

Daily Eagle

It is understood that the wheat crop is so short that millions of chinch-bugs are dying of starvation.

McKinley appears to be in the saddle, but Foraker seems to be division superintendent of the reins.

It is to be hoped that Hoar and Harvey will make that silver debate lively enough to be dramatized.

Judge Springer is now interpreting and cussing the laws which Congressman Springer helped to pass.

Butchers are now charged with making bologna out of horse meat. The dog evidently has had his day.

The Pops do not object to the rich getting richer, but they do kick on the supreme court getting suppremer.

The figures in those signal service flags are of fast colors. They have to be kept up with this weather.

Lawyer Choate's fee for defeating the income tax bill is \$200,000, and he will not have to pay any income tax on it.

The Bible is two-sided on the finance question. Ecclesiastes says, v. 10: "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied."

Is this a government by international conferences, of international conferences and for international conferences.

Speaking of athletics, a recent menu of the Wichita Cooking club included "whipped cream, beet sugar and pound cake."

Joseph Cook has decided to spend a few months in Asia Minor sight-seeing. Some one should give the tip to the Kurds.

Senator Parker of the investigating committee, wants the penitentiary taken out of politics and the politicians put in.

The Republican party in Kansas is scrapping a good deal. It will not hurt the party. "Apathy" is the thing that kills.

If the Turks killed a British consul, Turkey will sweat. The sultan is not monkeying with an American Democratic administration.

All great men are liable to make mistakes. Carlisle should not be blamed. Matthey Arnold once said that Thomas Brower Peacock was a poet.

Lord Sholto, the son of the Marquis of Queensbury, has taken his first step towards divorce. He has married the young San Francisco actress.

The purpose of winking, it is said, is to keep the eye-ball moist. In the Kansas drug store it is not always used to keep the eyeball moist either.

Foraker wants to be president, but unlike some Kansas politicians, he probably realizes that his own state does not include the whole nation.

A friend of Anna Gould has made the discovery that lovely Pocahontas was the first American girl to set the precedent of marrying a foreigner.

The next time the people elect a Pop to office they should demand a written agreement that the office-holder will retire when he has finished his term.

Carlisle's silver speeches were splendid; his gold speeches superb. But all this time Carlisle has adroitly concealed what he thinks of the whole business.

It is about time for the Pops to apply restoratives and bring out that "deep undercurrent of feeling" which is always going to play smash before elections.

Coin's author and his opponent may fuss and fume, but they never will reach the height that Carlisle has in his final debate with himself on the financial question.

Populist Rogers is thus described in a meditative mood: "He sat and drank; and the more he thought the more he drank; and the more he drank the less he thought."

The prohibitionists did well to set their convention in Topeka on July 4. The shipment of beer from Kansas City that day is always large and they cannot possibly go dry.

"Only the one-eyed men are in favor of gold," an Oklahoma newspaper said. After liking the compositor the editor wrote a correction: "Only the moneyed men are in favor of gold."

There is some doubt as to the real legal meaning of the word "polygamy." There is no question about the actual meaning to the man who attempts polygamy. It is "hades."

A Republican county treasurer has been found guilty of a lousie in his accounts. Some enemies had his office investigated and it was discovered that the county owed him \$1,500.

The Chase investigating committee wants the penitentiary taken out of politics and a good man regardless of politics appointed warden. Or in other words appoint a Republican and keep him in there.

The saddest accident in years is that of the Jefferson City man, mentioned in yesterday's dispatches, who was pulled into the river by a 100 pound catfish and drowned. Think of having that experience and not being allowed to tell about it.

The evils of child insurance will doubtless end in risks of children being prohibited. But it is a terrible comment on the times to intimate that parents must be prohibited from destroying their flesh and blood for a paltry sum of money.

KANSAS MONUMENTS.

Kansas boasts few public monuments. The one at Osawatomie erected to the memory of John Brown, and the two unveiled on Decoration Day comprise the list, we believe. Of these last two named one is at Topeka. It was erected by G. G. Gage, Esq., to the memory of a number of Shawnee county boys, who fell at the battle of Little Blue, a few miles southeast of Kansas City, in an engagement with a force under "Old Pap Price," a rebel major general who with Generals Shelby and Magruder and their brigades were seeking to invade Kansas and sack her towns. The rebel plan was to destroy Fort Leavenworth and city and then sweep the state by detachments, rendezvousing at or near Fort Scott. A very large per cent of all the able bodied men of the state were absent in the field. There was no Kansas then, to speak of, west of Emporia and Salina. Major General Curtis, with headquarters at Fort Leavenworth, declared the state under martial law and ordered her remaining able bodied men, as state militia, to march to Missouri to meet and repel the regulars of the rebel forces, or to otherwise check their advance until reinforcements could be secured. Nine out of every ten men left in the state, responded to the order. In one county only five men were left, two of them cripples and the other three too old to march.

