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The Champion.

JNO. A. MARTIN, Editor.
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A CARD.

During the past month or more I have been receiving numerous letters, from different sections of the State, asking me to become a candidate for the Republican nomination as Governor of Kansas.

These individual numerous letters suggested by the very earnest concurrence of a large number of influential and zealous Republican journals, which have joined in asserting that the public sentiment in my favor of such a character that I could not, in justice to the party or to myself, refuse to recognize and acquiesce in its preference.

I have not been anxious to engage in political affairs as a candidate. I have never asked the people of Kansas, during the period of my residence in the State, for their suffrages. I have been content with my work, and with the opportunities of usefulness, in promoting the development and prosperity of the State, it afforded me.

That the position of Governor of the great and rapidly growing Commonwealth, is a distinction I would appreciate, I cannot attempt to disguise. It is the only office in the gift of the people I have ever had any ambition to attain. I regard it as the highest honor that could be conferred upon me. And if the Republican Convention deem me worthy of such an honor, I will accept their nomination with gratitude, and with the sincere hope that, if elected, I may be able to so discharge the duties of the place as to justify the confidence of my party, and merit the regard of the whole people.

I make this announcement with diffidence, but with the conviction that honor should never be sought by myself. I shall refuse to be a candidate would be ungenerous to my friends.

Respectfully, JOHN A. MARTIN.

ASSESSORS RETURNS—KANSAS.

GRAND COUNTY.

The Burlington Chronicle publishes the statistical returns of the assessors for Osage county, by township. The total population is 12,818, and the number of dwelling houses 2,466. Acreage assessed in Osage City is located, has a population of 2,212; and Burlingame township, 2,056. The area of land in cultivation is 19,000 acres. The area in winter wheat aggregates 6,722; in rye, 1,041; in spring wheat, 636; in corn, 48,249; in barley, 175; in potatoes, 782; in sorghum, 325; in cotton bones, 1,700; in flax, 280; and in millet, 5,884. The old corn on hand March 1st, aggregates 62,362 bushels. There are in the county 5,229 horses, 415 mules, 6,536 milch cows, 14,637 other cattle, 3,155 sheep, and 17,252 hogs. The county has 53,057 rods of stone fence, 18,905 of rail, 128,274 of hedge, 56,322 of wire, and 46,239 of board. There are in the county four saw mills, four steam factories, and six flouring mills.

ELLIS COUNTY.

The Hays City Sun publishes the following returns from that county: Population, 2,427—an increase of 801 since 1876. Horses placed in winter where aggregates 1,400 acres; in rye, 500 acres; in oats, 500 acres; in millet, 1,352 acres. The total area of land in cultivation aggregates 12,011 acres. There are in the county 499 horses, 77 mules, 3,213 cattle, 818 hogs, and 1,120 sheep.

HISTORY OF JEWELL COUNTY.

We are indebted to the authors, M. Leonard and J. A. Beckenbach, for a neatly printed pamphlet of thirty-six pages, entitled a "History of Jewell County, Kansas, with a full account of its early settlements, and the Indian atrocities committed within its borders." The work is admirably written, full of details and facts of general interest, and includes a valuable summary of the progress of the county and its present position, viz: Churches, schools, banks, stores, blacksmiths, wagon makers, flouring mills, steam, water, and horse power, and other manufactories, and business houses, etc. It has evidently been prepared with great care, and the compilation of such a mass of statistics and facts must have involved a large amount of labor. The authors have done a valuable work for Jewell county in the publication of this pamphlet.

OF VALUE.

A chemical analysis and examination of the dead Rocky Mountain locusts, by the United States Entomological Commission, show that these insects furnish a new oil, which will be obtained, and a new and very large percentage of pure formic acid. Though this acid exists in the ant and some other insects, it is with difficulty obtained in large quantities; whereas, by the action of sulphuric acid upon the locust juice, it passes off with great facility, and in remarkably quantity and purity. The various uses of this acid, as a therapeutic, etc., are capable of great and valuable extension, where it can be obtained readily and in such quantity.

A TERRIBLE STORY.

The wife of Mr. John McDonald, of St. Louis "whisky ring" notoriety, has brought suit against his husband, in which she charges him with adultery, and cruelty. Her allegations recite a long story of outrage and abuse. Among other things it is alleged that McDonald brought a bad woman of St. Louis to his house at Green Lake, Wis., and installed her as his mistress; that this woman frequently abused, insulted and struck Mrs. McDonald, in the presence of her husband, and that McDonald himself, in the presence of this woman, insulted and struck his wife. If half the story is true, McDonald ought to go back to the penitentiary, and stay there during the remainder of his life.

HARRISONVILLE, commenced in Cedley county week before last, and the Burlington Patriot says, "the county seat question has caused amount of winter wheat. The same paper says:

"We have specimen samples of wheat on our table from the farm of Mr. Gillis of Big banks and A. Holland, three six feet high, with clear, white straw, well filled heads that will yield from twenty-five to thirty bushels to the acre. Many of the heads were from ten to three inches long, and we counted a single stand of twenty-five grains from one kernel, furnished from the farm of Mr. Gillis, and measured twenty-two thirty-seven and a half inches well-filled heads. All forty-five grains each, this single kernel of wheat produced 2,070 grains of wheat—nearly a pound in weight, and it have seldom seen a better developed ear."

300 TONS.

The U. S. Treasury has bought 525 tons of silver, to manufacture into silver dollars, the bulk of this has already been coined, and is being issued as fast as it is settled for. But the new dollars are not in demand, because this country adopted the gold coin, in proportion to its population, than any Nation in Europe. Hence, the silver dollar. On the 4th of April Mr. Bayard, secretary of the Treasury, announced that, in consequence of the large coinage of silver, the Treasury would issue gold coin, in exchange for silver dollars, at the rate of 16 to 1, and that the silver would be paid out for every dollar of gold coin, and that the silver would be paid out for every dollar of gold coin, and that the silver would be paid out for every dollar of gold coin