

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

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LAW OFFICE
OF
S. E. WHEAT.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, October 9, 1902.

Grant W. Harrington Esq.,
Hiawatha,
Kansas,

Dear Sir;

While in Topeka yesterday, I called at the Democratic head - quarters to see you and, from what was said there, I inferred you would go to Topeka today, and therefore telephoned you this morning to ask you to stop here on your way over as I would like very much to talk with you about Senator Harris matters.

I think Greever and Ed. Murphy will be here in town Saturday morning and will try to let them know you will be here.

As I telephoned you this morning, the Union Pacific leaves here for Topeka at 10:15 A.M. and about 4 P.M.; the Santa Fe leaves at 7:45 A.M. and about 3:30 P.M.. If you conclude you want to go on the Santa Fe

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morning train, wish you would let me know intime so I can be down early enough to see you, otherwise I suppose if I meet you by eight o'clock at the National Hotel that would be early enough.

Wish you would come loaded with all the argumentative points and documents showing why Harris should be reelected, his chances for re-election and the hopelessness of Curtis's effort for the Senate *even if*

*Republicans control Kans Legislature
this coming session*

Yours &c.,

S. E. Wheat

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Leavenworth

Oct. 11, 1902.

Hon. Ed Murphy,

Leavenworth, Kans.

My Dear Sir:--

We have Harris billed to speak at Atchinson on the 21st.
Have written to Bailey Wagner to see if he can use Harris in the
afternoon. If he can, can have him come to Leavenworth at night.
This is the only show whereby we can get Harris to Leavenworth.

Yours truly,

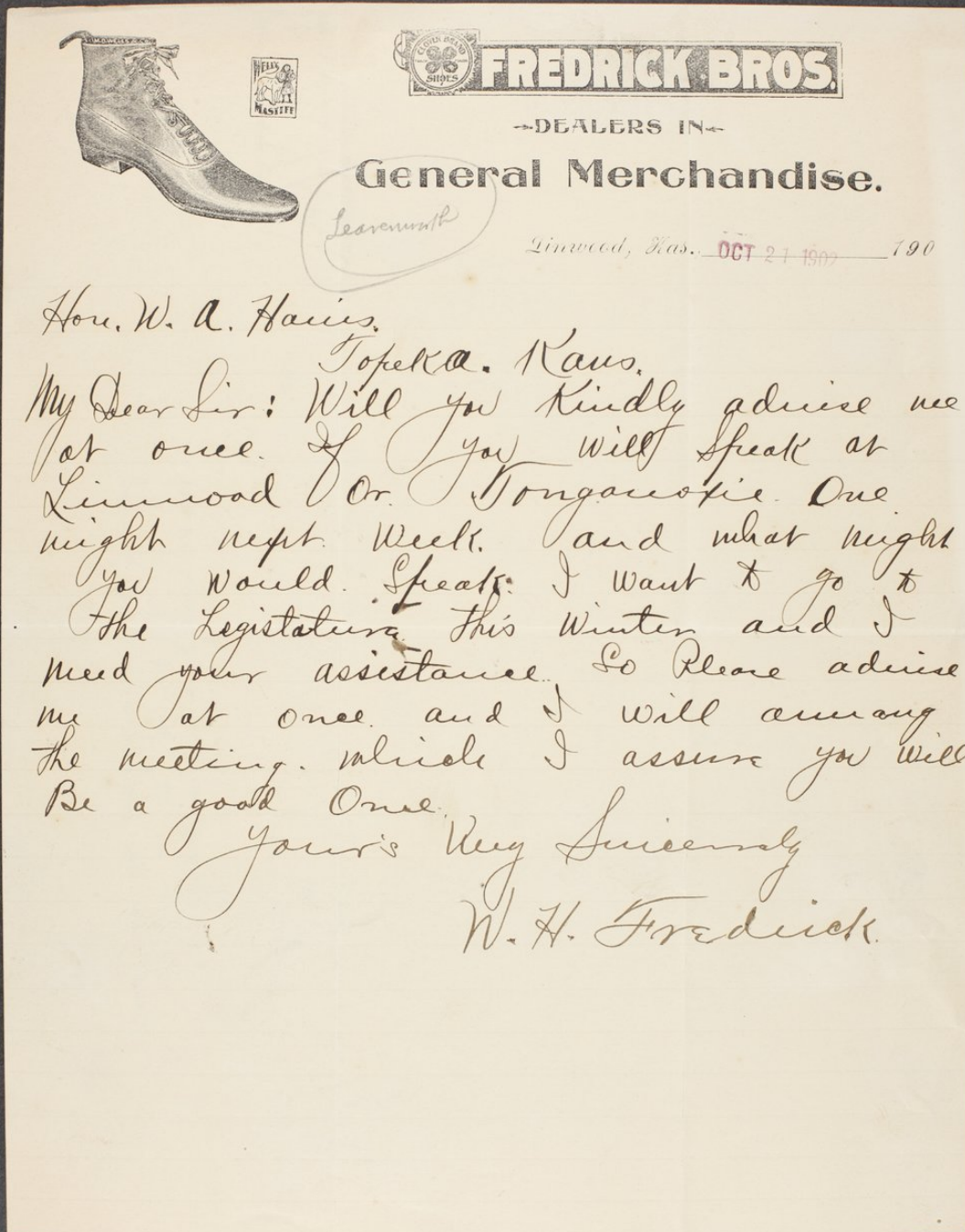
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LAW OFFICE
OF
S. E. WHEAT.
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Oct 16/02

