

Truly are we in troublous times. Just as we go to press a report reaches this office, that President Arthur was shot and killed, last night, about 12 o'clock; but, although the COURANT still retains the mourning we put on last week for President Garfield, we sincerely hope this report is untrue.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

In compliance with the following proclamation by His Honor Mayor J. P. Kuhl all the business houses of this city were closed, last Monday during the time in which the remains of our late, lamented President, James A. Garfield, were being deposited in their last resting place, in Lake View Cemetery, near Cleveland, Ohio, and, at 2 o'clock, the people repaired to the Congregational church, the interior of which was draped in mourning, and on whose walls were suspended several flags of our country, the largest one being immediately over the pulpit; and there they listened eloquent to addresses by the Revs. J. A. Taylor, A. Maxey and W. B. Fisher, the two latter delivering only short addresses:

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Chief Magistrate of the Nation lies dead at the Capitol, and is to be buried from our sight on Monday, the 26th instant;

and, WHEREAS, President Arthur has appointed Monday, September 26th, as a day of mourning;

Therefore, I earnestly request that all places of business in Cottonwood Falls be closed on Monday, September 26th, 1881, from 12 o'clock, m., till 5 o'clock, p. m., and that all persons repair to the Congregational church, at 2 o'clock, p. m., of said day, where appropriate services will be held in memory of the departed President.

J. P. Kuhl, Mayor.
COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS,
Sept. 24, 1881.

Mayor N. A. McCallum, of Strong City, issued a similar proclamation, and the business houses of that city were closed from noon until 4 o'clock, of the day on which the President was buried.

The U. S. Senate has been called to meet in extra session, on Monday, October 10.

Monday afternoon the remains of our much lamented President, James A. Garfield, were borne from the pavilion in Cleveland and laid in a vault at Lake View Cemetery the ceremony being concluded about 3 o'clock. It has been estimated that two hundred and fifty thousand persons were in attendance at the solemn ceremonies, the procession being eight or ten miles long. At the hour of burial memorial services were held throughout America and in many foreign countries, thus showing the estimation in which the illustrious dead was held both at home and abroad.

A local news paper is the mirror which reflects the intelligence and business enterprise of the town in which it is published. If the columns are well filled with the advertisements of those engaged in the mercantile and other business pursuits, you may rest assured that the town has a live class of business men. Those who pretend to do business in this progressive age without the aid of that powerful auxiliary, printer's ink, not only do themselves but the town and the community in which they live great injustice. The local press circulates extensively in the eastern States where the bulk of our emigration comes from, and it is but natural to assume the greater degree of business thrift—as reflected in the columns of its local paper—will be benefited correspondingly in the number who locate in its vicinity. The people have come to understand that the most liberal advertisers are the best firms to do business with, and of course accordingly. A well conducted paper does more toward building up a town than any other one agency, and the business man who will, from year to year, refuse to advertise in its columns is not worthy of a very large patronage, and we may observe, he don't get any more than he is entitled to, as a rule. Exchange.

The American Agriculturist for October 1st, contains a choice selection of articles on a wide range of subjects; among the leading contributors are: Peter Henderson, "Celery Planting in Dry Weather;" S. B. Parsons, Jr., "Right and Wrong in Rock Work;" Prof. G. C. Caldwell (Cornell University), "Manure Made Under Cover;" Tim Bunker, "Agin Changing Base;" Dr. J. B. Lawes (Rothamsted, England), "Nitrogen as Nitric Acid;" Prof. A. Lautard (Am. Vet. College), "Anthrax or Charbon;" Col. F. D. Curtis, "Swine Raising;" Hon. N. A. Willard, "American Cheese and Its Exports;" Mason C. Weld, "Unbiased Judging at fairs;" Prof. N. S. Townshend (Ohio University), "Wheat: Soil, Tillage, Varieties and Harvesting;" Dr. Manly Miles, "System in Farming;" Prof. Cyrus Thomas (Entomological Commission), "Counteracting Injurious Insects;" Mrs. E. H. Leland, "Rearing and training of Children." There are many other valuable illustrated articles, including Notes for Farms and Garden Work; Skunks, Ferrets; Plan of Small Barn; Flood Fence; Smut on Wheat, and Barley; Sulky Plows; New and Old Flowers; Notes from the Pines. A full supply of Household Reading; the Boys' and Girls' Column can but please and instruct the young. Terms, 1.50 a year, 15 cents a copy. Orange Judd Co., Publishers, New York.

