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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Still the negroes come.

Negroes in the east and Mexicans in the west—"give us a free ballot and a fair count."

The Kansas City Times is authority for the statement that Lou Hanback is standing up for Kansas as yet.

The Republican machine's ambition for a "free ballot and a fair count" had reference only to the South.

It is said that if the Republicans are successful this year they propose to build a monument to the memory of old Father Ham.

Wheat touched the lowest point in St. Louis and Chicago last Saturday that it has touched for over twenty years.

Having spent so much money to get the negroes on the ground, do you suppose for a moment, farmers, that they will not try to vote them?

Harper county had an old-time Alliance and Peoples party rally Monday with a big procession. Jerry Simpson, Gov. LeWelling and Noah Allen were the speakers. Harper is ablaze with reform sentiment.

When you have read the VOICE make it a point to hand it to your neighbor who does not take it. He may not be of same opinion politically as yourself, but the chances are that if he keeps up his reading long he will be getting his eyes open.

Four farmers of Butler county undertook and did rob a railroad train on the Frisco last Saturday, and were in limbo before the close of Sunday. They doubtless went on the theory of retaliation, railroads having been robbing the farmers for years, but they found they could not make as brilliant a success as the railway companies. Served them right. They ought to have gone to howling calamity.

The Wichita Eagle makes special mention of the fact that the business house of LeWelling & Co. was not decorated in honor of the soldiers last week. It failed to note the fact, however, that Mr. LeWelling was out of town, and that his business partner is a rantankerous Republican. Mr. LeWelling would have canceled some of his appointments and staid at home the last week, had not the request of his friends for a slight recognition on the program been refused by the committee in charge. Judge Theodosius Sealawag Botkin was recognized, however.

The G. A. R. encampment at Wichita last week was what it was intended to be—a great Republican "blow out." Weaver, Simpson and other famous Populists were prominently displayed on the posters, but those in charge were careful to see that they did not get on the program. Those brave old soldiers who had broken with the Republican party in response to honest convictions, who went to Wichita, (and there were not many of them who cared to attend) found that they could not gather around the camp fire, mingle with their comrades, and listen to the narration of the events of their old camp life, without submitting to base appeals to the prejudices of the war, and suffering absolute insult to their integrity and intelligence from a promiscuous lot of demagogues selected for the occasion. If there ever was a time when the G. A. R. was non-partisan that time has passed. The mask has been thrown off. The inevitable appeal to prejudice rather than reason was present in nearly every speech, and the universal insinuation was that all People's party men were insane. The notorious Judge Botkin whose courage to plot the assassination of Sam Wood was given him by the Republican senate of Kansas, was accorded the platform to heap a mass of misrepresentation upon Jerry Simpson, but Jerry's place on the program was purposely delayed until the last day in the evening, when the committee had become well aware that Jerry was safely out of town. We hope Republicans may have no more to say about secret-society politics.

"Farmer" Smith and Chester I. Long laboriously orated with 150 to 200 auditors at South Haven Tuesday and Mulvane on Wednesday. At the latter place some "miscreant" had billed the town with a lot of slips headed "Take One," containing the "Farmer's" Alliance record as copied in full elsewhere in today's paper, and although he pretended to be thankful for the service rendered by the said "miscreant" he floundered around in copious perspiration, magnanimous explanation and apparent indignation for fully a half hour, but never once told his audience whether they did or did not represent his views. Neither

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speaker touched a single solitary question of political economy—not one. The height of their statesmanship seemed to be in searching out technical short-comings, posing as the guardian of all patriotism both state and national, dismissing the claims of others with a bit of ridicule and sarcasm. "Farmer" Smith, who wants to be Governor of the great state of Kansas said that the Alliance had taken refuge "under the filthy mantle of Mrs. Lease." Think of the weight of that argument and the standard of dignity expressed by it. If the Republican party hopes to redeem itself by this sort of speeches it is doomed to bitter disappointment.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

The Monitor is trying its best to make a little political capital against the editor of the VOICE because of the criticism it has offered concerning the candidacy of Mrs. Carson for county Superintendent. A more unfair statement of our position could scarcely have been made than that which it perpetrated last week. Starting out by saying: "We get a sample of the high moral and religious plane on which the VOICE proposes to conduct the county campaign in the attacks it is making week after week upon Mrs. Carson, the Republican candidate for superintendent of schools," it proceeds to hold us up as an ungallant whelp who has been "emboldened" by Mrs. Carson's temporary absence from the city "to attempt to discredit her standing as an instructor."

