

Thos. F. Bayard (Dem.) has been elected President pro tem. of the U. S. Senate.

IS IT SO?

The calling of the Greenback and Democratic conventions to meet at the same time and place, next Saturday, is not so much the result of chance as it is the carrying out of a well arranged plan fixed up week before last by a caucus, the prime mover of which was S. N. Wood, of Topeka.

The Leader man, in his zeal for the success of his party, and especially when he has great fear of the defeat of that party, as must surely be the case with him and all other Republicans in Chase county when a fusion of the Greenback and Democratic parties seems to be about to be consummated, hesitates not to put in print what he knows to be false, from beginning to end.

fixed the day, on the part of the Greenbackers, that would suit the Democrats; and, as for the meeting of the Democratic Central Committee, which made the call for a Democratic convention to be held in the Court-house, last Saturday morning—the Greenback convention being held in the afternoon—and which committee meeting was held in the front part of the Courant office, with the front doors standing wide open, we will say that the following communication, which is signed by every gentleman present at that meeting, except Mr. George Hardesty, who spoke not a word during the meeting, will show how little Mr. Wood had to do with the determining of the day for holding the Democratic convention; but before giving the letter we will say it remains to be seen if the Greenbackers and Democrats are going to take heed of the "scare-crows" that will be erected by the Republicans to keep them asunder and thus prevent their entering the field of public office, which the Republicans have so long occupied, or if they will unite their forces, and thus secure to themselves the election of some of their own chosen friends. This is the letter:

COTTONWOOD FALLS, KAN., } October 8, 1881. To the Editor of the Courant: DEAR SIR, Having been present at the meeting of the Chase County Democratic Central Committee, held in the Courant office on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24, 1881, at which time and place said committee decided to hold a mass convention of the Democracy of this county, to day, to nominate a county ticket to be voted for, this fall, we do, each and all of us, say that we did not, either singly or collectively, have anything to say to S. N. Wood about when, where or how the Democratic county convention should be held; nor did we, or any of us, consult him in any way whatsoever on the subject.

four loads, and Charlie Winters, four loads. The Coal Company's bills for each of these two cars of coal, the freight bills, Mr. Kuhl's weight bills for each load hauled—his bill for weighing the coal—and the bills made by the parties who delivered the coal were delivered to J. S. Shipman, County Treasurer, and received for at the time he made payment for the same; and he presented them to the County Board, Jan. 3, 1881, and the Board issued therefor County Order No. 9515. All of the vouchers pertaining to said two cars of coal are on file in the County Clerk's office, and can be seen at any time.

On October 25, 1880, I received a car load of coal, not as County Clerk, nor shipped to me as County Clerk, nor billed to me for Chase county, but billed to S. A. Breese. Of this car, I received 138.35 bushels; W. S. Romigh took 53.31 bushels; W. H. Holsinger, 50.65 bushels; N. J. Swayze, 50.10 bushels, and J. M. Tuttle, 88.9 bushels. They all paid me in money for the coal they received, and I sent a draft to the Coal Company therefor, Nov. 5, 1880. No part of the expense of this car of coal was ever charged to, or paid by Chase county, except it be the paper the order was written on. I yet have in my possession the bill rendered by the Coal Company, the freight and weight bills and even the piece of paper containing a statement of each individual's proportion of expense in delivering the coal.

Now, friend "Tax Payer," if you will have the kindness to examine into this matter of which you complain, and do not find the facts substantially as I have stated them, I will make you a present of \$500 or its equivalent. As to your other "queries," I can only refer you to the Honorable Board of County Commissioners. They alone are responsible for their acts. They are all careful business men, and among our heaviest "tax payers."

P. S. I still reserve the right to purchase coal for my own residence, and to divide with my neighbors when I have more than I need, for I am compelled to buy or borrow of them, at times. B.

POLITICAL MEETINGS.

DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Pursuant to adjournment, the Democratic County Central Committee met in the Courant office, at 9 o'clock, last Saturday morning; and, on motion, informed the Greenback Central Committee that if they had any proposition to make to the Democrats in regard to a fusion ticket, this fall, this committee would consider it, and if it was not acceptable to this committee, this committee would make a proposition to the

GREENBACK CENTRAL COMMITTEE, which, for want of a quorum, did not meet that morning, and, hence, made no proposition to the Democratic committee.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. Pursuant to call of the County Central Committee, the Democrats of Chase county met in mass convention, at 10 o'clock, a. m., in the District Court room, and elected C. H. Carswell as President of the convention and Arch Miller as Secretary. After which the convention took a recess till 1 o'clock, in the afternoon.

At 1 o'clock, p. m., the convention re-assembled in the Sheriff's office and, in the absence of the President and Secretary, J. M. Bealman was elected President pro tem, and W. E. Timmons, Secretary pro tem.