Grant W. Harrington Esq.
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Sir: Ed Murphy asked me to write you urging
you to arrange so that Senator Harris can
have an evening meeting here the latter
part of the campaign. Murphy is out of
town at present, but I understand he
has met Wagner at Atchison seeking
to arrange with him so that the Senate
can be held in Atchison on the afternoon of
Oct 31 & have that night - but I doubt
very much Murphy's success, or Wagner's
willingness, to such ~~arranging~~ arrangement.
Please let me hear from you
in the matter as soon as you can oblige
Sincerely, S. E. Wheat

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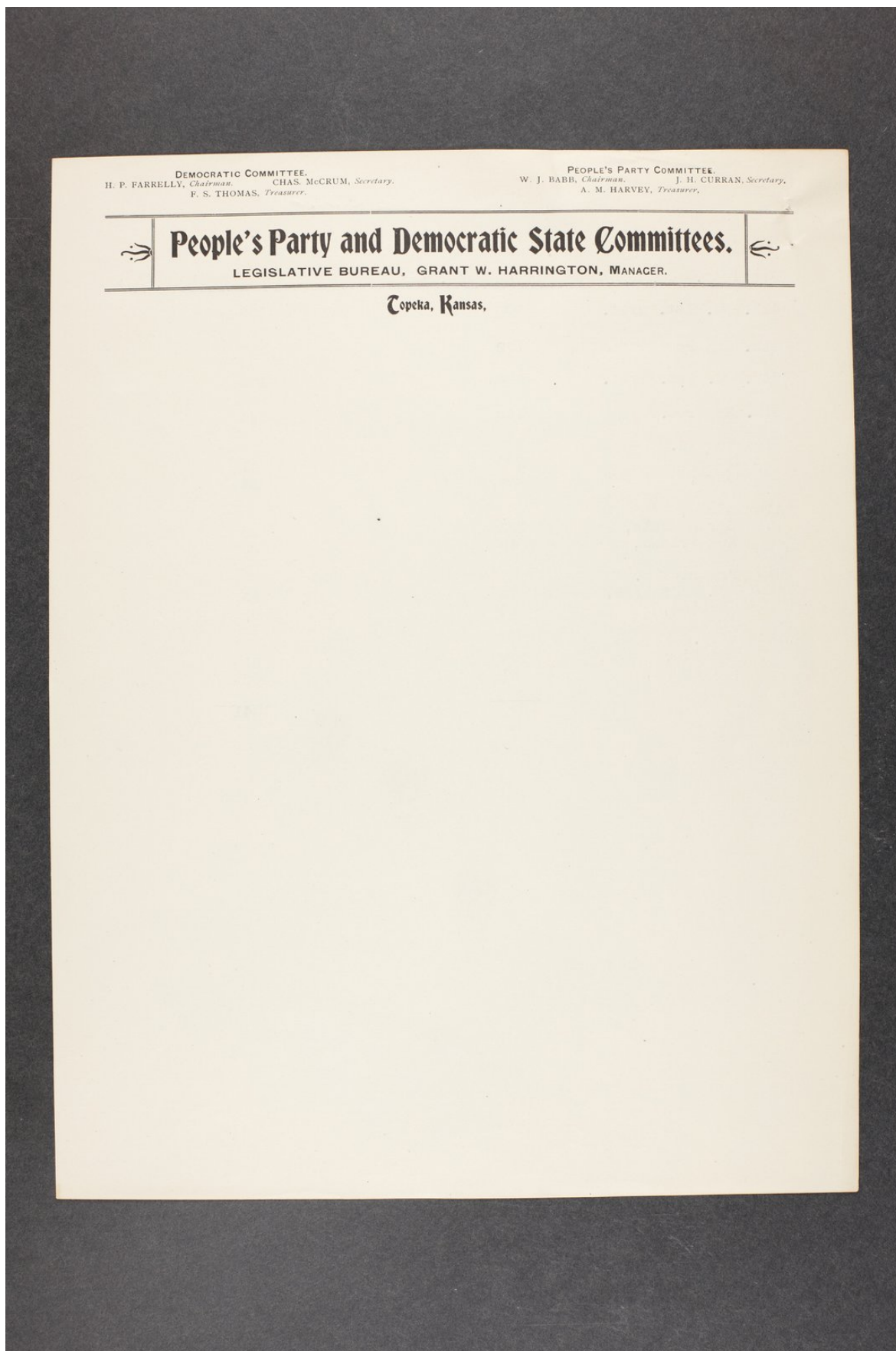


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North Platte
Leavenworth County, 6th. District.

Precinct.	Bryan vote. 1900	McKinley vote. 1900
4th. Wd. 1st. prt.	203	133
4th. 2nd Prc	172	112
5th. Wd. 1st. prt.	184	176
5th. 2ndPrc.	148	144
Kickapoo Tp.		
Kickapoo	100	41
Codey,	169	84
Alexandria,		
Spring Dale,	123	88
Acklerland,	40	33
High Prairie Tp.		
High Prairie,	73	53
Boling,	115	63
Easton Tp.		
Easton,	172	61
Millwood,	81	53
	<u>1580</u>	<u>1041</u>