Now, really, we thought we had been fighting "skunks" in close quarters long enough to have established a reputation that should have spared us the ignominious charge of awaiting the convenient absence of a lady candidate before we should dare to speak a word of criticism concerning her candidacy. It seems that Grandmother Campbell refuses to recognize the fact, so we submit it to the people. Now as to the "attack." We have made no "attack" whatever on Mrs. Carson. We have always credited her with being a lady of fine attainments. We say here now at the outset that we have no doubt she is amply qualified so far as education and experience as a teacher goes, to fill the office of county superintendent. The criticisms which we saw fit to offer concerning her candidacy were prefaced as follows:

"The VOICE recognizes in Mrs. Carson a lady of culture and refinement and would be the last one to intentionally do her an injustice. Nevertheless there are some things touching her filling the position to which she aspires which appear to be incompatible and which should undoubtedly debar her from receiving the boon which she craves."

We then set out that because of her sex she was physically incapacitated to visit all the schools of the county as required by law, and showed that with all his vigor, Supt. McLaughlin had been unable to get around to all of them. Sumner county is one of the largest counties in the state and has 197 school districts. A large part of these visits must necessarily be made when the weather is cold and disagreeable. The law evidently considers these visits important, else it would not have so specified, and in reality they are important. We also showed that Mrs. Carson had spurned the offer of the People's party to make her Superintendent two years ago, that the breach made by her declination was filled by J. W. McLaughlin, who had been elected in the face of a violent personal campaign against him, and had filled the position so satisfactorily as to make friends of his enemies and to cover his record with honor and respect from every quarter; that he was better qualified for a second term than he was for the first, therefore Mrs. Carson was not entitled to the support of People's party men. Now there is nothing in this that is derogatory to Mrs. Carson as a lady or as an instructor—certainly nothing that will in any way compare with the unjust personal attacks made upon Supt. McLaughlin last year. But says the Monitor, "The VOICE publishes as a fact to her discredit that she resigned as principal of the high school rather than stand an examination." The Monitor tells people that we made this statement as an evidence of the superiority of the educational attainments of Mr. McLaughlin, but it was not made in that spirit at all. We called attention to it by saying, "Great stress is placed on Mrs. Carson's scholarship and ability. Where has it been shown? She resigned her position as principal of the high school before she would stand an examination by the school board." And further on in the

same paragraph we asked: "Then where is the evidence of her superiority in education?" We don't like to see people lay claim to such great superiority without some proof of the same. The Monitor does not deny but what she did resign and for the reason we stated, but says she "objected to an arbitrary ruling of the board requiring them to pass an examination in all branches taught or likely to be taught in the high school instead of on studies they were expected to teach." Our information is that the board required examination on the branches laid down in the curriculum of the high school, and had they required anything short of that they would have been derelict of their duty under the law. Because no latin class was "in sight" was no reason why the principal of a high school professing to teach it should not be prepared to teach it if necessity arose for it. But, pleads this willom champion of the "oppressed," Mrs. Carson was willing to take the full examination, if insisted on, but decided to make common cause with Miss Price, who was not. So you would have us believe Mrs. Carson was on a "strike." Your record on that line has not been very favorable nor particularly lenient toward those who make "common cause."

We honor and respect Mrs. Carson as heretofore stated, and we only devote this space to her candidacy because her friends have seen fit to claim so much superiority for her over others, and not because we wish to take away from her one atom of the reputation she has made as a teacher and a lady.

The statements we have made concerning her candidacy have been made in all good feeling, and we are quite sure we have said nothing that was untrue, nor have we related truths in a harsh manner. Her candidacy is public property and the people have a right to expect fair criticism of the same.

To the Alliance and People's Party of Sumner County.

