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THERE is to be a meeting of the Western Central Kansas Stock association at Sidney to-day (Saturday) for the transaction of important business.

KIRWIN'S council have done a pious act in ordering that a well shall be sunk at the city cemetery grounds. The *Republican* says: "This is a needed improvement, for a number of people are fencing and ornamenting their lots. A number of the lots have trees, shrubbery and flowers growing thereon, and during the months of July and August a well is needed there."

SHERIFF McGRATH, of Mitchell county, has issued a call for a convention of sheriffs to take steps to put an end to the horse stealing which is prevalent in western Kansas. The *Beloit Gazette* of last week claims to contain McGrath's call, but we hunted the paper through, and it did not show up. So, we do not know for what place or what date the convention is called.

IN our hurry of late, the *WORLD* had failed to record the retirement of Wm. Bissell from the Phillipsburg *Herald*. Mr. Bissell is one of the solid men of Phillips county, and we regret to lose him from the newspaper ranks. He has been elected director of the Western Kansas railway, and has qualified. Ed. Korus, who succeeds Mr. Bissell on the *Herald*, was connected with the same paper years ago. Since then he has, until recently, been a railroad mail agent. He and Mr. Lewis make a strong journalistic team.

THE WA-KEENEY *WORLD*, in speaking of the Books county bonds, says a number of Kirwinites opposed the bonds. Bro. Tilton is not well informed on that subject. Outside of Garrettson and Lamb we didn't know of any Kirwinites being opposed to Books county securing a railroad. We are not building up Phillips county by regarding the progress of our neighbors. Please bear this in mind, and don't give us a bad name in the future.—[*Kirwin Republican*.] The *Republican's* apology is entirely satisfactory.

A MISSISSIPPI editor of the confed Dem. variety—he of the *Meridian Mercury*, we believe—has obtained a large batch of signatures to a petition to President Cleveland for the pardon of Jeff Davis. Davis, as the embodiment of the Southern Democratic idea, should be refused a pardon. Davis, as the ruler who sanctioned the worse than murder of thousands of men in rebel prison pens, should be refused a pardon. Davis, as the man who is too proud of his record as a traitor to his country to ask for a pardon, should be refused one. The *WORLD*, however, is not expecting our new Democratic president to refuse pardons to Democrats.

THE WAY IN WESTERN KANSAS. Good potatoes are sometimes grown without any cultivation. Seed is dropped on the ground and covered with about six inches of straw. But good farmers do not often resort to this method. When it is adopted in the early spring for early potatoes, when the ground is not fit to plow.

As to mulching, it is unquestionably good some years, and on high ground we are inclined to believe it would be good every year. There is nothing better than wheat straw for this purpose. When the ground is mulched the seed need not be covered as deep as if there is to be no mulching. On low land, and especially if it is not very well drained, we would not mulch late potatoes as a general rule.

Seeing the above in the *Kansas Farmer* reminds us that mulching potatoes seems the only sure way to raise them in this section of country. The experience has been that mulching potatoes renders very early planting effectual. The crop is thus hurried along to ripeness before the myriads of bugs have fairly begun their campaign. The war of the bugs on potato crops in this region has rendered the cultivation of the crop nearly profitless. A good quality of Paris green, if properly used, will annihilate the legions of bugs for the time being, but much of the Paris green is worthless, and each rain washes off the application which it finds on the vines.

County Superintendent Rich, a few years ago, heard the writer and Mr. Wm. H. Shoemaker, now deceased, canvassing favorably the merits of mulching potato crops in western Kansas. Mr. Rich has since adopted the plan, and will follow no other.

A GOLDEN FACT.

General John Beatty, of Ohio, is credited with saying that, although he is a Protectionist, so long as there is not a fair vote and an honest count in the South, and presidents and congressmen are selected by bullwhips and shotguns, there is an issue which overshadows the tariff. This is a golden fact, fairly stated. It is the identical position which the writer assumed in the campaign of last fall. Only for Mr. Blaine's cowardice on this point during the canvass last year, he would to-day be president of the United States. A brave course on his part would have stiffened the spinal column of the average Republican candidate for congress; and then, while the tariff issue would have been given high rank, it would not have overshadowed this other and entirely greater question of a free ballot and a fair count. It is not necessary to dwell at any length upon this subject with intelligent men. As far as they concede that there is not throughout the South a free ballot and a fair count, they admit the full force of all the argument which can be made in behalf of equal rights for all men. With a portion of the people restricted in the exercise of the elective franchise which is guaranteed them by the constitution, Republican government becomes a farce. If a monarchical form of government is to prevail in America, let the fact be proclaimed. In principle, a king, acting in accordance with well-defined constitutional authority, is infinitely and everlastingly to be preferred before the usurpation of authority by any one man or number of men. Whenever a black man is denied, in any manner, the free use of the ballot, there has been a usurpation of authority by the man or men who molested him.