That campaign, Kansas like, was fuller of politics than it was of fight, and but for the timely appearance of General Pleasanton would have proven the tragedy of the war, and would have as distinctly marked Kansas as the bloody victim of the end of as she was its primary cause of its beginning. The one dark side of that march to Missouri was the slaughter of the Shawnee county boys on the Little Blue. G. G. Gage, who designed and paid for the fine monument, which was unveiled at Topeka on Thursday, was a private and a member of the command which went out from Topeka. He came to Kansas in the spring of '56, as a poor boy. He has long been rich. From now on he will be honored. The other Kansas monument, was the one dedicated at Lawrence on Thursday to the memory of the victims of the Quantrell massacre, which is put down by not a few historians as the most bloody and unrelentingly cruel slaughter ever committed by white men upon members of their own race and blood. But Kansas is comparatively, as yet, a new state, young. As time adds wealth and leisure her sons will erect monuments worthy the deeds of her patriots and commensurate with the distinctly wonderful part she played while yet in her infancy and in her weakness.

SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

The political issue for 1896 will be the money question. No effort which party leaders may, singly or combined, put forth can be equal to staying a sentiment which is rising higher and higher every day and which will soon prove an overwhelming wave. Mr. Cleveland's over-secrecy of navy returning from Europe day before yesterday, may assure the country that Harcourt's opposition cannot stand before the utterances of Balfour and of Bismarck, and that therefore America has but to wait patiently for a couple of years when national bimetalism will be realized. The utterances will not even tend to stay the onward wave. The people are not only America but of Europe are tired of these promises of international agreements. Knowing that the currency of civilization has been ever soundly based on the two precious metals why the money function should now be held to gold alone must be satisfactorily answered or otherwise silver must be utilized, even to the limitation of gold. What is to be our money, is the first important question which is going to be settled. As almost every conceivable interest with which man has to do hinges upon the question of money, it is high time that the question of what is money be settled that the energies bent in acquiring it may not be foolishly expended. All quart-cup and yard-stick measurements, and such like illustrations as were indulged in by the Wall street sharks at Delmonico's in New York the other night are of no more force or effort than the thin orderless gas generated from a left over soda cracker of last year. And so all talk that more money will decrease the price of labor might as well cease. More money means higher prices for everything, higher values on everything, and more of everything. The sounder it is the more solid the enterprises and the values, the more sure the paper currency based upon it. Silver is as sound as gold and there is more of it and that is all there is to it. If in the restoration of silver, as a final redemption money with equal opportunities with gold money, it should be discovered that the old ratio of valuation, as controlled, respectively, by production, is not the proper one then regulate them to uniformity, not by enlarging the size of the silver coin but by cutting the gold coin. Such cutting will stimulate production. It can't do more. The more money, of either silver or gold, the better times. The discovery of gold in California did not cut down wages or reduce prices or destroy values. But there was more money and better times. When because of plenty of money prices are advanced wages are not therefore reduced, either absolutely or comparatively. Then why do Cleveland, Carlisle, Roosevelt and the rest persist in saying that in the rehabilitation of silver the laboring man would suffer by cut wages on the one hand and higher prices upon the other? Do they take the American people for fools? Does an advance in the price of corn or wheat enable the farmer to obtain labor at a lower rate? Is not the reverse exactly true? As all wealth is created by the laborer and as the laborer is the poor man and as silver is the poor man's money, by what authority and in whose interest is it said that he shall not have his own? As the farmer and the laboring man and the debtor class, who are demanding

silver as a basic value, outnumber the other class a hundred to one are the hundred to be held at a forced disadvantage that the one may build up great monopolies to further oppress and bleed his own unfortunate fellow man? Is this untrue or outside of the record of the silver demand? Who has forgotten the circular of March 12, 1893, issued by the Bankers' association to the National bankers of the country? Did not that circular demand that silver and silver certificates be retired and everything be squeezed down to a gold basis by forcing a money stringency, which that circular pointed out how to bring about? And so we come back to the question that must be answered in 1896: shall the money function be henceforth limited to a single metal whose production is falling off as compared to the increase of population and the development of business, or shall it be conferred on both gold and silver as it was through all the ages past?

SHORT ON WATER.

