

**People's Voice.**

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**More Railroad Extortion and Discrimination.**

A special bulletin of the Missouri and Kansas Association of Lumber Dealers, just received, shows the same discrimination against Kansas points and the same excessive charge as is common on all other commodities. After reciting their efforts to secure justice, and the lack of courtesy shown them they close an open letter to J. Pierpont Morgan, to whom they had been referred, as follows: "This meeting of the directors of the lumber association has been called solely to act upon the matter, and if forced to adopt extreme measures to secure adjustment of these rates it will be the fault of your railroad companies and not of our association." As a sample of the discrimination practiced the following table of rates are given:

The instances are from Conroe, Tex., via A.T.S. Fe Ry.

TOWNS.	MILES.	RATES.
Winfield	615	27 1/2
Wellington	638	27 1/2
Newton	687	27 1/2
Kiowa	706	31
Emporia	753	27 1/2
Topeka	815	25
Kansas City	882	22
Chicago	1340	22

Almost all the lumber used here comes from the south and pays the above rate. One thousand feet of lumber weighs from 2,000 to 2,500 pounds. The consumer pays the freight in the end. This exorbitant rate paid by Sumner county people is a heavy tax levied by private corporations in defiance of law and justice simply because the courts are the tools of the corporations, and because the people will quietly submit to such iniquitous proceedings. Justice under Republican administration, either state or national, as between the people and the corporations is no longer possible. The people do not have any rights that the corporations are in any way bound to respect.

**Whither Are We Drifting.**

\$300,000,000 a year or more is what has been added to our expense account because of militarism and foreign conquest. It is idle to talk of the dangers of a career of imperialism and militarism to be begun in the future. It is already here. No more favoritism in the appointing to lucrative positions, no sinecures to scions of blue blooded aristocracy war ever practiced in any country on earth than is being done by Emperor William I. of America and Asia, today. The reckless expenditure of money, the ignoring of the constitution, the trampling under foot of all precedent and the rights and liberties of conquered people, the turning of the people of this country over bound hand and foot to the tender mercies of the trusts are evidences so plain that he who runs may read. That republicanism of today stands for slavery, the despotism of arrogant wealth made drunk with power, every careful student of conditions must admit, "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

The good sense of the American people will not much longer permit this government to remain in the hands of those who are taking it so rapidly downward in their mad career.

"The time is ripe and rotten ripe for change.

There is more force in names Than most of men dream of; and a lie will keep

Its throne a whole age longer if it skulk Behind the sound of some fair seeming name.

Let us call tyrants, tyrants; For men in earnest have no time to waste In patching fig-leaves for the naked truth."

The large part that the Experiment station pays in the agriculture of the state is indicated to a certain extent by the amount of the station correspondence. A somewhat careful estimate some time since placed this at 10,000 letters per annum. This is constantly increasing. Last week Professor Willard, as director of the station, received 205 letters and 148 postal cards. Most of these were applications for the station publications, and the chief subject of interest was soy beans. Bulletin 91, soon to be distributed, will contain a partial index to the publications and a special invitation to farmers to send in requests for copies of previous bulletins still in stock. —Industrialist.

Every farmer reader of this paper who is not now receiving these bulletins should write at once for them. This department of the Agricultural college is supported liberally by the general government. Their publications are intended for general distribution, are especially valuable and are growing in favor all over the state. The men in charge are exceptionally practical and earnest in their work. Write to the Experiment Station, Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan., for bulletins. A few minutes time and one cent for a postal card will be worth many dollars to every farmer who reads these bulletins.

**Reduced Rate to the Great Bend Convention.**

A rate of one and one-third fare over all roads will be made to the congressional convention at Great Bend. Tickets must be purchased April 16th, and are good to and including April 19th. There will be a large attendance and an enthusiastic meeting. All delegates and many others will go from Sumner county.

*This Month Take* **Hood's** *Sarsaparilla*  
And have new pure and bright blood. Then you will enjoy life.

**Populist Convention.**

Owing to bad weather and the fact that farmers are very busy the attendance at the county convention was not large. It was called to order by Chairman Rogers and a temporary organization effected, C.G. Handy of Eden township, chairman, and J. Robert Gillam, secretary. While the chairman was soliciting the usual committees, I. P. Campbell of Wichita, candidate for congress made a brief but excellent speech after which the following committees were announced:

Permanent Organization: J. W. Lockman, South Haven; John Craig, Eden; Adam Wolf, Guelph; E. VanHorn, Ryan; A. Widick, Palestine.