We have great respect for the genuine principles of the Republican party, such as that all men shall enjoy equal rights; that public education is the life of free government, and so on. We have a supreme contempt for the fellows who have called themselves Republicans simply because the Republican party has afforded them a chance to build themselves up in politics. These are the fellows who are praising Cleveland with such ultra lustiness for his performances as a civil service actor. There are just enough of this class of so-called Republicans to render impossible the success of this party in 1888, unless Cleveland's failure to respond to the almost universal Democratic demand to place Democrats on guard results in the alienation of many Democrats from the party standard. The better class of Democrats, added to the unselfish masses of the Republican organization, would constitute a pure party, whose success on the first appeal to the country could not be doubted.

There seem to be some Republican congressmen of the scrub breed who admire Cleveland's civil-service acting. These congressmen are not asleep to the fact that their re-nominations in 1886 hinge almost wholly on whether they can show sufficient power with the Democratic president to keep in office a drove of professional Republican pap suckers.

THE SORE "STANDARD."

The Leavenworth *Standard* probably thinks that we have forgotten it. Several weeks ago, it contained an editorial screed about a column long, directed at us and S. J. Osborn—mostly at us. The *WORLD* accused that paper of being the organ of the saloon keepers, and asserted that, while we concede the full right of every citizen to criticize fully any law with the view of securing its legal repeal, anybody who will preach in behalf of the nullification of any law should be put where he could do no harm. The contortions of that editor's mental apparatus show that that shot at him was sufficiently central to penetrate the pericardium far enough to hurt the heart mightily. Of course, the *Standard* denies being a saloon organ. As if to brand the word "Liar" into its own forehead, it then proceeds, in that same article, to back up the Leavenworth saloon keepers, and to defame Sheriff Keller for proclaiming that, after a certain date, the Prohibition law shall be enforced in Leavenworth.

After this illogical fencing in the field of argument, the *Standard* then proceeds to uphold the nullification of any law at any time by anybody who happens not to like it. "Defiance of law," that paper tells us, "does not mean anarchy." "Nearly every crisis in government," it

goes on to say, "has been brought about by the resistance of tyrannical laws, and almost every progressive movement has been the result of their overthrow."

Without the time to wade into the creek of historical philosophy with the *Standard* giant, the *WORLD* makes this point, as a general clincher of the argument in favor of securing the repeal of all unpopular laws, instead of nullifying them: The foundation stone of free government is the principle that the people shall make and unmake their laws. No one dare deny this proposition. Why, then, if the *Standard* would be as fair as it professes to be, does it not argue the people into repealing the Prohibitory amendment? They made it. They can unmake it—if they are enough of them. But here is the rub!

As to the loud-mouthed nullification of any law which one may happen to dislike being conducive to wholesome respect for laws in general, the *Standard* occupies a position remarkably loosely and devilishly peculiar. To any one with a scintilla of reason, the refutation of all such rot lies in the proposition that such action is subversive of the very fundamental principle of free government.

Finally, Mr. *Standard*, when Leavenworth men defy the plain law, attempt to steal by \$50,000 grabs, or take any other course which the *WORLD* does not approve, we shall censure them in our own way. A man is no better for living in Leavenworth than he would be if he lived elsewhere in Kansas; and from the number of law nullifiers and state tax grabbers who call that place their home, the question forces itself whether they are as good as they would be in many other parts of the state.

THE Kansas editorial association meets in Wyandotte on May 13. The call informs the members that foreign and legal advertising will be discussed. It is to be hoped that some plan can be adopted to raise that class of advertising to decent prices.—[*Kirwin Republican*.] Brothers McBride, your sentiments and ours on this subject match precisely. Let us go down to Wyandotte, and discuss the matter!

TRAMPING THROUGH TOWN.

J. H. Downing, Hays, Tuesday and Wednesday. He was up on land business.

Chas. Reeder, Hays, Tuesday and Wednesday. He represented one side of some litigated contest cases.

Frank Stout and E. Stout, his father, both of Hays, Tuesday and Wednesday. Frank was contesting a claim, and his father's claim was being contested.