BROTHERS: The time for decisive action is at hand. The trumpet has sounded the call and the hour is at hand when every true friend of our great reform move must gird on his armor and go forth to the mighty conflict upon which we are about entering, the result of which must and will decide the weal or woe of our fair country and state—yea, I feel I may truthfully say the destiny of our nation. Already our enemies, the sworn enemies of human rights and human freedom, are marshaling their cohorts for the mighty struggle. The lines are drawn, the plan of the conflict already mapped out by the bosses and heedless of what they are doing, the great mass of the old parties will rush to the conflict with them. It is a question of party supremacy and not of principle. Led on by their leaders and old party bosses, who hunger for offices, they will rush madly to the polls and cast their ballots, not for principle, but, as I have said, for party supremacy, utterly regardless of what the result of that ballot may be.

For many years this has been the character of all our elections. Deception and fraud have been practiced upon the unsuspecting people by their leaders in order to continue themselves in office and to keep the reins of government in the hands of their party, until the language of Scripture is fulfilled: "If the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch." Every thoughtful man in Sumner county, who has come out of the old parties and has identified himself with the Alliance and People's party, will bear me witness that the above assertions are true.

Today, my brethren, we are reaping the reward of such blind folly. Love of party supremacy has driven us to the conditions which surround us today, which if not speedily checked, must and will be the death of free government in America.

As I sit alone and take a retrospective view of conditions surrounding us, I am forced to the conviction that if ever in the history of our government there was a time for candid, serious, sincere, honest thought and careful consideration of the conditions and circumstances which surround us, it is now.

As I cast my eyes on the vast field spread out before me and take in, as it were at one glance, our entire nation in a death struggle for existence, I behold a hideous monster, whose name is monopoly, enthroned in Wall street, who sways his scepter over our nation in defiance of all law and justice. With his relentless hand he

has taken hold upon the vitals of the nation and as each succeeding day passes by he continues to bind his fetters tighter and tighter upon the vitals of the nation. Labor in all its forms is crushed beneath his iron heel. Thousands who would gladly work if they could get it to do, are compelled to remain in idleness and starve, beg or steal and thus end their days in state prison. Industries and business of every nature is stagnated and thousands of business men are every year driven to the wall and all this is true, despite all the long-winded and labored articles of the subsidized partisan press upon the prosperity of the nation. In the midst of this general wreck, monopoly sits enthroned in the midst of his ill-gotten gains, stolen from labor and production and when the people dare to speak of law and justice, he waves his scepter triumphantly, and with defiance exclaims, "The people's laws be d—d! I know no law but what I buy."

My brethren, these conditions surround us today, all assertions of the g. o. p. press to the contrary, and if permitted to exist much longer, in the language of John Hancock we may also exclaim, "the sun of American liberty has forever set." Fraud, deception and corruption of the deepest dye exists on every hand and no thinking man, if he calmly and unprejudicedly views the situation as it is, can fail to see it.

It has already become evident that there is nothing too low for Republican leaders of today to stoop to in order to retain the reins of government, both state and national. Sometimes I think if the Republican party of Lincoln's day could view the corruption of today, it would blush for shame, hide itself in the folds of the stars and stripes and forever vanish out of sight.

I may be severely criticised by the Republican press of Sumner county for these assertions, but this I expect. Let me say, I seek no higher reward than the approval of a just God and my own conscience and that I have. I stand upon the people's platform, whose principles I have advocated for so many years and no incentive or offer of bribery or reward will ever tempt me to step off of it and until I pass into the celestial government of God above, I expect to give my energies of mind and soul to the cause of the people against all monopoly, tyranny and oppression.

Brothers and friends of reform, the conditions I have spoken of surround us today. What are you going to do? Are you going to stand shoulder to shoulder in Sumner county for our cause or will you allow little petty grievances and deceptions and false assertions of the g. o. p. lead you back to cast your ballot against our beloved cause? Let me appeal to you not to listen to the siren song of those who wave the bloody shirt and for the sake of success even assail the character of upright christian gentlemen, in the hope of gaining success, by false assertions and base falsehoods. Know you not that such men would assail the character of Jesus Christ, were he on earth and opposed their views? No, a thousand times no. Let none of these things move you. Be men! Be heroes in the strife! Stand with both feet firmly planted in the middle of the people's platform, not with one foot on the corner or edge, but both in the middle and with the stars and stripes waving above you, cast your ballot for the whole people's ticket. Do this and certain victory will perch on our banner.

