting anything that was democratic; see if you can find one instance where the Kansas republicans have held out a helping hand to democracy, or in any way aided in furthering democratic fundamental principles. You can not find one such instance. And you cannot therefore find a single item of excuse for aiding the republican party now. EX-GOVERNOR George W. Glick tells the following story on Railroad Commissioner Mitchell, who worked up the democratic anti-fusion conference. A democrat in McPherson, whose name Glick refuses to make public, wrote to Mitchell for a pass to come to the stalwart convention. Mitchell sent him three with instructions to bring some good democrats with him. The McPherson man immediately wrote back asking for more passes and Mitchell sent seven. He wrote back for seven more and got them. Then he telegraphed: "Business booming, send me ten more," and Mitchell sent them. The democrat stayed home and now has all the passes in his possession.

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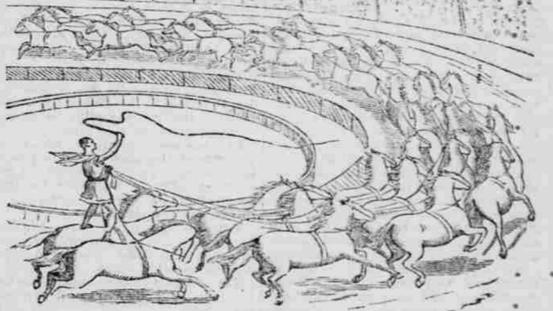
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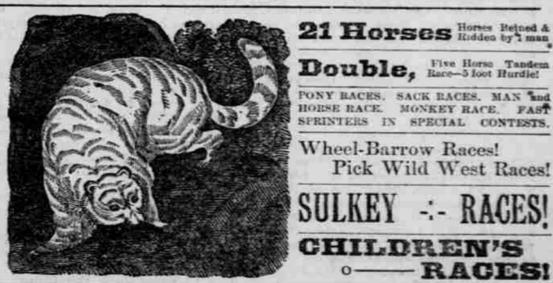
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Constitutionally a tax can have no other basis than the raising of revenues for public purposes, and whatever governmental taxation has not this basis is tyrannical and unlawful. A tax on imports, therefore, the purpose of which is not to raise revenue, but to discourage and indirectly prohibit some particular import for the benefit of some home manufacturer, may be questioned as being merely exorbitant, and, therefore, not warranted by constitutional principles.—Judge Cooley in Constitutional Limitations.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The democratic central committee of Barton county met in the court house on Oct. 15, at 2 p. m., there being present committeemen from twelve townships. The local situation in Barton county politics was thoroughly discussed, and the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. "RESOLVED,—That the chairman and secretary of the democratic central committee of Barton county are hereby instructed to place the names of John Armstrong, candidate for State senator, and M. W. Coburn, candidate for representative, upon the democratic ticket."

The committee then adjourned. FRED ZUTAVERN, Chairman. WILL E. STOKES, Sec.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The next president will be a democrat. Let us help to put men in the two branches of congress who will aid Grover Cleveland in tariff legislation, and against the force bill. No republican congressman or U. S. senator would thus aid him. The people's party congressmen and senators will. The average yield of wheat per acre in the wheat growing states for 1892, as given by agricultural department at Washington, is 13 bushels to the acre. Kansas is second in yield out of eighteen states, her average yield being 17 bushels per acre. Washington has the best average, it being 18 bushels to the acre. MARK HEYNES, in the Pawnee Rock Leader says, "you Kansas republicans who intend to vote for Weaver" etc. Ho, ho! So there are not only Kansas democrats, and Kansas peoples party men, but "Kansas republicans" who intend to vote for Weaver electoral! Well, your cause is more desperate than the most sanguine democrat could expect.