Mr. Stubbs, of La Crosse, Rush co., Monday. He was circulating a petition for the establishment of a tri-weekly mail line between Wa-Keeneey and his town. The document was extensively signed by our citizens.

Harvey Mitchell, the land agent at Stockton, Saturday. Harvey is one of the liveliest and most amiable young business men in the New West, and we are sorry that he neglected to call on the *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD*.

Mr. Lehman, of the south part of Graham county, Saturday. He reported that his corn crop was advanced almost far enough to be plowed. He planted the first of April. We expect to be able to chronicle, next fall, that he has raised a crop of corn.

G. L. Miller, of Gibson, this co., Monday. Mr. Miller is a young man of pleasant address, who has settled recently in that locality. He did as all good men are apt to do early—paid to have the *WESTERN KANSAS WORLD* rotate to him for a year.

Mr. John Shepherd, from Carrollton, Ohio, several days in the fore part of the week. He bought a quarter section of land in the Big creek valley, through the McKnight agency; and, when he called on us on Tuesday, he thought of buying more land.

Mr. Hopkins, of Plainville, Rooks co., Friday evening of last week. Mr. Hopkins is a sensible-looking young man, and we were pleased to meet him. He has recently done an act which marks him as a winner in the West. Allusion is made to his withdrawal from the *Echo* of his town. It was simply one of two starring local papers.

James Lawson, of the south part of Graham co., Saturday. He arranged for proving up on his homestead. During the war he served two and a half years in the 37th Iowa infantry, the famous Gray-beard regiment. Mr. Lawson will be 83 years old on the 5th of next month. He is a charter member of Capt. Trego Post, G. A. R., at this place. He rather thinks that no older member of a Grand Army Post than he is can be named. We feel very much the same way.

THE OTHER SIDE.

Mrs. Brockway Had Already Received a Divorce.

To the Editor of the World:

I feel that I owe it to Mrs. Brockway, as well as to other maligned women, to correct the impression, if possible, that is conveyed by the article in your last issue, headed "Pretty Mrs. Brockway," etc.

The article was cut from the *Chicago News*, a cheap evening paper that depends largely upon just such items for its circulation; and the Brockway affair was a grain of truth, embellished with much that is untrue. It is true that the couple are divorced, as both have received verdicts—Mr. B. in Chicago, and Mrs. B. in Dakota, where she is still residing with her son, Bert, and not with her brother-in-law, Mr. Gilman, as reported by Mr. Brockway's version.

One should remember that there are always two sides to a story, or scandal. It surely speaks well for the Christian charity of one who makes it a business to cut such articles from a distant paper to have them re-published where they will harm one who is not present to defend herself.

I trust, Mr. Editor, that you can give this the same prominence you gave the other.

DECORATION DAY.

Determination to Make It a Grand Triumph at Wa-Keeneey.

At its meeting last Saturday evening, Captain Trego Post rallied as one man in support of the proposition to celebrate Decoration day, May 30, 1885, at this point, in a befitting manner, and to make an effort to secure a large attendance of people on that occasion.

A few primary committees were appointed, in order that arrangements for the event should be begun at once. Other meetings of the Post will be held, at suitable times, for the perfection of the program.

The *WORLD* will have more, perhaps much more, to say in the furtherance of this most holy work of preparing to give proper honor to the nation's dead who lie in the cemetery at this place, but it wants to say now to everybody in Trego, Gove, and those who can come from other localities: Meet with us on May 30. Let us take a day for this patriotic celebration. In due time invitations will be extended to neighboring Posts of the Grand Army to meet with us in a body.

—Many of our readers will be pleased to see this item, from the *Solomon City Sentinel* of Wednesday of last week: "E. W. Blair, Esq., in company with Rev. E. W. Hart, of Minneapolis, and Rev. W. J. Moffett, of Cheever, have, during the past week, visited Sunnyside, College Hill, Herington, Carlton and Hope. These gentlemen were the appointees of the Presbytery to organize churches."

—Councilman Caddick, W. S. Tilton and others had regulation sidewalk placed in front of their business houses, on Franklin street, last week.

—We are in our new office down stairs. Call and see us, everybody.

Mrs. E. Gleason, of Salem, Dent co., Mo., writes as follows: Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me of chronic diarrhoea after years of standing, when it seemed I could live no longer. I was growing so weak. I had tried several doctors in this state and several in Iowa, but they could do nothing for me. I was finally induced to try a bottle of your medicine. After using three bottles I was entirely cured. I can not say enough in its praise. I wish that every family knew the worth of it as I do, and am sure they would never do without it."

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