W. S. Romigh moved that a committee of five be appointed to confer with a like committee from the Greenback convention which then in session, to try and devise some way by which a union of the two parties could be effected for the coming election; which motion prevailed, and C. H. Carswell, W. E. Timmons, J. G. Faris, H. W. Park and Dr. J. W. Stone were appointed said committee.

After which the convention took a recess to await the report of

the JOINT COMMITTEE of the two parties, which met in the ante-room of the Court-house, and proceeded to business by the election of H. N. Simmons as Chairman, and C. H. Carswell as Secretary; after which Mr. Timmons

made a motion that the names of the different offices to be voted for be written on slips of paper and put into a hat, and then drawn out one at a time, and that the Greenbackers nominate for the first office drawn out, and the Democrats have the nomination for the second office drawn out, and so on through the list; which motion was not put for want of a second. Dr. Stone then made a motion that the words "Greenback" and "Democrat" be written on separate pieces of paper and placed in a hat and then drawn out, and whichever was drawn first that party should have the first office in the order in which they were named in the Democratic call, and each alternate office thereafter, and that the other party have the other half of the ticket; which motion was not put for want of a second. Mr. Britton then made a motion that the Greenbackers have the first office as named in the Democratic call, and the Democrats second, and so on through the list; which was adopted, and the committee adjourned.

The Democratic members of this committee then reported to their convention the action of the committee; which report was accepted and adopted, and the Secretary instructed to report the same to the Greenback convention; which was done.

A report was then received from the Greenback convention that it had rejected the report of the joint committee.

The convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m., Saturday, October 15, 1881.

As the Secretary of the GREENBACK CONVENTION failed to furnish us, as requested, with a report of said convention we can only give their nominations now, but will publish their full proceedings, next week, if the Secretary will only furnish us with them. Their ticket is as follows: For Treasurer, H. N. Simmons; for Sheriff, Geo. Balch; for County Clerk, H. E. Snider; for Register of Deeds, W. H. Manly; for County Surveyor, C. G. Allen.

GREENBACK CENTRAL COMMITTEE. The Greenback Central Committee will meet at the Court-house on Saturday, October 15, 1881, at 2 o'clock, p. m.; and, as business of importance is to be transacted, a full attendance is desired. M. A. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce W. C. Thomas as a candidate for Sheriff, at the ensuing November election, subject to the nomination of the Republican convention.

ED. COCHRAN: Please announce that I will be a candidate before the Republican county convention for the office of Sheriff of Chase county. W. S. SMITH.

TO THE PEOPLE: I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Chase county, and will abide by the decision of the Republican county convention. I only ask a fair trial by regularly elected delegates. Respectfully, FRANK H. BARRINGTON.

We are authorized to announce F. E. Smith as a candidate for Sheriff of Chase county at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce L. A. Loomis as a candidate for Sheriff of this county at the ensuing November election, subject to nomination of the Greenback county convention.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce S. A. Breese as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk, at the ensuing November election.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Holsinger as a candidate for the office of County Clerk.

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A REPLY TO TAX PAYER. COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS, } Oct. 4th, 1881. To the Editor of the Courant: In last week's issue of the Courant I find a letter signed "Tax Payer," who, among other things, asks if there "was not a car load of coal bought, last winter, in the name of the county, and divided among four or five private citizens of Cottonwood Falls." Now, as I am the individual who purchased all coal, bought by the car-load, for Chase county, last winter, I will answer the "query." On October 6, 1880, the Board of County Commissioners made the following order, which is of record in Journal "B," page 379: "Ordered by the Board that S. A. Breese be and is hereby directed to purchase for Chase county, and cause to be delivered in the basement of the Court-house, two car loads, best Osage City shaft coal and five cords of four feet wood, and upon presentation of verified vouchers for the same, then that the County Treasurer pay for the same, and present the vouchers to this Board, for allowance at its next regular session."

W. S. Romigh, W. H. Holsinger and others were present when the Board made said order. Mr. Romigh suggested that I order, at the same time, a third car load; that he would take, at least, one-fourth of it. Holsinger and Tuttle also wanted some. I was requested to order the coal, which I did. My order was for three cars of coal, two of which were for Chase county, one for myself and others. The two car loads designed for Chase county were received—one Oct. 19, 1880, and the other Oct. 23, 1880, every bushel of which was weighed by J. P. Kuhl as it came from the depot, and it was all delivered in the basement of our Court-house. Of the first car, Oct. 19, Mr. Fry hauled one load; Wm. Craft, one load; Chas. Winters, two loads; John Winters, one load, and C. B. Hunt, three loads. Of the second car, Oct. 23 C. B. Hunt hauled

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