

The appointment of Dr. Pilleher to be superintendent of the reform school at Winfield has been hung up till the next meeting of the board.

There are a number of offices in Neosho county which will become vacant in January unless some of our statesmen conclude to ask for them. Who is willing to make the sacrifice?

We have been trying without success, to find an old fashioned "reformer" who had cut loose from the old parties, because they were "both corrupt—one as bad as the other."

If the pops and democrats (?) fuse in Kansas, and it is necessary to call a delegate convention on what will the democrats base their call for the distribution of delegates? They had no ticket in the field last year.

The rain Saturday night and Sunday morning was one of the heaviest of the season and the farmers who are willing to put their shoulders to the wheel and help make "that wave" are rejoicing; the croakers seem disheartened.

Ed C. Little thinks Missouri has hogged Kansas out of a strip of land one-half mile wide, running from the mouth of the Kaw River to the Territory line. If Ed secures this strip of ground, it will throw the Union depot at Kansas City, Mo., into Kansas.

Since horses, cattle, corn, wheat and in fact almost every article a farmer has to sell has gone up, the reformers are beginning to admit that times are better, but some of them insinuate that the Leedy administration has had more to do with bringing about the result than the election of McKinley.

Last week the pops declared that the weather would ruin the corn and tax crop. Now that we have had bountiful rains, they assert that the outlook is favorable for big crops, but that the price will be so low that no one will be able to make any money. This is all fallacious; every man who fed his corn to hogs or cattle last year got from 25 to 40c per bushel for it.

The pops are making a great bluff about firing L. D. Lewelling from the board of railroad commissioners; they will never do it; Lewelling seems to have some unsavory record during the last session of the legislature, but the other fellow dare not squeal on him. Lewelling is as good as the other reform leaders, and will be allowed to draw his salary as a railroad commissioner for two years.

The pops and democrats in Kansas are trying to fuse on county officers and will succeed if the division of spoils can be agreed on. We would suggest that, as there were not enough democratic votes cast in Kansas to give a democrat a place on the ticket at all, under our present ballot law, the alleged democrats be given coroner and surveyor as their reasonable share of the swag. These offices seem to be about the size of the democrat party in Kansas.

Lieut. Gov. Woodruff, of New York said in a speech to a board of trade last week, that although the population of this country is 29,000,000 more than it was eighteen years ago, there are fewer persons out of work now than then. The Troy Times says the assertion is true in that city, as anyone can see who looks at the streets with "their well-filled street cars, their fast succeeding bicycles, and their nicely dressed and plump-faced pedestrians."—Globe-Democrat.

Mr. Bryan is about to make his second visit to the state since the election. During the campaign he would not come at all, and his friends insisted that it was because he considered the state safe for him and would not waste valuable time here. By the same line of reasoning, his frequent visits now would indicate that he considers the state is slipping from his grasp. And he is right. If Mr. Bryan should visit us every month until the next election, he could not save Kansas to the pop party.—Topeka Capital.

E. V. Debs has a scheme to form all the labor organizations in the country into one gigantic concern with himself at the head. He also wants a new political party to be the Social Democratic party. In view of the fact that the half dozen or more democratic parties are hardly on speaking terms, it seems meet and proper that should another one be organized, it make an effort to be a little more sociable and if there is anything in a name, the Social Democratic party ought to succeed—just like the rest have done.

The appointment of Cy Leland to be pension agent at Topeka is meeting with approval from the soldier element of Kansas. Cy Leland wore the blue for four years, and understands the meaning of the word comrade. Tom Anderson had a big petition, asking that he have the place, and any other representative soldier republican putting forth the same effort

could have had as big a one. It is all bosh that any one man has a cinch on any particular place. Tom Anderson has a job with the Rock Island people and his work shows him to be eminently fitted for the place, while the course he has pursued since Leland's appointment shows him to be a very ordinary politician. Better stick to your job with the Rock Island, Tom.

It has been discovered that when the "Omnibus" bill passed the Senate, repealing a number of sections of the statutes which were supposed to be obsolete, that some sections were repealed, which provided for holding the terms of district court in a number of districts and the judges of these districts to know whether to go ahead or not. Judge Skidmore of the Cherokee-Montgomery district has concluded he has no right to hold court, and has adjourned. Wonder what else this conglomeration of misfits got mixed upon. The chances are that they should be excused however, for if they tell the truth, they were kept so busy keeping away from Boyd, Tutcher and others of their pop friends who were trying to buy them, that they had little time for the consideration of business.

"Where is that wave of prosperity?" shout the pops. With the same propriety might be asked, where is that wave of dire calamity that the pops predicted would strike the country a broad-sider if McKinley was elected? One pop is reported to have said during the campaign that if McKinley was elected, he was going home to shoulder his gun. Another is reported to have said he didn't want to live to see McKinley inaugurated president. All over our land and almost on every hand are evidences of prosperity. Industries are springing up, manufacturing establishments are resuming work and collections are easier. The car of industry is pushing ahead. If a chunk of prosperity as big as the pyramids of Egypt was to strike a pop he would still howl calamity because it has become his second nature to howl. He draws his inspirations from the misfortunes of others, and he stands on the ruins of his fellow man howls calamity till the atmosphere turns blue and the heavens above and the earth below echo his dismal moan.—Walnut Eagle.

