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However, when we run for office we want the Kansas City Star on our side.

Mr. Harris says he will "accept the result." Good. We were afraid he wouldn't.

The Hope Dispatch quotes Elmer Rugh as saying "Zounds!" when he heard the election returns. We don't believe it.

Charlie Morton's smile has not faded yet. You couldn't hit him with a majority big enough to disturb his good nature.

A New York bank declared a 900 per cent dividend which of course is a fairly remunerative return but it would be considered mighty small in Kansas.

J. T. Pringle of "and cot" fame, who was the introducer of an anti-pass bill and yelled anti-railroad harder than anybody, was beaten out of sight for representative.

Ridge township Republicans deserve a medal. They gave the same vote for Hoch as for other state officers and gained in majorities all down the line. Ridge is all right.

Lawrence Gazette: The Topeka Capital says the majority in Shawnee county for Harris came as a surprise. The Capital evidently thought the voters would not take its fight against the Republican ticket seriously.

W. R. Stubbs is to build a \$25,000 house at Lawrence which the local papers say will be "the finest in the state." It is understood that he will visit Abilene to get some ideas from the \$40,000 residence just completed here.

C. J. Olson has reason to be proud of his home vote. He received 108 out of 108 votes in Fragrant Hill. But on the other hand Mr. Creech made a gain of 66 per cent on the Republican vote there in 1890 when the Republican ticket received only 3 votes. This time he had 5.

Hearst cries "fraud!" One thing that nobody can like about Hearst is that he is such a rotten bad loser.—(K. C. Star.)

And on the first page of the same issue the Star cries "fraud in Kansas." The Star and Harris seem to be in Hearst's class.

Charles Sessions, private secretary to Gov. Hoch, has resigned and will go to Washington as correspondent of the Kansas City Journal at the capital. He will win too. They don't make any better newspaper men in these days than Charles Sessions.

From the election returns received today it would seem that no considerable number of jack rabbits had got out of the way to permit any particular number of candidates to make a record run.—(Elmore Republican.)

It also appears that those who were the biggest rabbits had the hardest scramble for their political salvation.

The vote on the state ticket except governor which is elected by the usual Republican majority shows that the knocking of the civic leaguers cut mighty little figure. Many of the leading advocates of its fight on the Republican platform and ticket were defeated.

How it must make the old time Populist mourn as he sees the Dickinson returns with 4 votes for the People's Party ticket. Only a few years ago and the People's Party was in the majority and its members grew indignant when the REFLECTOR told them such a party could not last.

Elizabeth Herbert, assistant postmistress at Hiawatha, a sister of Irving Herbert, died Sunday after a brief illness. She had been a teacher for twenty-five years, a great worker for public improvement and was a leader in club work for women. She was serving her ninth year as postmistress. She anticipated death and prepared a letter stating that she considered death the greatest event of life and asked that there be no black worn, no mourning, only flowers and brightness and light. She was one of God's noble women and the world is poorer because she has passed from it.

About the "Square Deal."

Topeka Herald: If the "Square Deal" platform received instant and enthusiastic response from thousands of Kansas Republicans, will the Capital please tell what they did with their votes? Let us look for the result in Governor Hoch's vote in a few places where the "Square Deal" program was laid before the voters as the greatest thing that ever happened in Kansas politics and see what the result was.

In Lyon county, the home of William Allen White, and where the Emporia Gazette went into raptures over the "Square Deal" program, Governor Hoch lost the county by 835 votes. In 1904 he carried it by 1,013 votes.

In Saline county, the home of Joe Blunt, a double d stilled "Square Dealer," whose paper, the Salina Journal, held up the "Square Deal" platform as a new declaration of independence, Governor Hoch lost the county by 535 votes. In 1904 he carried it by 1,084.

In Douglas county, the home of W. R. Stubbs, the high "muckey-muck" of the "Square Deal" tribe, where the Lawrence World and Journal rendered a perpetual duet on the beauties of the "Square Deal" platform, Governor Hoch carried the county by 189 votes. In 1904 he carried it by 2,191 votes.