Order of Business: Jas. A. Ray, Wellington; Abe Tanner, Conway. D. S. Halverstadt, Oxford.

Credentials: J. M. McKee, Wellington; Ben H. Willey, Belle Plaine; B. B. Wilson, Wellington.

Resolutions: J. K. Moore, Wellington; H. F. Harbaugh, Green; J. P. Wimer, Green; Ivan D. Rogers, Wellington; A. C. Lambe, Avon.

**AFTERNOON SESSION:**

The temporary organization was made permanent and after an animated discussion upon the adoption of an amendment to the resolution offered by J. K. Moore instructing the congressional delegation to vote for no one but a Populist, the amendment was voted down and the resolutions as submitted by the committee were adopted. They follow:

First, The present English financial system adopted by the United States is the mother of all trusts and we favor the radical curtailing of the power of the trusts.

Second, We favor the public ownership of all public utilities and until such object can be accomplished, we favor the extending of the power of the interstate commerce commission.

Third, We favor the initiative and referendum.

Fourth, That the sentiment of this convention is in favor of the nomination of John W. Breckinridge for governor, David Barth for justice of the supreme court, J. D. Bonkin for congressman at large; Wm. Stryker for superintendent of public instruction and Webb McNall for superintendent of insurance.

Fifth, We favor the selecting of nine of our best citizens as delegates to the Great Bend convention and do not favor the giving of any instructions whatever.

The committee on order of business recommended that an equal number of delegates be selected from each commissioner district. Following this recom-

mendation the following delegates and alternates were selected.

Congressional—Joseph F. Goeth, C. G. Handy, G. B. Blair, B. F. Zook, J. P. Wimer, Jas. A. Ray, Adam Wolfe, Austin Aiken, Jas. Galyon Alternates, Ben F. Willey, J. M. Kirby, E. W. Morris, Frank Tate, E. Van Horn, Ben B. Wilson, Chas. Peters, I. N. Cooper, W. A. Johnston.

State—Jno. Heskett, A. G. Forney, J. W. Chapman, J. K. Moore, C. Myers, W. A. Johnston. Alternates, Andrew Teddy, N. C. Faulkner, Ivan D. Rogers, F. H. Winsor, J. R. Jenista, C. W. Robinson.

Following the election of delegates Claude Duval, another candidate for congress, made a very eloquent and impressive speech. It was for harmony and united action to overthrow a party that is destroying the very foundation upon which free government rests. He showed conclusively that the Republican party will be upon the defensive throughout the campaign and that its defeat in this district and in the state is certain if a united front is presented, and all who oppose its policy work together.

An earnestness, an enthusiasm and a confidence in victory in the district and

the state this fall was felt and expressed by all. All fusionists have great reason to rejoice over the action of both Democratic and Populist conventions recently held in the county. A united opposition to the Republican party has always carried this county and it will easily do it this fall. Republicans now generally admit that their party has lost heavily during the last month and this is but the beginning. The carrying out of the trust program during the months preceding the adjournment of congress will make their success this fall in Kansas at least, impossible.

**Eggs for Hatching.**

Barred Plymouth Rocks. 50c per setting.—Jas. Love, Mayfield, Kan.

The Knights of Equity will hold an ice cream and cake social at the Army Hall on the evening of April 19th. Cream 10c; cake and cream 15c. All members are urged to attend this evening as business of importance is to be transacted.

W. H. Maddy has bought the lots between Geo. Kinney's brick residence and A. B. Harris's residence on North Washington avenue, and is moving a story and a half house with five rooms from Cicero, which he will put on the lots and fix up for rental purposes.

**Cash**

will buy goods close. You will find we are making close prices on everything in our store.

15 lb pail jelly	.39
25 sticks chewing gum	.05
Loose Bros.' crackers lb	.07
Fancy evaporated apples lb	.08
" " peaches lb	.10
Seeded raisins, per pkge	.10
Babbit's large can lye	.05
3 lb can standard tomatoes	.08
2 lb can " corn	.07
Cutting's brand California peaches can	15c
" pears "	15c

California black cherries, can 15c; California egg plums, can 14c " green sage plums, can 14c; Price's 1 lb can baking powder 40c; Clothes pins 1 doz 1c; Warren's A1 Salmon can 10c; 19 lb granulated sugar \$1.00; Coal oil gal 15c; gasoline gal 15c.