Market Gardening.
As years pass and the people become more and more convinced that boom times are not likely to occur again, they are beginning to look at matters in a more serious manner, and those who are studying the situation are beginning to realize the fact that booms almost always hurt rather than help the people as a whole. The facts are that booms simply means sudden upward tendencies in prices until they reach imaginary rather than real values. When farm land gets so high in price that the owner's share of the crop will not yield him a fair interest on his investments, it is too high. One of the troubles with Kansas is the craze of platting too much property adjacent to town into town lots; a few lots will be sold, some cottages erected and a lot of ground that ought to raise a crop be removed from the channels of business and be thrown out as a common and be of no value to anyone. It is a mistaken idea that a lot of people getting together and forming themselves into a corporation makes a good town; they must have something to do to make a living; when ever so many merchants get into a town as to prevent any of them from making money, there are too many merchants; whenever there are more laboring men in town than there is work, there are too many laborers. What a town wants is employment for its inhabitants; it must get some manufacturing and not ship its raw materials away.

Chanute is all right, but could just as well double its population if there was something for the other 4,000 people to do. Ninety per cent. of all the flour used in Chanute is shipped in. The wheat from which it is ground is first shipped out and the consumer pays the freight both ways, besides laboring men at Ottawa, Topeka or Lawrence get a living out of it. Why can't Chanute have a first class grist mill that will grind the flour we use and give the men employment instead of shipping this important product from other points?

The same may be said of canned fruits; a canning factory could certainly do well here. If farmers had ready sale at a fair price for berries and fruits, more would be raised. The farmer who has a few cows, a few chickens and a few acres of berries can live if his corn fails. We need smaller farms and better farming.

A Spirit Confesses.
W. H. Rehfus, of Kansas City, confessed one day this week that he had been playing spirit at the senecas for a man named Stewart; when more than one spirit was needed, his wife, or hired girl, or both were called into the game. Many of the Kansas City people, some of whom are credited with a fair amount of intelligence, have been duped into contributing money to get a chance to talk to their dear departed. Spiritualism has been exposed in all sorts of ways, yet there still seems to be plenty of people willing to be duped.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

In the District Court of Neosho County, Kansas.

J. J. Hurt, Receiver of Bailey's Bank of Chanute, Kansas, Plaintiff, vs. J. B. Lawrence, Maggie V. Lawrence, D. E. Morey, W. C. Venters, The Armour Packing Company, The I. Stadden Grocery Company, Eunice Smith, The Chanute Building and Loan Association, and the Burlington National Bank of Burlington, Kansas, Defendants.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed and delivered, issued out of the Seventh Judicial District Court of the State of Kansas, sitting in and for Neosho County in said State, I will on the 28th day of June, A. D., 1897, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the court house door in Erie in the County and State aforesaid, offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real property situated in Neosho County, Kansas, to-wit: The undivided one-third of lot twenty-four [24] in block fifteen [15] in Jones 4th addition to the City of Chanute as per recorded plat thereof also the undivided one-third of lots seven [7] and eight [8] in block eighteen [18] in the town of New Chicago (now included in the City of Chanute) as per recorded plat of said town, the undivided one-half of lot seven [7] in block four [4] in Jones' 2nd addition to the City of Chanute as per recorded plat thereof; also the undivided one-half of lot thirteen [13] in block twenty-four [24] in said town of New Chicago; also the undivided one-third of lots one [1] two [2] and the north half of three [3] in block thirteen [13] in the town of Toiga (now included in the City of Chanute) as per recorded plat thereof, also lots one, (1) two (2) and the east half of lot three (3) in block four (4) in Jones' 2nd addition to said City of Chanute; also the undivided one-half of lots two (2) and three (3) in block two (2) in Benedict's addition to the City of Chanute, as per recorded plat thereof, with all the appurtenances, and all the estate, title and interest of said parties therein. Said property to be sold as commanded by the said order of sale, and in pursuance of the judgment in the above entitled cause.

Given under my hand this 24th day of May, 1897.
C. F. PRANGE,
Sheriff of Neosho County, Kansas.

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Notice of Appointment of Administrators.

In the Probate Court in and for Said County.

STATE OF KANSAS,
COUNTY OF NEOSHO, ss.
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 9th day of June A. D. 1897, by the Probate Court, appointed administrator of the estate of Alexander Allison deceased, late of said County and State. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment; and those having claims against the same will present them, duly authenticated, to the undersigned for allowance.
ORR ALLISON & JAMES ALLISON,
Administrators.
Dated June 9th A. D., 1897. 7-9.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The First National Bank,
of Chanute, Kansas, at Chanute, in the State of Kansas, at the close of business, May 23, 1897.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 88,172.41
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,234.19
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	11,875.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	14,000.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	7,675.00
Other real estate and mortgages owned	
CASH.	
Checks and cash items	\$ 53.97
Due from approved reserve agents	494.52
Due to state banks and bankers	765.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	394.31
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK—VIZ:	
Specie	14,095.00
Legal tender notes	15,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury, 5 per cent of circulation	562.50
	31,800.00
	\$155,734.90
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	6,776.43
Due to state banks and bankers	4,223.02
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid	3,658.89
National bank notes outstanding	9,430.00
Due to other National Banks	140.10
DEPOSITS.	
Individual deposits subject to check	\$ 63,022.57
Time certificates of deposit	18,510.02
	81,532.59
	\$155,734.90

State of Kansas, County of Neosho, ss.
I, D. M. Kennedy, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
D. M. KENNEDY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May, 1897.
My commission expires January 4, 1899.
J. J. HURT, Notary Public.

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