In Shawnee county, the home of James A. Troutman, the president of the "Square Deal" league, where the Capital has told the people for months in several different languages what a hot thing the "Square Deal" platform was, saving the party from defeat because of the mistakes of the state convention, Governor Hoch lost the county by 508 votes. In 1904 he carried it by 3,110 votes.

There is no doubt that this "Square Deal" supplemental platform received enthusiastic response from thousands of Kansas Republicans, as the Capital claims, but the vote shows that the response was in the form of a vote for Colonel Harris, as everybody with any political common sense knew that it would be.

No greater exhibition of bossism than the program of the "Square Deal" dictators was ever attempted in the political history of Kansas. It gave the Democratic party the only encouragement to begin its battle and interfered in a disastrous way with the party organization and campaign management. To talk about it as a vote getter is to impugn the intelligence of the people of Kansas.

The Middle Class Family.

The most difficult of all positions to maintain is that of a middle class family on a submerged income. The country was never so rich as today or the minister so poor. Everybody shares in the common prosperity but the parson. The cook and the laundress have three times the pay they got thirty years ago, and shorter hours; but the minister's wife received nothing then and receives nothing still. One of the September magazines printed a number of letters received recently from the wives of men whose salaries ranged from \$1,200 to \$1,800, and scarcely one of these could keep a maid. One household, made up of several adults, had out the meat bill to ten cents a day, which at present prices does not mean much in weight and less in quality. Not one of these families was keeping up any life insurance or saving bank accounts. Only one in five reported any sums contributed to charity or church. And yet the class represented is the dominant class in cities. The average American family contains 4.14 persons, and the average income per family in the United States is \$883.39. But the mechanic with \$600 a year is richer than the minister with \$1,000, because the one may adopt a scale of living from those below him and the other must adopt a scale of living from those above him.—[The Interior.]

In order to offset the election talk by printing something for the women the Washington Republican's leading editorial is: Red is to be worn a great deal this winter, though checks and grays predominate. Empire gowns with seven gores, trimmed with swans down and chiffon, with neatly smoked shoulders and tuck-dore ruffles are the correct thing for receptions and other formal gatherings. Shoes are being worn a little broader, but not many of them wear any longer. Peek-a-boo waists have gone on a vacation but the prospects are that they will return with beginning of summer. The hoop-skirt evasion has been repelled.

W. P. Seeds was defeated for supreme court justice in Colorado by 15,000. It was a job worth fighting for—10 years at \$6000 per.

Several hundred copies of the Topeka Capital containing an attack on Representative Creech were sent into Dickinson county the day of election in an effort to punish him because he would not go into the Rabbit Book. The voters read the attack and then voted. Creech had over 600 majority—which shows what the people of Dickinson county think of the Rabbit Book and how greatly they honor Mr. Creech.

It may be mentioned that in Herlington where a large part of these papers were distributed Mr. Creech had 236 majority, his opponent only receiving a total of 102 votes. That shows what people think of him at home. In Abilene he had 234 majority which shows what they think of him in Abilene.

Mr. Creech seems to be fortunate in the friends he has made and also perhaps has some reason to feel fairly well satisfied with the enemies he has made.

The Chapman Advertiser editor has pondered the matter carefully and gives this as his deliberate judgment: No Kansas home is altogether happy without a bathtub, a bouquet of flowers on the dinner table and a Bible in the living room. When the whole family bathes in a basin there is apt to be uncleanness which is close kin to the devil. When there is nothing on the table but bread and meat, no clean linen, no flowers, no shining silver, there is apt to be cross words or quarrels. And when there are Bibles only on the shelves in the dark corners of the library worldliness soon grips the occupants of any home. The average man who keeps clean inside and outside, who looks at the flower and not the dust, who reads the Bible and loves his wife and baby is the best citizen. He is worth more to the community than the individual who has a mansion and a library and stocks and bonds and, inside, the Satan of selfishness bigger than a woodchuck.