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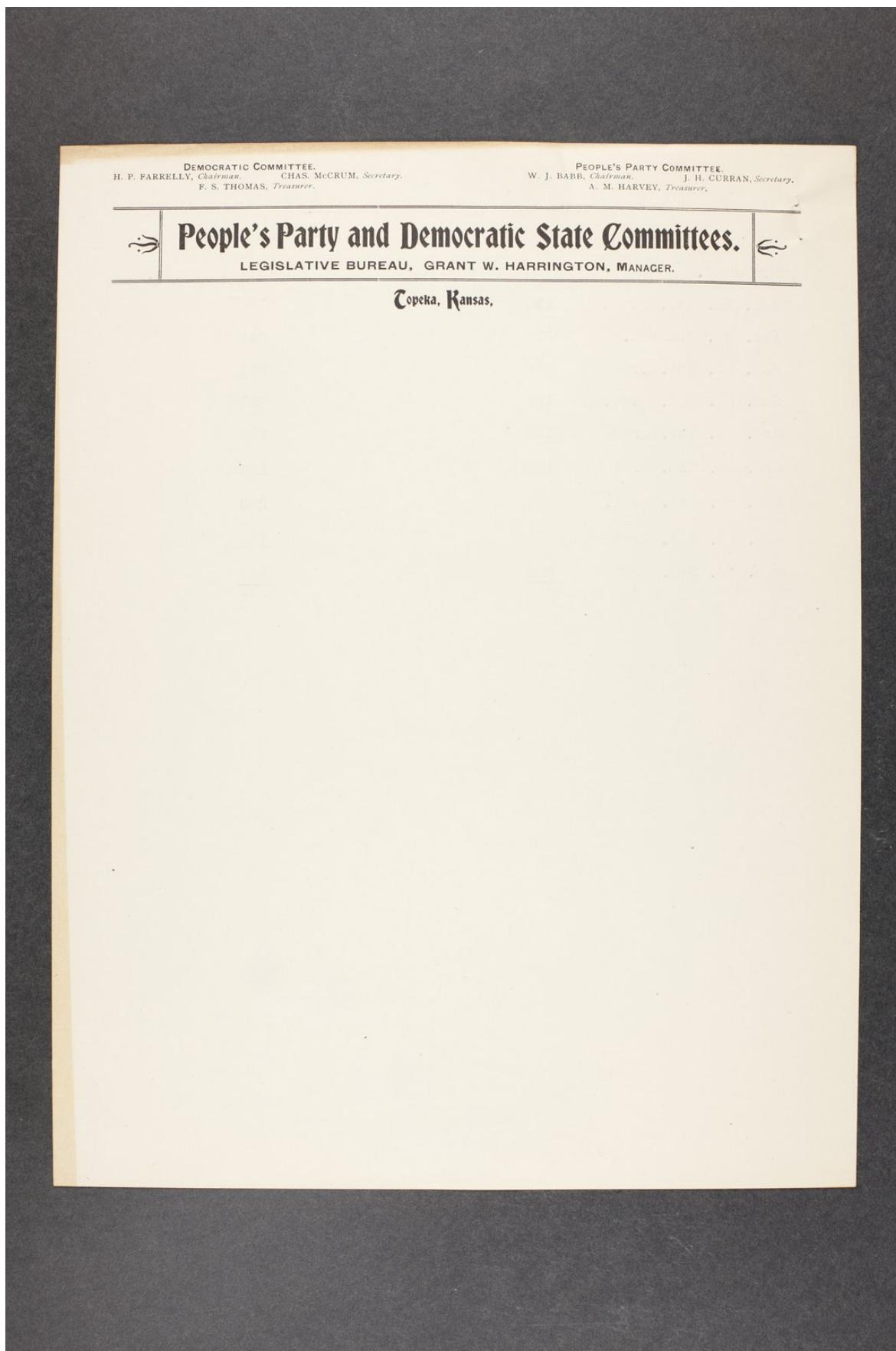


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Leavenworth County, Seventh District.

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1st. wd. 2ndPret.	215	244
2nd. wd. 1st. pret	162	241
2nd. Wd. 2nd. pret.	155	230
3rd. Wd. 1st. pret.	198	267
3rd. wd. 2nd. Pret	178	185
6th. wd. 1st. pret.	134	263
6th. wd. 2nd. pret	87	160
6th. wd. 3rd. pret	206	217
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DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE.
H. P. FARRELLY, *Chairman*. CHAS. McCURUM, *Secretary*.
F. S. THOMAS, *Treasurer*.

PEOPLE'S PARTY COMMITTEE.
W. J. BABB, *Chairman*. J. H. CURRAN, *Secretary*.
A. M. HARVEY, *Treasurer*.



People's Party and Democratic State Committees.



LEGISLATIVE BUREAU, GRANT W. HARRINGTON, MANAGER.