We pay cash for butter and eggs.

**Maxey Bros.**

**Special Sale.**

Of tailor made suits, tailor made skirts and Golt capes. We will give you 20 per cent or 1-5 off the regular price on the above line any day this week. Sale closes Saturday night, April 14th. Now is the time to get a suit, skirt or cape for Easter and save money on it. Buy you

**Easter Gloves, Easter Neckwear, Easter Ribbons,**

of us. We have the largest and best assorted stock of WASH GOODS we have ever shown.

Ask to see our 36-inch Percale at 10c.

Look at our 10c Dimities, as well as the better qualities.

Shoes for men, shoes for ladies and shoes for children—the largest and best assortment we have ever had. Buy your footwear of us and save money.

May fashion sheet now in. Ask for one.

Respectfully,

**RICHARDSON & CO.**  
WELLINGTON, KANSAS.

It is customary for New York people to ape the English, and for westerners to be guided by what New Yorkers do. Because of this chain, it will soon be fashionable to the west to wear Irish colors, sing Irish songs, and to be as near Irish as possible. At the present moment in England, it is considered the smart thing to be very Irish.

The Connecticut chemists who have been analyzing soda water syrups for the last two years, and have just reported that out of ninety-two samples examined, fifty-six contained glucose, salicylic acid or coal tar, dyes and artificial flavors made from chemicals instead of from fruit, may interfere somewhat with the ice cream soda business this summer.

**THE RACKET**

WELLINGTON, KANSAS

CASH IS KING

WE DISCOUNT ALL BILLS

Our best ads cost us nothing. They come red hot from short sighted dealers that think they are selling goods themselves. It does seem hard no doubt, that selling under the market calls forth so much "navy blue no.sense." But what a splendid advertisement it makes for the store that is backed by the people who buy. The quality of the goods we sell is being tested and proved daily by people who do not buy "trash," but people who come here regularly for reliable goods and appreciate the honest efforts of this store to do business on a

**LIVE AND LET LIVE BASIS!**

**Underwear Department.**

Ladies' Gauze Vests, worth 13c, Racket price .05  
Ladies' Gauze Vests for .08 and .12  
Ladies' Bleached Gauze Vests .14, .16, .19, .24  
Ladies' Vests, just like silk, the best and finest, worth 49c, our price .29

**Men's Summer Underwear.**

Men's Balbriggan Underwear, sold everywhere for 50c, our price .39  
Men's Fancy Shirt and Drawers, garment .24

**Dry Goods Department.**

We have no purse pinching prices on our Dry Goods. We ask only a legitimate profit. Plaids 28 inches wide, latest shades and styles, per yard .15  
Alpaca Finished Plaids, the latest thing in Dress Fibers, per yard 29c, 33c and .49

40 inch Jacquards, blue, black and brown, per yard .25  
See our line of Pique, Organdies, Dimities, Scotch Lawn, Shallie, Crepon, Madras and Dress Gingham.

**Grocery Department.**

Where the Prices greet you with a smile:  
19 lbs best granulated Sugar \$1.00  
3 lb can Tomatoes, per can .06  
Sour Pickles, per gallon .20  
Royal Baking Powder, 1 lb can .29  
Price's " " 1 lb can .39  
Baker's Chocolate, 1/2 lb .17  
Navy Beans .05  
Soda Crackers, per lb .07  
One gallon Table Syrup .35  
Good Vinegar, per gallon .15

**Hardware Department.**

Our Hardware Department will save you money if you buy here:  
10 qt Flaring Pails .12  
Farmers Brace .29  
Hanne Staples .02  
Hanne Clips .02  
Clothes Wringers, wood frame \$1.49  
Good Nail Hammer, Bell Fare .39  
Baker Collar Wook .14  
Tin Wash Boilers .79  
Wood Butter Mould, 1 lb .10  
Wine Egg Beater .02  
Sewing Machine Oil, per bottle .04  
D Hand'e Dirt Shovel .39  
Raisin Seeders Success .49  
Wood Butter Bowls 10c to .24  
Gorden Rake .24  
Look Here—Of all Saws I never saw a Saw that saws like Henry Diston's Saws saw. Try one, only \$1.29  
Ask to see our Hammocks, Ice Cream Freezers, Gasoline and Oil Stoves.

**Hanlin Mercantile Company.**