

**Republican State Ticket.**

For Supreme Judge,  
JOHN B. BARNES, of Madison.  
For University Regents,  
W. G. WHITMORE, of Douglas;  
C. S. ALLEN, of Lancaster.

**COUNTY TICKET.**

G. H. GIBSON, Clerk.  
GEO. HOLMES, Treasurer.  
L. A. WILLIAMS, Sheriff.  
LEWIS OMKY, Superintendent.  
ROBT. P. STARR, Judge.  
GEO. W. HUNTER, Coroner.  
WALTER MOON, Surveyor.  
HENNING CLAUSSEN, Assessor.

**HOSTETLER FOR JUDGE.**

SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE  
BALLOTS TAKEN.

The long deadlock in the Twelfth Judicial District republican convention held at Grand Island was broken about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when Dawson county gave four of her votes to B. O. Hostetler of Buffalo county, thereby making it possible for Sherman, with her little six votes to decide the contest. At the final break custer gave 10 votes to Wall and Dawson, with her balance of power, was drifting to Hostetler. The convention, though one of the closest contested of any that has ever been held in the state, was attended with the best of friendly feeling of both candidates and delegates to the last.

**From Our Boys in the Navy**

Charley Gibson and Bid Taylor Write Home.—Their Ship Has Best Record.—  
—Proud of the Victory.

Chee Foo, China, July 29 1903.  
Editor NORTHWESTERN.

As I have time I thought I would drop you a few lines and tell you of our doings away out in this no man's country.

Well, we left Bremerton, Washington May 15, for Honolulu where we arrived on May 24, and coaled ship. We went up to and alongside of the government pier. It is customary for the large man-of-war that draw 27 foot of water under way, to lay about a mile outside, but our captain and admiral decided to go in so we did and was the largest man-of-war that ever went in there.

Honolulu is a very nice place. It looks like a regular park. The street are lined on both sides with tall trees. It still has the King and Queens castle. We could not get in the Kings castle because it is used for the U. S. officials.

The ships company shoveled on something like 1,100 tons of coal in about twelve hours. We left then for Yokohama, Japan, on July 30, having arrived there June the 14. We had a fine trip over, except the last day or two. We thought we were going to run into one of those Oregon storms or typhcan and we made four knots an hour, a little over four miles. We come to Yokohama on a fine day. It is a very nice place. The natives can talk pretty good English. Things are awful cheap there. The navy hospital is situated on a high hill overlooking the bay. It is finely fitted and has the best of doctors. There has been only two Blue Jack-ets die since the building was built.

Well, we left Yokohama for Chee Foo China, June 27, and we got to Kobe the next day where we laid over for three days. We got shore liberty in Kobe. It is a better situated place than Yokohama. It is cleaner and its people are more civilized. The streets are the regular width of those in the states. We left Kobe June 30 by way of inland sea. It is a very bad place to go through and we had to have a pilot all the way. It is so narrow in some places that one could throw a rock ashore. We passed the wreck of Mongau city, a U. S. Transport and also a good many small steamers and towns, and more beautiful scenery I never saw. It was certainly grand and we were on deck nearly

all the time. We had a pleasant trip from there to Chee Foo and when we got there found eleven other man-of-war ships. They were as follows: The Flag ship of the South Asiatic Squadron, the U. S. S. Kentucky. The Oregon, The Monitor, Monad-dock Montarey and three tugs Wampotuck all of the suthern fleet. Ours was the U. S. S. Wisconsin Flag ship. Then there was the first class Cruiser, the New Orleans, the Wilmington gun boat, Vicksburg gun boat, and some others.

Fighting Bob Evans, as people call him, or simple Evens as we call him, is commander in chief of this station. He is a cripple.

Chee Foo is a desolate place. There is nothing here at all but a few old buildings. The Chinaman are very filthy, it makes me sick to look at them. They are noted for living so many in one house. They have to send a guard with the liberty now because if they don't the blue jackets would raid every place in the dirty dump. Well, while out for practice we took the worlds record in firing thirteen inch gun. The Alabama U. S. S. held the record before, out of 32 shots she made 22 hits at sixteen and eighteen hundred yards and an average of 67 and 75. Our crew, the U. S. S. Wisconsin made 24 shots out of 32, and an average of 86.

We gave a minstrel show last night and it was something grand. It was the best show ever given out here. We have an Indian club swinger from California who ranks next to Gussie Hill, the worlds champion club swinger.