Topeka, Kansas,

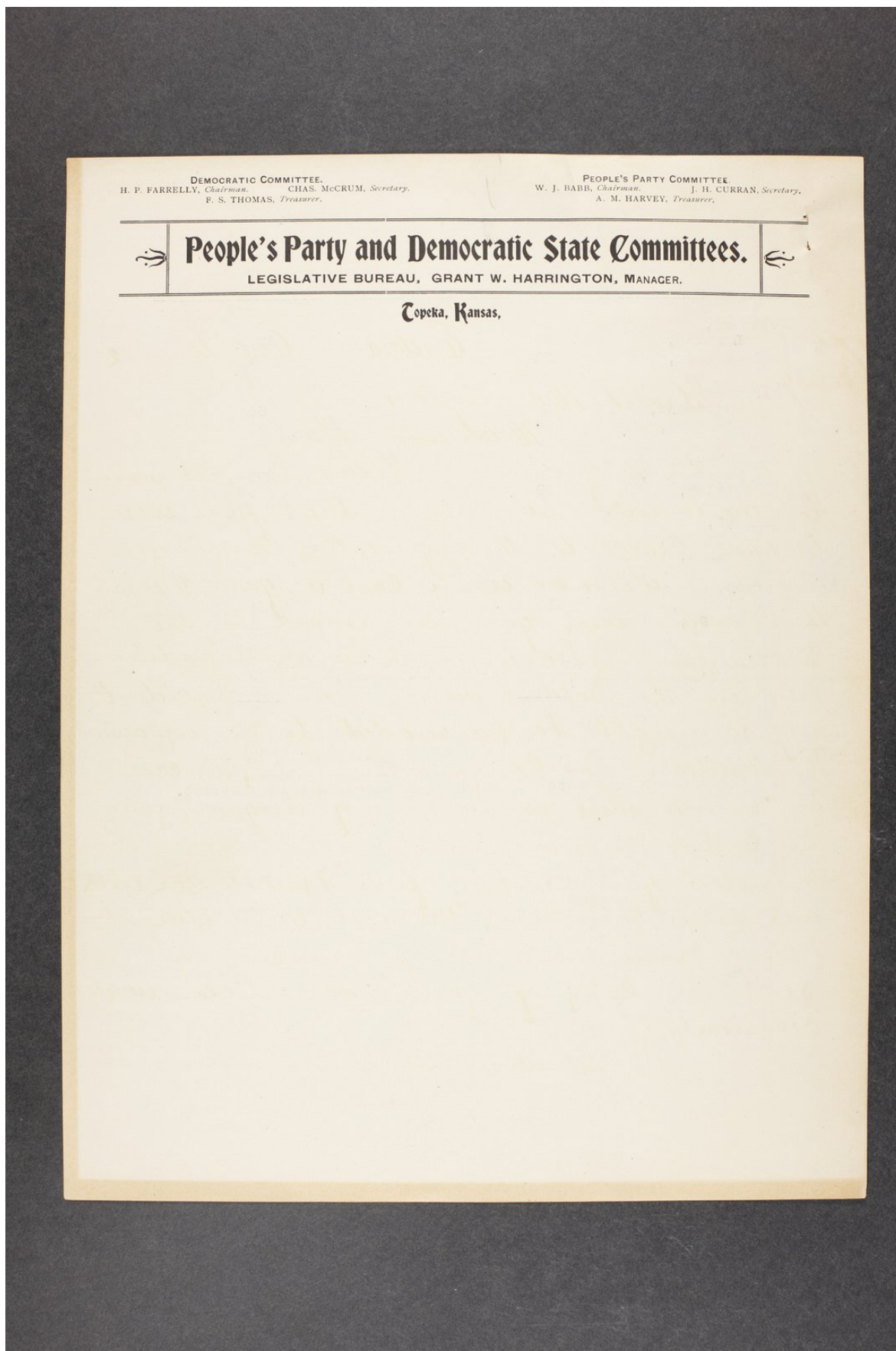
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Leavenworth County, Eighth District.

Precinct	Bryan Vote, 1900	McKinley vote
Delaware,		
Lansing,	224	223
Gardner,	21	37
Fairmount		
Fairmount,	56	56
Glenwood,	86	95
Tonganoxie,		
Tonganoxie,	158	221
Neeley,	39	73
Stranger,		
Stranger,	86	63
Walnut,	85	49
Sherman,		
Linwood,	110	101
Lenape,	83	81
Reno,		
Reno,	60	99
Fall Leaf,	54	34
	<u>1062</u>	<u>1142</u>

The soldier Home vote has since been added to this District.

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Aug. 19th., 1902.

Gen. F.H. Dunham,
Lincoln, Kansas,

Friend Dunham:-

I think you told me the last time I saw you, at Topeka, you were not coming back to the Legislature, but was going to make the race for County Attorney. Who is the good man that is coming in your place? We are making a special effort this year to elect a Legislature that will send Senator Harris back to the United States Senate, and we are counting on Lincoln County to send a Fusion member, as usual. I have heard nothing from the County, as yet, this year. I wish you would advise me when and where your County Convention is to be held, and what the outlook is, the chances for us in the County. Republican fights throughout the State have become so bitter that we have some propensities of electing a Legislature this time. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours very truly,

D.-G.W.H.

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TERMS OF COURT IN LINCOLN COUNTY.

Third Tuesday in February.
Third Tuesday in May.
Second Tuesday in November.

Lincoln

Lincoln, Kansas, Aug 20, 1902.

Wm Grant W. Harrington.

Winatha, Kans.

Friend Harrington,

Yours of yesterday rec'd.

Yes, you are right in understanding that I will not be a candidate for the Legislature this year, I am not an active candidate for the nomination for any office, merely a receptive candidate for the nomination for County Atty. There is however another party making an active canvass for it and it may go his way.

I think there will be perfect harmony among the fusion forces in this County. It depends somewhat as to the nominations on the County Ticket as to how close they will stay with that part of the ticket. We certainly ought to carry this County and expect to, under the division as agreed upon the Representative goes to us. I have heard but 2 persons spoken of as yet for the place, David Swank of Barnard, and Dan E. Books of Sylmar Grove.

Both are farmers. The former has been a County Commissioner and the latter County Clerk. Both are populists. It is thought by some of our boys that Swank would make the strongest candidate, but it is very doubtful if he can be persuaded to accept.

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Lincoln, Kansas, _____ 1900

Without a doubt the republicans are going to make a special effort to elect the member of the legislature from this County. all kinds of deals and trades are being talked of already. They have got no specially strong material to nominate, yet several are being talked of for the place. There was quite a good deal of money used in this County two years ago for the same purpose. The majority for Representative was 104, no great margin as you see.

The County Conventions of both Reps and Dems will be held here on Saturday Sept 6th. The Reps always hold their County Conv on the 3rd Sat of Sept.

I have heard nothing but it would seem to me to be a good plan to have one or two of our State Speakers here on that occasion. Can't you come up and give us a talk. Wish you would write our County Chairman (E. D. Smith, lives here) and see what he thinks about it.

Would be pleased to hear from you at anytime, and if I can be of any service to you I am yours to command. Here's hoping we will win all along the line and elect Hon W. A. Harris U S Senator.

Very Truly yours.

F. H. Dunham

the records that Mr. Rabmeier's practice had been as extensive as that of any other lawyer in the county for several years past. Col. Dunham's majority was evident, however, before the first ballot was completed, and before the vote was announced, Mr. Rabmeier moved the suspension of the rules that his nomination might be made unanimous.