Are Voting Machines Practicable?

The Topeka Herald says: "It does not matter who is elected, it is an outrage that the people of Kansas should be able to hear the result of the election in almost every other state in the Union before they know what it is in Kansas. Our election methods are out of date and should be changed for those which will save the state from two or three days of anxiety and uncertainty when the result is a close one. The next legislature would do well to adopt voting machines even though they cost a large sum at the beginning. They would soon pay for themselves in the saving of election expenses which they would effect, as well as in wear and tear on the nerves of the people and business of the state caused by days of uncertainty."

But suppose a voting machine were stored in a barn out in the country ten miles from town for two years and then set up and started on the election. How much dependence could be placed in it? If it broke down about 2 o'clock in the afternoon wouldn't there be a first-class roar? Is it not likely that repairs would cost more than the present election expenses?

A provision by which counting could commence an hour after the polls open is all that is needed to hurry the information about the result.

The Commercial Congress.

A galaxy of oratorical stars of the first magnitude will be at Kansas City next week. The 17th annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress will open in the great Convention hall there on Tuesday, 20th inst. for a four days' session and will be attended by some of the most prominent businessmen and eminent statesmen in the western country.

The commercial congress is composed of delegates from the commercial organizations throughout the twenty-four western states and territories and nearly two thousand delegates are expected to attend.

Among the noted speakers will be Secretary of State Elihu Root, Hon. Wm. J. Bryan, Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, E. H. Harriman, President Union Pacific Ry. Co., Senator Wm. J. Stone, Hon. John Barrett, minister to Panama and David R. Francis of St. Louis.

The sessions will be held in Convention hall and will be open to the public. This meeting will be the most important business gathering of businessmen in the United States this year. The officers of the commercial congress are D. R. Francis, president; Fred W. Fleming, chairman executive committee; H. D. Loveland, San Francisco, vice president; Theo. B. Wilcox, Oregon, chairman congressional committee; H. B. Topping, treasurer, and A. F. Yranda, secretary. J. E. Case is vice president for Kansas and a member of the executive committee.



The head of this happy family bought a Majestic Range at our recent Exhibit—Note the look of satisfaction on the faces of all.

HODGE BROS.

Closing Out SALE.

We Quit the Clothing Business.

The Arcade, 206 Cedar Street, Abilene, Kansas.

Has concluded to close out its entire Clothing Stock on the second floor. This stock consists of popular price clothing for men's and boys' wear, men's Overcoats and Ulsters, men's Duck and Rain Coats.

Full line of Men's Pants, boys' Knee Pants, Hats, Caps, Trunks, Valises, Suit Cases, men's Shoes of every description, men's and boys' Sweaters, Flannel Shirts, Wool Underwear.

We have marked down this stock of goods to close at cost and some less than cost.

Look Out for Big Values.

In addition to the above, we have placed on sale our complete stock of ladies' and children's Cloaks, Furs, Wool Fascinators and Newport Scarfs, ladies' and children's Wool Underwear, all marked down especially for this great sale.

We have mailed you bill, ask your neighbors if they received one.

Come as early as possible as the sizes will soon get broken.

THE ARCADE, 206 Cedar St., Abilene, Kansas.

Public Sale.

I will sell at public auction 1 mile north and 2 west of Abilene and 6 miles south of Talmage on N. C. Brown's farm, on

Friday, November 23d,

commencing at 10 a. m. sharp, the following property:

- 4 Head of Horses 34 Head of Cattle 45 Head of Hogs Farm Implements

Also some feed, 5 dozen chickens. TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under cash; sums over \$10 a credit of 10 months will be given on note with approved security at 10 per cent interest; if paid when due only 5 per cent interest will be charged. No property to be removed until settled for. 2 per cent off for cash on sums over \$10. Free lunch at noon.

LUTHER FREEMAN, J. E. BURTON, Auctioneer.

