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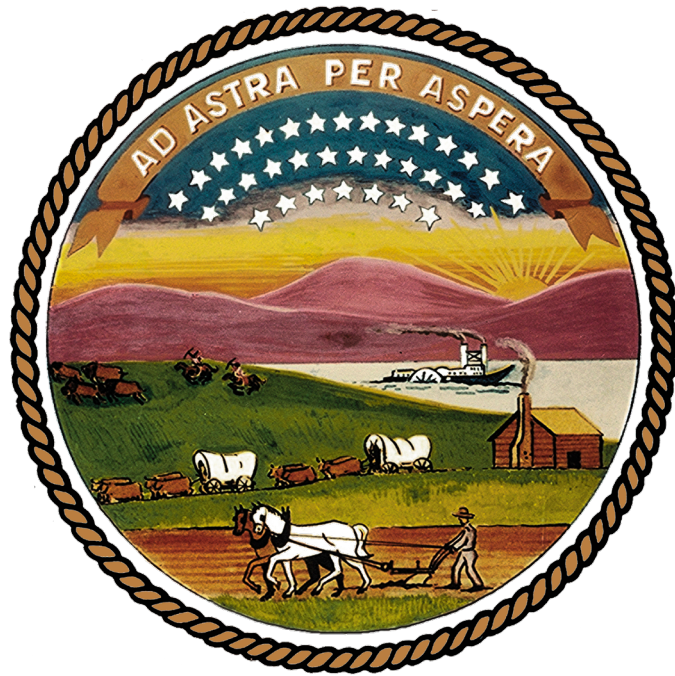
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Kansas State Seal
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THE KANSAS STATE SEAL

The State Seal is at last agreed upon, if no unforeseen circumstance should arise to change the minds of members. The House some-time since adopted a device, for which, when the resolution came up the Senate substituted another. The House refused to agree to the Senate's amendment and asked a Committee of Conference. The Senate appointed Senators Martin, Gunn and Sleeper, the House Messrs. Eaton, Herrick, Emery, Thomson and Smythe. The Committee agreed on the following design:

The East is represented by a rising sun on the right corner of the Seal; to the left of it, Commerce is represented by a river and a steamboat; in the fore-ground Agriculture is represented as the basis of the future prosperity of the State by a settler's cabin and clearing and a man plowing with a pair of horses; beyond this is a train of ox-wagons going West; and in the back-ground is seen a herd of buffalo retreating, pursued by two Indians on horseback. Around the top is the motto: "Ad Astra Per Aspera," and beneath it a cluster of thirty-four stars. The circle is surrounded with the words "Great Seal of the State of Kansas. Jan 29th, 1861." The English interpretation of the motto is "To the Stars through dangers."

The Seal will be neat, tasty and appropriate, and the motto, considering the difficulties and dangers through the Star of Kansas has gone to be added to the cluster of thirty-three, is peculiarly fitting.

Weekly Atchison Champion, (Atchison, Kansas) 25 May 1861.