J. S. Silver was next nominated by acclamation for treasurer. This was followed by the only contest of the convention, that for probate judge. T. W. Wakefield nominated Arthur Artman, T. J. McCurry M. P. King and A. T. Biggs W. M. Smith. The result of the first ballot was Artman 31½, King 39, and Smith 30½. The second ballot stood Artman 36, King 39 and Smith 27. The third ballot was Artman 67½, King 30½, Smith 5. Mr. Smith then moved and Judge King seconded the unanimous nomination of Artman.

M. D. Webber was nominated for surveyor by Ernest Fouts, and S. H. Brunt by D. I. Capper. Brunt received 67 votes out of 101 votes, and his nomination was then made unanimous.

David Shaver was renominated for commissioner of the first district without opposition.

The conference committee which had been sent to confer with the democrats then reported the nominees of the democratic convention, and they were unanimously nominated by the populist convention.

The name under which the combined ticket should be placed was then discussed, and it was decided to retain the conference committee and the chairman and the secretary of the convention to decide the matter.

the convention to decide the matter at a latter date in conjunction with a like conference committee and the chairman and secretary of the democratic convention. Their action will depend upon that of the two state central committees when they find how it will be necessary to go to the official ballot.

The convention then adjourned subject to the call of the chairman and secretary.

The democratic convention was called to order by chairman S. Brambaugh at 10:30 A. M., and the call read by the secretary, George D. Abie was then elected temporary chairman and Ira S. Troup temporary secretary. H. M. Cromwell then moved the appointing of a committee

moved the appointing of a committee on organization consisting of three members, on credentials three members, on order of business three members on resolutions three members

In the afternoon the convention was called to order at 1 p. m. The committee on permanent organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent and their report was unanimously adopted. The committee on credentials then reported the full delegation to be represented. The committee on resolutions reported the same resolutions having been adopted by the populist and democratic committees.

The nominations were then made and as there was only one candidate for each office the nominations were all made by acclamation.

Wm. Mueller nominated S. Brumbaugh for sheriff, Wm. McC

les nominated F. J. Aufderberge
register of deeds, Adam Hoeh
nated J. J. McCurdy for clerk of
district court, Prof. Bargman no
nated W. E. Lyon for county super
tendent, and J. J. McCurdy named
M. Hedrick for coroner. The no
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then nominated by the conventi
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separately.

The conference committee chairman and secretary of the convention were retained sine die to decide in conjunction with the committee and officers from the populist convention the name under which the ticket should be placed.

The county central committee was reorganized with H. T. Tatum, Barnard, chairman, and Ira S. Trost, secretary.

The result of the action of the conventions is the most complete fusion ever effected in the country and the strongest ticket ever nominated. There can be no excuse for failing to elect the whole ticket,

There need be no votes lost if enthusiasm in the county will make X in the circle above the ticket nominated Saturday.

The following are the resolutions as passed by each convention:

1. That we, the democratic party of Lincoln county, at convention assembled, do hereby affirm the principles of the last national convention.
2. That we do heartily endorse the nominees of the democratic party and pre-

3. That we favor the election of our United States senators by a direct vote of the people.
4. That we are in favor of the initiative and referendum.
5. That we denounce every system of artificial monopoly and taxation that does not measure property of every citizen by the same standard, and we favor that person be the individual citizen, and not a corporation, who is limited means or a great corporation.
6. That we recognize that it is the right of every legal voter in every election to cast his vote for one person for each office to be filled, and we are that vote counted as cast, and denounce the present election law subversive to this right of the voter in that it prohibits political parties from nominating candidates, and we have that the name of every voter who has having that man's name appear on the official ballot of the party for no other

son than that some other party has nominated that man for the same office, and in that it requires the rejection of the ballot on account of technicalities in voting, and it practically says to the voter: "we have done our level best to disfranchise you unless you vote straight up."

That while on the one hand the disfranchisement of ignorant blacks in the south is being loudly and prominently denounced the disfranchisement of the most intelligent part of the state of Kansas is preventing its appearance on the suffrage ballot.

That we denounce the spirit and tendency of government by injunction, and that we feel that the elect of czar of Russia is prohibiting the West Virginia Federal Judge in prohibiting the striking miners from holding meetings of receiving aid, both acts being enforced by imprisonment, are of the same spirit and tendency and equally subversive of the liberties of the nation.

8. That inasmuch as our laws relating to an assessment of property is not up to the standard as it is rectified; that the election law of the state is not up to the attempt to disfranchise the voters the political movement cannot continue; that the principles of government by injunctive is the first attempt in this country to exercise public authority in suppressing the voice of the people; therefore, we regard it as patriotic duty that we organize the state and county and take the initiative welfare of our people and our country most by the noble work and organization; that we stand the tide of un-Americanism before the destroy the country we have always loved and cherish; and we hereby pledge that we will not allow any other party to do so.

2 We endorse our present United States Senator, W. A. Harris.

Educational Notes

THE WINNING TICKET.

Harmonious Conventions Saturday Name Next County Officers.

A big crowd gathered in town last Saturday to attend the democratic and populist conventions. Everyone came expecting old time conventions and no one was disappointed. The populist convention was called to order at about 10:30 a. m. by E. D. Smith, chairman of the populist central committee. The call was read by A. D. Gilpin, secretary of the county central committee. J. S. Strange was then chosen temporary chairman and R. E. Baker temporary secretary of the convention.

A motion was made by A. T. Biggs that the chairman appoint a committee of three on organization, of three on order of business, of three on credentials and of five on resolutions. The motion carried. The chairman then appointed the committees and an adjournment was then taken until after dinner.

During the interval the popular and democratic committees on resolutions met and jointly drew up the resolutions printed elsewhere in the paper.