OLD D. T. ROSE.

The Salt Problem.

Editor Voice: Nine out of every ten people admit that there is need of reform, and that there is something wrong with present social conditions. But like an owl at midday they are unable to see things clearly, so founder around and inaugurate strikes etc., in a vain effort to change the existing order of things. But a strike never did and never can remedy these evils which are so patent to all. Working men strike today, and perhaps, from necessity, their employer is compelled to concede their demands. But the same conditions will exist tomorrow, and then perhaps their employer will have a little time to prepare for a struggle, and the men find themselves locked out. And thus capital and labor war with each other, both losing, and neither accomplishing anything towards bringing about a condition that will in future make such a conflict an utter impossibility. Very recently the salt rakers at Hutchinson struck for \$1.75 for 12 hours work, a raise of 25 cents for 12 hours. The men were notified to go back at the old scale or

come in and get their pay; the company claiming that they could not afford to pay the increase, and have shut down their works. It may be true that they cannot afford to pay more, but it is a fact that the salt companies of Kansas pay in excessive freights, enough to pay their salt rakers 20 cents an hour, and their coopers 5 cents per barrel, instead of 4 and leave themselves a nice round sum for dividends. It seems that the people of this state are blinder than the noonday owl; they know these things, for the salt men, the wholesale grocers, and the implement men of Kansas have repeatedly brought the matter of rate discrimination before the Inter State commerce commission, without being able to gain the slightest relief. It is dollars and cents that people are after, and it has been truly said that a dollar saved is better than a dollar earned. Then if there is any way for people to save dollars, is it not strange that they will hesitate? There is but one thing in this world that will keep the masses from doing so, and that is, that it might conflict with some of their old traditions and be contrary to the principles of the political party that accident has made them a follower of. Away with party, say I, if it is being used to rob me, and up with the one that will save me a dollar! Kansas is the center of the Union, and Hutchinson the great salt center nearly the exact geographical center of the United States. With equal charges, then, throughout the U. S. for equal distance, Kansas ought, and would furnish more than one half of this country with salt. With such a territory to supply, Hutchinson, Wellington and those cities of this state fortunate enough to possess salt, would spring into cities of the first magnitude in a short time; property would advance; empty stores and dwellings fill up and wealth and prosperity come to the people. This condition can be brought about in but one manner, and that is for the government to take the railroads and operate them at cost. That this would fail to do so I challenge any man to deny through the press. And as it will do this, why do people hesitate for one minute to work for, vote for the only party that is pledged to bring around this altered condition? The saving in freights to the salt owners would enable them to pay their help 25 per cent more, and leave a large surplus for themselves. Now, honor bright, Republicans can you, honestly, truthfully, point to one single solitary sentence in the Republican platform that you know, or even think will save one farthing to you? No, you cannot. Then why do you tarry with them longer? Shake off the shackles that bind you to them and come out boldly for the People's party;—the only party that today can and will save dollars for you; the party of laboring people and for the laboring class. Can you not, laboringman, better intrust your interests to those engaged in the same walks of life as yourself, than to those who neither toil nor spin? The farmer will be interested in having the same laws as yourself; the latter cares naught for you only to use you to further their own selfish ends. For once, then, leave the Republican party and see if the world will not revolve as usual.

R. E. BRAY.
Hutchinson Kansas, August 20, 1892.

Abuse.
The time has come for me to be abused again, I judge from what appears in the Monitor. Gentlemen, I have no time to "Come Down" therefore I hope the good people of Sumner will bear in mind my actual service for them during the past two years,—that is ask themselves, what have I seen and what do I know of the Superintendent's work? How have I been treated? I do not intend to write another article in defense of my work.