BIOGRAPHY OF J. C. WHITTIER.

BY MISS MINNIE ELLIS.

On reading Whittier's life we are impressed with the fact that he had no childhood. His biographies invariably commence, "John Greenleaf Whittier was born at Haverhill, Mass., December 17th, 1807," and pass from thence to his 21st year, the supposed beginning of his literary life; whereas the influences surrounding his childhood were the key to his after life. Thus his boyhood and youth are left a blank, as far as the biographers are concerned. Perhaps, in this respect, we are fortunate, thereby being spared tedious accounts of miraculous progress in Latin and Greek, and of the cute sayings with which the lives of great men are interlarded; but we are not entirely deprived of an account of his life, for he has left to posterity a charming picture of his boyhood's happy days in his incomparable poems, "Bare Foot Boy," "In School Days" and "Snow Bound." There we see him gayly trudging after his cows, paddling in the brook, indifferent to summer's heat, though, even then, appreciative of nature's rare beauties in bud, bird and tree. His winter evenings were spent no less pleasantly. When night came on the family gathered around a cheerful hearth stone; then what matter how the north wind raved? the time was beguiled by Indian legends, quaint tales of witchcraft and imprisonment of Quakers. Thus he pursued the even tenor of his way to manhood, imbibing with the very air he breathed, that intense desire for liberty, and the dignity of honest labor, with which his poetry is permeated. There is a vague story extant in Haverhill to this effect: His first poetical efforts were composed in a hay mow, and written upon blank leaves torn from books; these, with great secrecy, were slipped under the door of the village printing office, and were duly published. His identity with them was not discovered for some time, as fact not fancy was in favor of the Pilgrim Fathers. However authentic this account may be, his first real venture on the sea of life was not made till his 21st year, when he assumed the editorship of the American Manufacturer, a paper devoted to discussion of the tariff. This paper was published in Boston. His connection with it was speedily ended. The next four or five years of his life were seemingly spent in drifting from one occupation to another, now we hear of him as a Legislator, a farmer or an editor; and at all times as an earnest friend of the down-trodden. His eloquent pen always struck a sure and steady blow in favor of the oppressed, whether the noble red man of the forest, deprived of his happy hunting grounds, the patient and heroic Quaker, perishing at the stake, or the sable Ethiopian, toiling 'mid

the cotton and the cane, all classes were sure of his sympathy. At the close of this period he published "Mog Magone," an Indian legend, and "Memoirs of Brainward." He also assumed the editorship of a paper in Philadelphia, entitled the Pennsylvania Freeman, an anti-slavery journal. His opinions were so pronouncedly against slavery, and were so freely expressed, that one night his office was invaded by a mob and burned. His writings have been very remunerative. In nearly every household a volume of Whittier's poems will be found, occupying a prominent position. Their great popularity is due to the fact that he is so thoroughly American. The greatest charm of his writings is his beautiful manner of dealing with every-day subjects. He clothes the pumpkin, sunflower, crickets and e'en the festive grasshopper with his glowing imagery, till in this ideal light they appear rare and beautiful. His talents have not decreased with increasing age, and we may, in the near future, look for a poem that will equal if not surpass the majority of his writings. He is now residing at Amesbury, Mass., a hale and hearty old man of 74; and we may echo the wish expressed in his lines on a pumpkin pie, "That the days of his lot may be lengthened below, And the fame of his worth, like a pumpkin vine, grow, And his life be as sweet, and its last sunset sky, Golden tinted and fair as a rich pumpkin pie."

MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Democratic County Central Committee met in the Courant office, last Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of taking action in regard to the holding of a county convention, this fall. The roll was called by the Secretary, W. E. Timmons, when the following members responded to their names: J. M. Bealman, of Bazaar township; E. C. Holmes, of Cottonwood township; H. W. Park, of Diamond Creek township; C. H. Carswell and W. E. Timmons, of Fall's township; and T. B. Johnson, of Toledo township. In the absence of J. R. Blackshire, Chairman of the committee, C. H. Carswell was elected Chairman pro tem.

On motion of Mr. Park, J. R. Holmes was allowed to act in the place of J. G. Faris, of Diamond Creek township.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, Dr. J. W. Stone was allowed to act instead of W. P. Martin, of Toledo township.

The following gentlemen, who were present, were, on motion, invited to take part in the discussion of questions before the committee: Geo. Hardesty, J. P. Kuhl, W. F. Holmes, W. S. Romigh, Jacob Hornberger and T. L. Upton.