The populist convention again met in the court room at 1 p. m. The committee on order of business then submitted its report outlining the work for the afternoon.

The committee on organization recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent. The recommendation was adopted.

The committee on credentials the reported delegations present from every township in the county. However, only 101 votes were cast instead of 103, thus making 51 votes necessary for nomination.

Before the nominations were made, Hon. T. L. Bond, of Salina, addressed the joint meeting of the convention. Mr. Bond spoke briefly, confining his remarks chiefly to the iniquitous and confusion law. He is a gentleman of dignified appearance, and is a good speaker, and the impression he made was most favorable. Many went from the convention determined to use every effort to secure his election, being convinced that he would be no unworthy successor to Judge Thompson.

The nominations were opened by T. Biggs presenting the name of the old populist veteran, D. E. Books, representative. The mention of Mr. Books' name was received with hearty applause, and as he was the unanimous choice of the convention the rules were suspended and he was nominated by acclamation.

Mr. Books then presented the name of A. D. Gilpin for county clerk in neat little speech. Charles Tilton nominated G. E. Hutchison for the same office, and the roll of township was called by the secretary resulting in a vote of 84 for Gilpin and 19 for Hutchison. Acting upon a motion made by Mr. Hutchison, Gilpin's nomination was made unanimous.

In a few brief words David Swann nominated F. H. Dunham for county attorney, and called attention to the right for this office to which his service to the party entitled him. T. Biggs ably presented H. W. Rahmeier's claim for the same office and emphatically remonstrated at the unfairness with which Rahmeier had been treated by some opponents who claimed he was not qualified for the office. Mr. Biggs offered to prove

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2. That we do heartily endorse the present nominees of the democratic party and pledge them our hearty support.
3. That we favor the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people.
4. That we are in favor of the initiative and referendum.

5. That we denounce every system of assessment and taxation that does not measure the property of every person with the same rule whether that person be the individual citizen or limited means or a great corporation.

6. That we recognize that it is the right of every legal voter at every election to cast one vote for one person for each office to be filled, and to have that vote counted as cast, and we denounce the present election law subversive of this right of the voter in that it prohibits one political party from nominating a man for office and having that man's name appear under the official ballot of the party for no other reason.

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For the week ending July 25 the gold bars (they did not call them bricks in the assay office) exchanged for gold coin amounted to \$198,780.17. This is a small figure compared with what the office has done on a busy day. Once, six or seven years ago, when a large quantity of gold was to be shipped to Europe, the assay office exchanged \$2,000,000 into bars.

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Lincoln

September 14, 1902.

F. H. Dunham,

Lincoln, Kansas.

Friend Dunham:-

I neglected when I was at your town the other day to get the names and post office addresses of your county central committee. I wish you would send them to me by return mail as there are some matters about which I want to write to them. We have billed Senator Harris for your place on October 7th. Please look after the matter and see that he is properly billed and that a good big crowd is whooped up for him. I want the names of both the Democratic and People's Party committees. I also find that the ticket for your county is not recorded in this office, so please include in your letter the names of the various candidates, with their post office addresses.

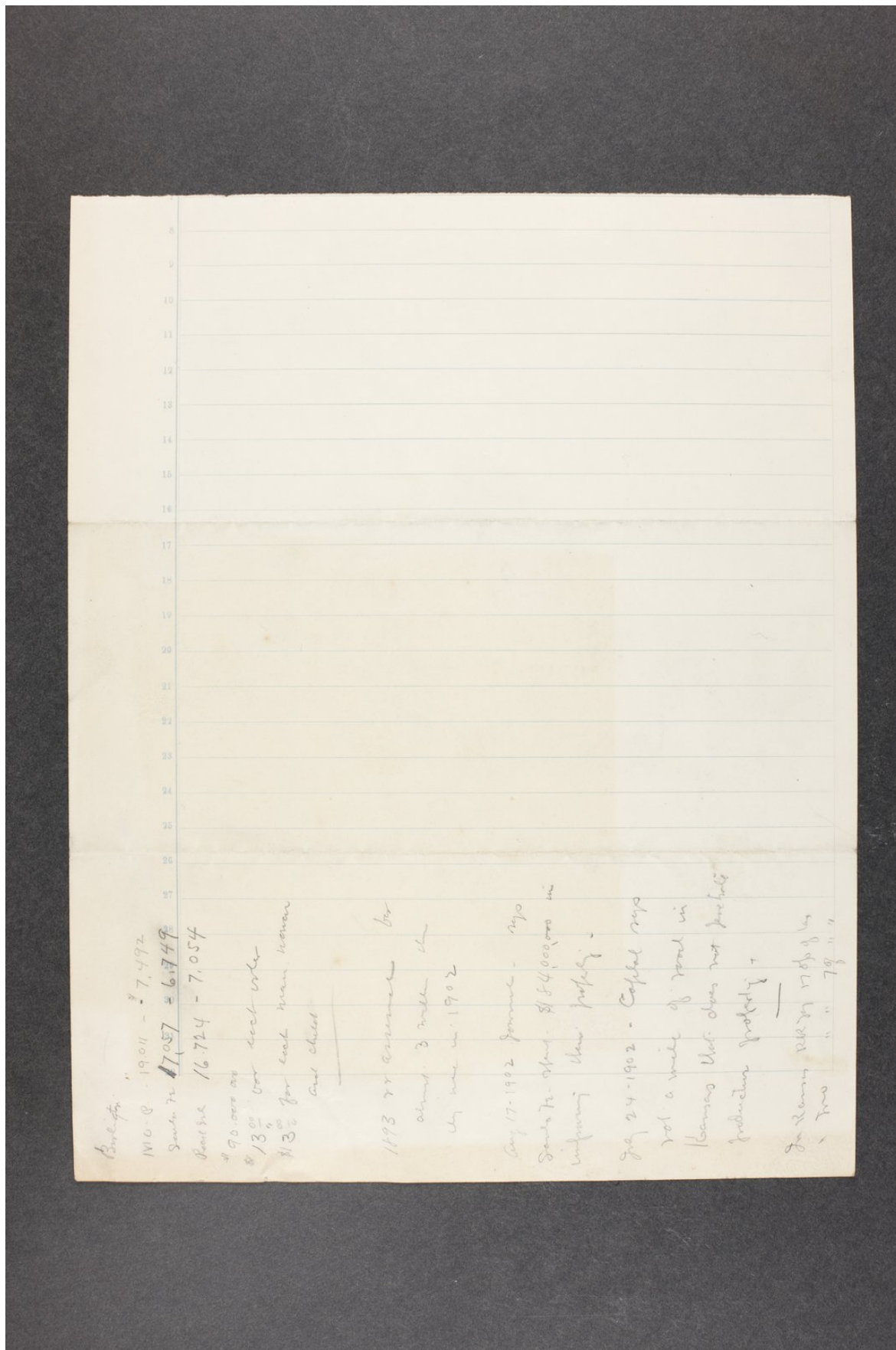
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Lincoln County