I understand I am to be abused by a little sheet, not far away. However I propose to manifest a christian spirit during the mean time, do my work faithfully and if re-elected continue on this line, looking after the moral character among teachers as well as text-book ability, thereby protecting the innocent girls and boys of our county. I know that my work on this line of morality has caused some unfriendly feeling. However, I am not ashamed of the past. Any one can come into my office and call for any record of my proceedings and I sincerely hope all will be found according to law. In closing I ask my friends not to publish or resent any of the enemy's work—if I have enemies. No doubt I shall be made to appear quite ignorant, probably steal a horse or two, but I am determined no one

shall catch me on the stolen horse. Bidding the reading public adieu on subjects of this character and hoping Mrs. M. M. Carson—a christian lady—and myself shall be treated with respect due from an enlightened community.

I am respectfully your servant,
JOHN W. McLAUGHLIN,
County Superintendent.

GROWING SULTRY.

The Honest Yeomanry of Sumner County Becoming Indignant at the Importation of Negroes for the Purpose of Destroying Their Suffrage.

A Scheme on Foot to Fight it to the Bitter End.

There was a little gathering of Alliance men in Wellington last Tuesday and while talking over business matters the subject of "negro colonization" came up. Several red-hot speeches were made against the high-handed outrage and indignation knew no bounds. A scheme was set on foot to gather up a wagon load of wheat from each township in the county with which to head the procession in Wellington on the day of the first People's party rally. There being thirty townships this would make 30 wagon loads of wheat; and then the proposition was to load it into cars and ship it to market, the proceeds to go to a fund to prevent the perpetration of this infamous outrage on the peaceable and law-abiding citizens of this county, and to prosecute the negroes and the perpetrators. A number of townships have already pledged the load of wheat and it is safe to say that not a single township in the county will fail. Aside from the grand purpose in view it will make quite a novel sight. Let each township take hold and make this move a success. Those desiring to contribute their grain for that purpose should leave their names with their central committees.

THE "FARMER'S" RECORD.

A Few of the "Visionary, Impracticable and Unconstitutional" Measures Advocated by "Farmer" Smith in 1890.

The following resolutions were reported to the McPherson county Alliance in January 1890 by a committee of which A. W. Smith was chairman:

First—That we demand the abolition of national banks, and the substitution of legal tender treasury notes, issued in lieu of national bank notes in sufficient volume to do the business of the country on a cash system regulating the amount needed on a per capita basis as the business interests of the country expand, and that all money issued be legal tender for payment of debts both public and private.

Third—That we demand, the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Fifth—Believing in the doctrine of "equal rights to all; special privileges to none," we demand that taxation national or state, shall not be used to build up one interest or class at the expense of another. We believe that the money of the country should be kept so much as possible, in the hands of the people and hence we demand that all revenues, national, state or county, shall be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, economically and honestly administered.

Sixth—That congress issue a sufficient amount of fractional paper currency to facilitate exchange through the medium of the United States mail.

Seventh—That the means of communication and transportation shall be owned by, and operated for the interests of the people, as in the United States postal system.

Eighth—That we favor commercial treaties which will discriminate in favor of those nations which accept silver as legal tender money, as well as gold, and against those which have demonetized silver.

Ninth—That we advocate free sugar with bounty to home produce equal to present tariff duties, free lumber and free coal.

Fifteenth—Resolved, That we will not support for the nomination any man for United States senator, member of congress, state senator or representative, who will not, to his utmost ability, aid in carrying out the objects of the above resolutions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. W. SMITH,
C. W. VITTM,
J. S. HOOPER,
Committee.

Hurrah for Jerry.

Christian Standard.
The committee of congress, charged with investigating Mr. Watson's statement that the members of congress have been upon the floor drunk and reeling about the aisles, made a report just before the final adjournment on August 5, in which they say that, while certain members have been in the House while under the influence of liquor, Mr. Watson's charges are not true. Jerry Simpson, however, brought in a minority report declaring the charges to be true, and citing evidence given before the committee in support of his declaration. Since the days of Caleb and Joshua we have had great respect for minority reports, and Jerry Simpson's does not tend to lessen that respect. Minority reports are usually the offspring of conscience and conviction in legitimate wedlock.

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