Mr. Park moved that a call be made for a mass convention of the Democracy of Chase county to meet at the Court-house in Cottonwood Falls, at 2 o'clock, p. m., October 8, 1881, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket, electing a County Central Committee and transacting such other business as necessarily comes before such conventions.

Dr. Stone moved to amend the motion by inserting 10 o'clock, a. m., instead of 2 o'clock, p. m. The motion was then adopted as amended.

On motion, the committee then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, a. m., Saturday, October 8, 1881.

C. H. CARSWELL,
W. E. TIMMONS, Ch'm'n pro tem.
Secretary.

QUERIES.

DIAMOND CREEK, KANSAS,
Sept. 26, 1880.

To the Editor of the Courant:

DEAR SIR, From the fact that three prisoners recently broke out of our county jail it would seem that that institution is not the secure one we had been thinking it was. In fact, I have been told that it is unfit to keep prisoners in, and that the Sheriff has to keep a guard around it of nights, at the expense of the county. Who was the prime mover in spending the people's money in improvements around the front of the Court-house, where it will do no good? Had that money of the people been spent in putting cells in the jail, it would have been of some benefit to the poor tax payers.

Another thing the tax payers would like to know before the elec-

tion comes off in November, is, 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, and, if so, who made said purchase. The poor taxpayers would like to have this coal business divided up a little more, so that they, too, may be benefited thereby, or to have it stopped altogether; that is, if it has ever been begun. A TAX PAYER.

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS.

I will, as soon as the list can be prepared, publish a large extra edition of the Soldiers' Reunion Banner, containing the names, regiments, and residences of all the old veterans in attendance upon this the grandest and greatest reunion of the old soldiers and sailors ever held in Kansas, together with a full account of the proceedings thereof. All persons desiring copies will please address me, giving names and postoffice address, with either money order or postage stamps enclosed in payment. Price, 5 cents per copy, or \$4.00 per hundred copies.

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TOPEKA, KAS., Sept. 17, 1881.

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It is stated as a remarkable fact that on the 12th day of August last not a drop of rain fell anywhere within the limits of the United States. There is no record of any other day of like universal drouth.

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. COURANT: 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. Breen as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk, at the ensuing November election.

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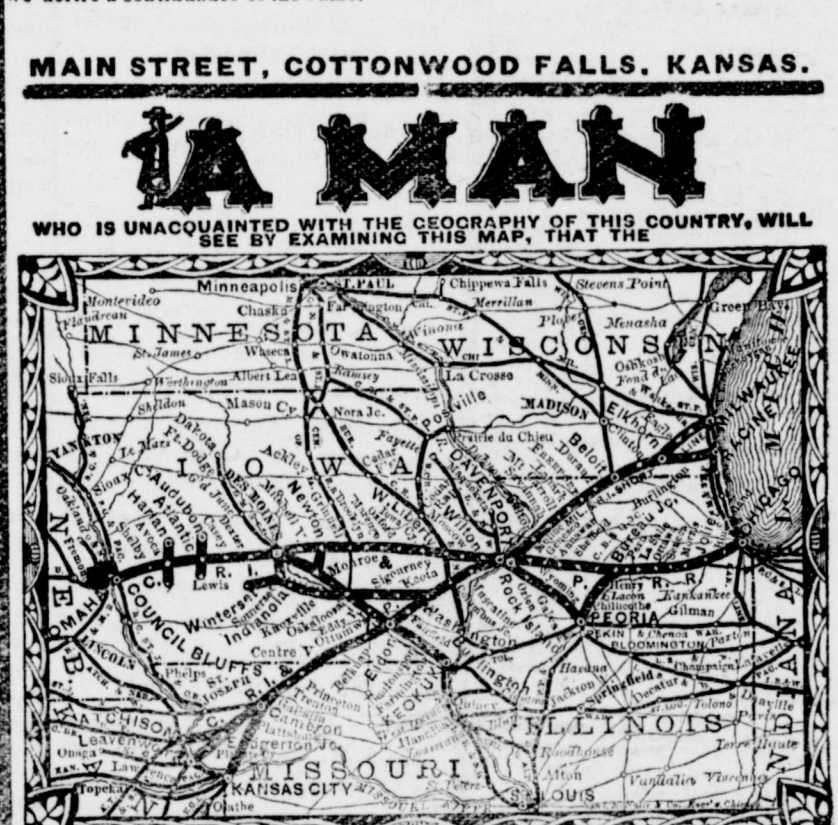
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