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F. H. DUNHAM,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR,
LINCOLN STATE BANK BUILDING.

TERMS OF COURT IN LINCOLN COUNTY
Third Tuesday in February.
Third Tuesday in May.
Second Tuesday in November.

LINCOLN, KANSAS,

Sept 16th 1902.

Friend Harrington

Yours of 14th inst received
I went down to the Sentinel office this morn-
ing and had them put the announcement
of Senator Harris meeting in this week's
issue. They also promised me that they
would make out a list of both Committee
and send you on tomorrow morning's mail.

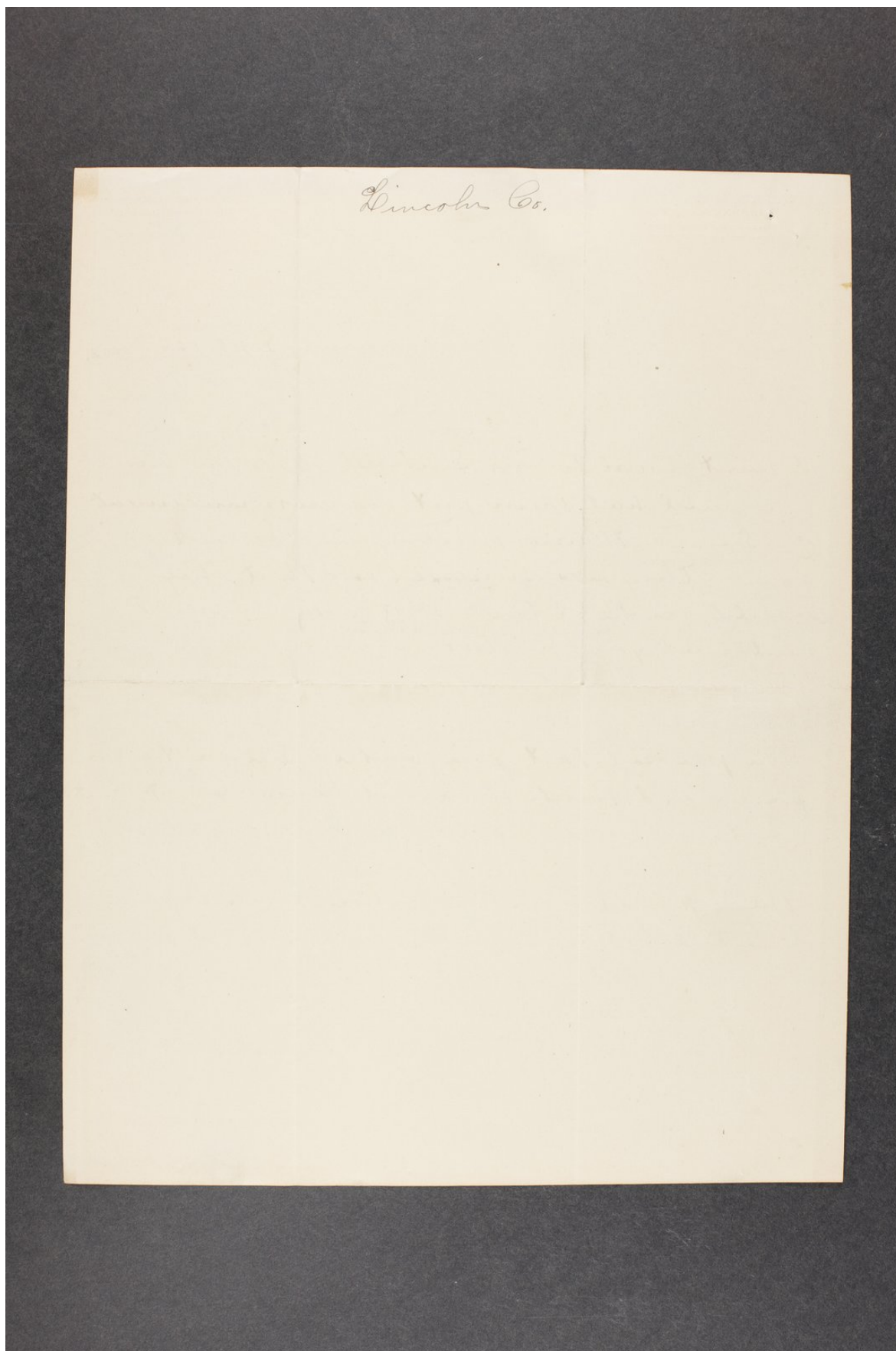
Enclosed I send you the list of our County
nominations.

