

CONCERNING KANSAS.

NOTES.

The Kansas Christian Endeavor societies will hold their seventh annual convention in Topeka, beginning May 24.

Lynching is the fad of the week. George Rose was hanged by a mob at Cottonwood Falls for killing Carl Kuhn, and two men, father and son, met a similar fate at Sharon Springs.

Since March 1 the names of about 2,500 Kansas people who were never before regular readers of the *ADVOCATE* have been added to the subscription list. This does not look like "progressing backward."

It looks bad to have our state institutions investigated. The republicans never used to investigate anything. When any mismanagement was reported they used to shut their eyes and say, "don't mention it," and that settled it.

Mrs. Plumb, widow of the late senator, has sued Calvin Hood and Eben Smith of Emporia, to recover \$30,000 which she claims is due her husband's estate from a mining transaction in which he and the defendants were interested.

The long expected has come. A crank who writes from Canyon, Minn., has threatened to kill Mrs. Lease, and as an earnest of his good faith, he sent her \$10 to buy flowers for her funeral. The strangeness of it is that he does not know that Mrs. Lease usually buys her own flowers.

The "Capital" block, owned by J. K. Hudson, the building in which the Topeka Capital is printed, was sold at sheriff's sale May 6 for \$25,000 to the National Life Insurance company. The mortgages on it aggregated about \$45,000, and, of course, some of them are likely to remain unpaid.

There is some candor and honesty in the Cowley county republican platform. It is innocent simplicity in a short dress, that platform is: "Resolved, That we demand a change." Volumes might be written without expressing the sentiment of a republican convention half as clear as that does. Everybody, even T. W. Eckert, of Arkansas City, can understand that. If their state convention should adopt it without any adornments, Populists might as well make up their minds to get up and hustle, or get beat.

Coming from a republican source this story is a very ungrateful dig at Chairman Simpson, of the republican state committee, but it is good enough to repeat: They say that by a prearrangement of Chairman Braidenthal, about 30,000 Populists in different parts of the state had themselves listed in 1892 by Simpson's poll takers as republicans, thus giving them a large majority on their poll books, which majority of course vanished on election day. If true, this was a wicked piece of business on Braidenthal's part, but it had the merit of making Simpson's fellows feel good for a while.

Notable Decisions.

Two decisions by Justice Allen, concurred in by the other two members of the supreme court, the syllabi of which were published last week, are of great importance. One is in a case brought on error from Cloud county, involving the question as to whether the debts of bank stockholders could be deducted in giving in the stock for assessment. Justice Allen decided: "The word credit as defined in paragraph 6347, of the general statutes of 1889, and used in the chapter providing for the assessment and collec-

tion of taxes, does not include shares of stock in a national bank, and the owners of such shares have no right to deduct from their assessed value the amount of their debts."

The other case was the state against the Dodge City, Montezuma & Trinidad Railway company. The decision is that a charter holds an original corporation or a purchaser of property built under its charter to certain obligations which cannot be removed, except by the state through its legislature.

Forrest Skins a Republican.

EDITOR *ADVOCATE*:—The joint debate between Frank R. Forrest, Populist, of Topeka, and Joseph Taggart, republican, of Salina, held at Brookville, Saturday night, May 5, was another victory for the Populists. The debate was on the question of which party was best qualified to solve the political problems of the day.

The attendance was large, as every seat in the city hall was occupied and many more were compelled to stand.

Mr. Forrest opened the debate with an hour's speech, in which he started in to prove that the republican party was wholly responsible for the present financial panic. As he advanced in his argument step by step, proving every assertion by republican authority, he built up such a wall of argument that every man present knew that his opponent could not tear it down. At the expiration of his hour he took his seat and was given a hearty round of applause by nearly all of his listeners.

Mr. Taggart, the republican orator, was then introduced and for an hour and a half he gave the boys a fearful and wonderful exhibition of a lawyer's capacity for abuse, misrepresentation, pyrotechnical display and brazen, open faced lying. For instance, he said in one breath that the democratic and Populist parties were to blame for the present panic and yet admitted in the next that not a single law had been changed on the statute books since the republicans went out of power (excepting the repeal of the Sherman law, which action he upheld.) He claimed that there was more money in circulation now than ever before, that more money would not increase prices; he talked of Jerry's socks, Peffer's whickers and Mrs. Lease's mouth, and finally wound up by daring Forrest to refute his statements.

Mr. Forrest closed the debate in a half hour's speech, the equal of which we have never heard. He went right back after the republican lawyer, and how that lawyer did yell was a caution. Every one of his statements were proven false or absurd. Mr. Forrest simply skinned him and then threw stones at the hide. The audience certainly enjoyed the meeting, as they paid very close attention to both speakers.

At the close of Forrest's speech he was given a great ovation. Men and women sent up cheer after cheer for the victor, then crowded around him to shake hands. Mr. Forrest's style of getting after a republican attorney in a political debate, was to their mind, about the only proper way and they said that votes were made that night for the Populists.

By the way, Saline county is on the increase in the Pop. column. Watch the election returns this fall and see.

Salina, Kansas. F. H.