[First published in Abilene Weekly Reflector November 15, 1906.] Notice of Appointment.

STATE OF KANSAS, Dickinson County, In the matter of the estate of William T. Burchard deceased, late of Dickinson County, Kansas. Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1906, the undersigned was by the Probate Court of Dickinson County, Kansas, duly appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of William T. Burchard, deceased, late of Dickinson County, Kansas. All parties interested in said estate will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. M. H. MALOTT, Administrator. S. S. SMITH, Attorney.

[First published in Abilene Weekly Reflector Nov. 15, 1906.] Legal Notice.

In the Probate Court of Dickinson County, State of Kansas. In the matter of the estate of William T. Burchard, deceased.

To Carrie L. Burchard, Floyd F. Burchard and to the following named minors: Samuel M. Burchard, Irene J. Burchard, Eugene Burchard and Thelma Burchard, and C. C. Towser, guardian ad litem for said minors:

You and each of you will hereof take notice that I, M. H. Malott, the undersigned administrator of the estate of William T. Burchard, deceased, have filed my petition in the Probate Court of Dickinson County, Kansas, on the 14th day of November, A. D. 1906, wherein I allege it is necessary to sell the following described real estate situated in Dickinson county, Kansas, to-wit: The west one-half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section one (1) township fourteen (14) range two (2) east of the 5th principal meridian, for the purpose of paying the debts against the said estate and asking for an order to sell the same at private sale. That said hearing is set for Tuesday, November 27th, 1906, at the office of Probate Judge in the court house in the City of Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. M. H. MALOTT, Administrator. S. S. SMITH, Attorney. 10-2

[First published in the Abilene Weekly Reflector November 15, 1906.] Publication Notice.

In the District Court of Dickinson county, State of Kansas. B. E. Sanford, Pearl Sanford, and B. E. Sanford, as guardian of Guy T. Sanford, a minor, Plaintiffs,

vs. John J. Geis, as heir-at-law and administrator of John Geis, deceased, and the unknown heirs, devisees, administrators, executors and trustees of John Geis, deceased.

You and each of you are hereby notified that you have been cited as parties in the above-entitled court and cause, and that you and each of you must answer plaintiff's petition filed in said cause on or before the 23rd day of December, 1906, or it will be taken as true against you and all of you not so answering, and judgment of the following nature will be taken against you and all of you so in default as aforesaid forever adjourning and barring you and each of you from setting up or claiming any right, title or interest in or to the following described real estate situated in Dickinson county, state of Kansas, to-wit:

Lot No. one hundred on Main street, in Solomon City, Kansas. B. E. SANFORD, FRANK S. FORD, and B. E. SANFORD, as guardian of Guy T. Sanford, a minor. Plaintiffs. S. S. SMITH, Attorney. 10-1

[First published in the Abilene Weekly Reflector Nov. 15, 1906.] Notice to Non-Residents.

In the District Court of Dickinson County, State of Kansas. Charles S. Carr, Plaintiff,

vs. Caleb E. Carr, Nancy M. Jenney, Henry Carr, Francis J. Carr, George Lawson, Nettie Smith and John Smith, Defendants.

The defendants, Nancy M. Jenney, Henry Carr, Francis J. Carr and George Lawson, are hereby notified that they have been cited by the plaintiff in the above entitled action in the above court and that they must answer the petition of the plaintiff in said action filed on or before the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1906, or the same will be taken as true and judgment will be rendered quieting the title in the plaintiff to the following described real estate situated in Dickinson County, State of Kansas, to-wit: The east one-half (1/2) of lot six (6) and all of lots eight (8) and ten (10) on Fourth street of the original town of Solomon City, Dickinson County, Kansas. Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 15th day of November, 1906. N. COLE, Clerk of District Court. CHARLES S. CARR, Plaintiff. By C. C. TOWSER, his attorney.

S. S. SMITH, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. OFFICE OVER ABILENE STATION, ABILENE, KANSAS.

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