Am pleased that you ^{have} booked Senator Harris
for here. I think there will be no doubt but
what we will get out a big crowd to
hear him.

The Rep hold their Convention Saturday.
Can tell better than what we have got to
meet.

Yours to command at any time
F. H. Dunham

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Lincoln

Oct. 6th., 1902.

Hon. D. M. Weeks,
Sylvan Grove, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over Senator Harris's Pension Docket, I find that he has had pension cases for the following citizens of Lincoln County:

J. J. McElhenny,	Lincoln.
Anna C. Wait.	" "
Charity A. Loomis,	Barnard.

It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape these people might be induced to use their efforts to help your candidacy for the Legislature, in order to secure a vote for the return of Senator Harris to the Senate. Kindly let me know what you think these people could do and I will write them a letter in the Senator's name.

Very truly,

GWH-LJD.

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Aug. 16th., 1902.

J. A. Mantey, Esq.,
Mound City, Kansas,

Friend Mantey:-

I enclose you herewith a clipping from the Topeka Herald, which doubtless contains nothing new to you.

At the last meeting of the State Committees it was decided to establish a Legislative Bureau to look after the business of a Legislature that will send Senator Harris back to the United States Senate, and, at Senator Harris's request I was placed in charge of it, and we are confidently counting on your County to help us. Please let me know what the situation is and what, if anything, the State Committee can do to help matters along.

Very truly,

D.-G.W.H.

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J. A. MANTEY
DEALER IN
HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENTS.
HARVEST AND MACHINES,
BROOMS AND WAGONS,
STOVES, TINWARE, AND CUTLERY.

Linn

MOUND CITY, KANSAS, 7/18 1902

Grant W. Harrington
Peoria Mo


Dear Sir & Friend

In answer to your letter of the 16th, will say, yes I think Senator Harris should be sent back to the Senate. Two years ago I accepted the nomination for Rep for no other purpose only to send David Overmyer, & I helped to go as far as possible with him in that direction. The situation in times this year is hardly an even chance for us. People generally are not hungry & are inclined towards Republicanism but we have a fighting chance to win as they are some torn up too. I have announced that I would not be a candidate for Renomination for the reason that I don't want the position & again

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I have fully made up my mind
not to further engage in politics
at least not to extent of becoming a
candidate for any office.

I regard our chances at here now
equally as good as they were two
years ago. In referring to the clipping
you sent me I will say I think
I got something like 50 votes on
account of the Baker Austin fight
& undoubtedly a few can be got again
this year on that score. The most
important thing for our fellows to do
is care in the selecting of a candidate
& they seem to realize it fully.

It now looks as though Dr. Meindankball
will again be the Rep. nominee
he is a good man & fairly strong.
he is clean & straight. I believe they
could nominate a man that might
perhaps get a few more votes, but
only because of the Dr. prominence.

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our fellows fully understand matters
& think will do the best thing possible
who the candidate will be I cant
say no one that can be elected
seems to want it, it has been offered
to several, the convention will be
one week from tomorrow the 26th,
I dont know of anything else to say at
this time

Yours Truly
J. A. Mantey

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Linn

Sept. 25, 1902.

Mr. N. G. Rowley,
Mound City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I note that you are the nominee for the legislature from Linn County and I wish you would write me what the situation is in your county and what the prospects are for your election. We are counting on Linn County to furnish us a member of the legislature this year as usual. We feel from present indications that there is a little doubt of our ability to elect a majority of the lower house but we must make it by enough to overcome the holdover majority in the Senate. I expect Senator Harris here Monday and I will go over the situation with him by districts. I wish you would write me fully before that time if you can what is the out look in your county, and what if anything this committee can do to aid your election.

Neither the Democratic nor the People's Party committee is on file at this office. We need both lists and I wish you would kindly fill out the enclosed blank and send it to me with your letter.

Yours truly,

D.--G. W. H.

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Reubens
JHC*

Mound City Kansas Sept 29 - 1902
Mr Grant W. Harrington
Topeka Kansas.

Dear Sir

Yours of 25th at hand
H. T. Strong has forwarded to you
a complete list of names of Committee
men by Townships in this County.
As to my election I would
not venture an opinion at this time
as I have not been over the County. I will
start over the County soon I expect to make
as thorough a canvass as time and weather
will permit. My friends think I will be
elected. I am of the opinion that I have a
fair show for election. Yet I am not
over confident. I shall go to Pleasanton to-day.
after two or three days out with the People I
hope to be able to judge as to final
results more fully. If you have them you might
send me for distribution Hand Book "My Platform".

W. H. Knadock. Yours truly L. G. Rawley Mound City

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Oct. 5, 1902.

Hon. N. G. Bowley,
Mound City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of recent date, and note what you say about the situation in Lyon County. Do you find any lukewarm Democrats or Populists in your County? If so, if you will send me a list of them I will see that Senator Harris writes personal letters to them. We find in some localities that this is doing us lots of good.

The outlook is splendid for the election of the State ticket and the Legislature. We will want Lyon County to line up with us because we shall need your vote to send Harris back.

Yours very truly,

People's Party and Democratic State Committees, box one

Linn

October, 6th., 1902

Hon. H. G. Rowley,
Mound City, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

In looking over Senator Harris's Pension Docket, I find that he has had pension cases for the following citizens of Linn County:

Julia A Brase,	Pleasanton.	Martha L. Parker,	Parker,
Jos. B. Withers,	" " "		

It occurs to me that if the matter is presented in the proper shape these people might be induced to use their efforts to help your candidacy for the Legislature in order to secure a vote for the return of Senator Harris to the Senate. Kindly let me know what you think these people could do and I will write them a letter in Senator Harris's behalf.

Very truly,

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