The Salina Union gave a good report of the meeting, in which it said: "Mr. Forrest took up Mr. Taggart on every one of his propositions and showed their absurdity or falsity. Then he answered

his opponent on the free wool question, showing that by their votes for the Wilson bill the Populists had carried the income tax bill through the house, and that every republican had voted against the measure. For half an hour the people listened to his masterly refutation of every point made by his opponent, and repeatedly cheered him at every step. The Populists of Brookville feel good over the debate and wish they could have another."

Shawnee County Convention.

A delegate convention of the People's party of shawnee county is hereby called to meet at the court house, in Topeka, on Saturday, June 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing ten delegates and ten alternates to the state convention to be held in Topeka on June 10, and also to elect twenty-one delegates and twenty-one alternates to the congressional convention to be held in Emporia on June 20.

The basis of representation is one delegate for every 20 votes, or major fraction thereof, cast for Hugh Lawler for register of deeds in 1893. Provided that no precinct be without a delegate.

It is recommended that the primaries be held on Saturday, May 26, in the city from 7 to 9 p. m. and in the country from 4 to 7 p. m., and that each precinct hold its own primaries under its own committeeman, known Populists only to participate. A new county central committee is also to be elected at these primaries for the coming campaign—one from each precinct.

By unanimous vote the following is attached: "No person holding any office or position of profit, trust, or emolument, under the federal or any state or municipal government, including senators, congressmen and members of the legislature, state and local, shall be eligible to sit or vote in any convention of this party, and a copy of this ordinance shall be annexed to every call for any future conventions of the party."

F. W. LEECH,

Chairman County Central Committee.

D. I. FURBECK,

Chairman District Committee.

Please send results of primaries to A. B. Smith, Secretary, Box 180.

Woman's Progressive Political League.

Our constitution provides that the annual meeting of the league shall be held the second Tuesday in June of each year. The place of holding the coming meeting was left with the executive committee to determine. Topeka has been selected as the most convenient place. The executive committee has called a special meeting June 11, at 3 p. m., in Representative hall. An informal reception will be held at 8 p. m., same place. A cordial invitation is extended to all men and women of the People's party to be present.

People's party papers please copy.

BINA A. OTIS, President.

SPECIAL MEETING.

We, the undersigned members of the executive committee of the Woman's Progressive Political League, unite in calling a meeting of the league at Topeka, June 11, 5 p. m., in Representative hall.

BINA A. OTIS, President.

S. L. RUGGLES, Sec. W. P. P. L.

E. W. CRUMB, Chairman.

O. E. PILELY, Sec. Ex. Com. W. P. P. L.

MARY H. HELLER.

May 9, 1894.

Notice.

There will be a caucus of the People's party of Menoken township at the township hall at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, May 22, for the purpose of choosing delegates to the county convention which meets in Topeka, May 24.

C. H. CUSTENGER, Chairman.

Resolutions Butler County Alliance.

WHEREAS, We believe that the trend and tendency of legislation for years past has been such as has resulted in the absorption of products of labor by those who "toil not, neither do they spin," and has been such as to reduce thousands of laborers to a condition of forced idleness and dependence; and

WHEREAS, The constitution of the United States guarantees the right of assemblage and petition without prescribing where such assemblage shall take place, or whether such petition shall be in writing or by personal appeal; and

WHEREAS, Certain of our fellow citizens have gone in person to Washington, and claimed the right to assemble on public grounds in the national capital, and the right to personally appeal to congress, as provided by the national constitution; and

WHEREAS, Such rights have been denied them, and they have been wrongfully and personally maltreated by the police authorities of Washington, and have been arrested while in the preamble exercises of a constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, The widespread sympathy from all parts of our land with the Coxy movement betokens a sad condition of want and unrest among the laboring class of our people, and betokens conditions of distress among our people, relief for which we believe is in the line of congressional legislation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we demand of congress a respectful hearing of all petitions either written or by personal appeal from the citizens assembled anywhere, and we demand that speedy and effective measures be adopted by congress providing for the employment of idle laborers so that starvation and poverty shall not occur in a land of plenty—in a land needing the employment of laborers in all departments of industry, in a land in which no famine has occurred to the end that hunger and idleness shall not be found among us, that we demand this as the birthright of American citizens and not as supplicants, and that we hold the law-making department of our country responsible for the direful condition now cursing this land and will not cease our efforts until the same is removed by whatever means may be found necessary thereto, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Senator Peffer for introduction in the United States senate, and to Congressman W. A. Harris for introduction into the house of representatives, and that the same be published in the newspapers of our land; and we call on all freedom loving American citizens to give expression to their members of congress and the United States senators on this momentous question.

Douglas County.

WHEREAS, The time has come in the history of our country that demands men in office who have been tried and found true to the interest of the common people who are not in the pay of trusts and combines, that have been fostered by unjust class legislation; and

WHEREAS, Governor Lewelling and our present state officers are in sympathy with the common people, and are working to secure legislation that will be beneficial to all, and are not seeking a nomination; and

WHEREAS, One of the principles of the People's party is, the office should seek the man, and not the man seek the office; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the People's Party club, of Vinland, Kas., that we are in favor of the renomination of Governor Lewelling and the rest of the present state officers; and should they be nominated, we, as a club, hereby pledge our hearty and entire support.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Topeka *ADVOCATE* for publication.

ALLISON ANDREWS,

J. C. REECH,

President.

Secretary pro tem.

Vinland, Kas.

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