On the Fourth of July we were at sea and got into Chee Foo the 5th. In the sports on the 6th we beat the best ship in this station, the Kentucky in a large race. She had the best record of any fleet before but now she is nothing and our ship, the U. S. S. Wisconsin, has the honor of being the swiftest of them all. How does that sound? We were at great disadvantage in the race because we were just in from sea and had no practice. On the 15th of August we will race the Vicksburg is a gig race.

We had a storm Saturday that killed 400 Chinaman.

This ship has travled nearly 50,000 miles since she has been in commission, two years last April, more than any others ship for the same length of time.

Well, I must close for this time. Wish you all well and happy as I am. I remain as ever your friend.  
CHAS. E. GIBSON.  
U. S. S. Wisconsin.  
Chee Foo China.

Chee Foo, China July 27, 1903.  
Dear Papa and All!

Your letter received a few days ago, and as I have some spare time will try to answer it at once but there is no telling when this letter will leave here as I don't know just when a steamer leaves for the States.

We arrived in this place on the 5th. of July, just one day to late for the 4th., but as good luck none of our fleet had the sports till the sixth on account of rain. We of course took part in the boat races but didn't expect to get anything out of them as we had no practice whatever and the rest of the fleet had been practicing for six weeks. But we won the main race and that was the pulling barge race. There was only this ship and the Kentucky in that race as only flag ships have pulling barges. The Kentucky is considered the cock of the station, having won everything that was going on out here and that's what made the race the main event, as we are a new ship here and what they call a sloper because they came from San Francisco. There are only two slopers here these are the Oregon and ours, the U. S. S. Wisconsin. All the rest are eastern ships except a few relics captured from the spanish. We had target practice last week and won the worlds record. We made 24 hits out of 32 shots with our 13 inch guns at a distance of 1700 yards at a target 10 ft. square. The record was, 22 hits out of 32 shots. The rest of the fleet are tickled to death the way this ship is making records as they want to see us get ahead of the

Kentucky. We have got the name as cock of the station now. We have got a race matched with the U. S. S. Ship Vickberg for the 15th. of Aug. It is to be a gig race. We also have a barge race with the Flag ship Rainbow when we meet them. About all they do down here is boat race and I tell you there is some big money bet on them. The Oregon had a cutter race with a dago ship that was here last week for \$1900, that's all the dagoes would put up but they beat the Oregon. That night the Kentucky went over and challenged them and so did we but they wouldn't take either of us up.

This is a great place here, there is nothing to see at all except a lot of Chinks. Yokabamo is all right though. On our way down here we stoped at Kobe and went to an exposition about 20 miles to a place called Osaka. It was all right. I was surprised to see how they had it rigged up. They had a building to represent every nation. But the finest thing I have struck in this county yet is the railroad trains. They are about as big as a good sized soap box. When you go to the depot and buy your ticket you go up over a kind of bridge to the other side of the tracks and wait for your train. When your train comes there is a fellow to let you out through a gate as he punches your ticket. The cars are all marked 1st., 2nd. and 3d. class. You are supposed to get in the car your ticket calls for, say it is a 3d. class ticket, you get a 3d. class car. But here is where the fun comes in, we all bought 3d. class tickets and got in 1st class cars. There is a door at each side of the car and when you get in the plug shuts the door and away you go. They don't collect the tickets as there is no way of getting through the cars. But when you get to the stopping place, you get of and before you can get out of the yard the train runs in, you have to give them your ticket. They don't know wheather you rode 1st. class or not. It cost us 32 sew, that is less than 15 cents in our money to go to Osaka. The train runs about six miles an hour.

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I got a letter from Tom last week he is in Manila now. I hope I go down there before he leaves for the states as he has only 6 months to do yet.  
You ask me what my duties are now. Well we have three drills a day, two in the morning and one in the afternoon. They consist of general quarters, that is where you man all your guns like in time of war. Then we have clear ship for action, but that only comes once a month as it takes about one day and a half to do it. Then we have fire quarter, as if the ship was on fire. Then collision drill, as if you run into another ship. And board ship, that's used when the ship is sinking, all the crew leave in the boats. Also, arm and away for distant service that's used in time of war when you land a party ashore, like they did in Manila. We also have small arms and wig wag general signal. I guess that's about all. Yes, we have a fencing and pistol drill. I like it a whole lot better than I did on the station or training ship. I belong to the torpedo crew and we have torpedo practice. We lost one torpedo which sank. We had the steam launchers out dragging but could not find it. They cost \$35,000 apiece so you see it was no small loss. They fix a torpedo up with what they call a drill head and they won't explode, and when they run a certain distance they will float and you can pick them up again. A torpedo is 14 feet long, 18 inches thick and weighs 1168 pounds, 68 pounds more than a 13 inch shell.  
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