From newspaper reports and the published observations of old residents, it is very evident that Kansas and Oklahoma rivers, creeks and springs were never before, since the earliest settlements, so destitute of water. The great cave springs of Butler county, near El Dorado, whose steady flow have varied little in thirty-one years have almost ceased. There are streams in Oklahoma and in Southern Kansas which were never known to fall that are dry now. This is true also of streams and springs in the central portion of the state, and the common complaint is a lack of water. The Walnut river has ceased to run, as also has the Neosho west from Emporia. The Little Arkansas, which it is said varies the least in its volume from year to year of any stream in the state, a stream that has always held its own without reference to the season or the year, for months has been little more than half itself. The Great Arkansas is practically nothing as are many other streams. All these prove that the shortage of rainfall for the past two or three years is telling not only on the springs and streams, but that the subsoil must be dry to an unusual depth. And still, as yet, there has not been a single general rain over the west this season. The down-pours and floods, read of, were local and circumscribed and the winter wheat and oat crops of the west, in the aggregate will be from "short" to "failure."

Here is another argument against Coin's Financial School. Coin is acting as a pilot to a fleet of boats that is just about to go over Niagara Falls. "Aren't you taking us into a frightful abyss?" one of the alarmed passengers asks. "Don't be alarmed," says Coin, "there is just as good boating below as above."

The Presbyterian editor of the Prohibition paper, the Kansas City Gazette, sizes up the trouble in his town by saying that "one-third of the people want their beer; one-third don't want them to have it, and the other third don't give a damn." Our brother doubtless diagnosis aright, but he shouldn't grow profane in his despair.

PURLOINED PLUMES.

In the domains of the British empire alone some 8,000 individuals vanish every year.

It is estimated that two years are required for the water to travel from Florida to the coast of Norway.

The scales used in weighing diamonds are so delicately poised that the weight of a single eyelash will turn the balance.

Some of the Eighteenth century tables and chairs, very popular in England, are said to be made in and shipped from Connecticut.

Five cent telegrams are to be tried in Italy. The government is also trying to have the tariff with other European countries reduced.

San Francisco is hard up. The city contractor refuses to deliver any more supplies because the treasury is vacant, and he cannot get his pay.

The natives of Northern Alaska and Siberia have no knowledge of money, and tourists to that country have to exchange the same into barter goods.

Paradoxical though it sounds, an electrical fan that is used for cooling the atmosphere in summer will also increase the warmth of a room in winter.

It has been recently calculated that during the eighteen years ending with June 20, 1890, no fewer than 1,528 persons were killed in cyclones in the United States.

Belgium's revenue from the drink habit has grown in forty years from 4,000,000 to 25,000,000 francs, crime increasing 20 per cent at the same time and insanity 128 per cent.

It is said that the highest point ever reached by oil was in a barrel, 1890, when it went to \$2.00 per barrel. The lowest point, 5 cents per barrel, was reached in November, 1891.

Twenty million dollars worth of bank notes leave the Bank of England daily; while sixty folio volumes or ledgers are filled with writing in keeping the accounts of a single day.

Russian journals are still in mourning for the czar. They will continue to surround their front page with a border of black until a year shall have elapsed from the date of his death.

Maxim's cavalry gun, which fires 700 shots a minute, weighs but thirty pounds and can be carried strapped on a soldier's back. The gun made for the sultan of Turkey, fires 700 shots a minute, but it is a half piece on wheels.

With the population of about one-half of this country, France is getting along toward the billion dollar mark in annual expenses. The interest on the national debt is \$270,000,000, and the cost of the army and navy \$180,000,000. The revenues this year are estimated at \$65,000,000, and a deficit of about \$50,000,000 is probable.

SLICK SLAPS AND SLIM SLAMS.

El Dorado Republican: The Wichita club drinks rum and appellinams as a steady lush.

Ashland Journal: If the Eagle keeps up its penciled diarrhoea on the subject of free silver the Pops will have the old kind, hide and tallow, tail feathers and claws.

Lovins Republican: It is very evident from the Eagle that Wichita will never slide down Hutchinson's cellar door again—and all because of the recent jubilee. Who was it that said "Music bath charms to soothe the savage?"

Pratt Republican: Yesterday's Eagle contained a long editorial entitled, "The Eagle's Republicanism." After reading it anyone will be convinced that the Eagle is always right and the Republican party only gets right sometimes.

Larned Eagle-Optic: It is barely possible that a whole lot of the Eagle's exchange editors say something mean about Wichita, purposely, knowing at the time that they will be quoted in Sunday's "Slaps and Slams" at the "Windy Winder."

Kansas City Star: Wichita is located as the camp of the next meeting of the state holiness society. It is to be hoped that this will complete the work of cleansing that branch of the sin-soaked Murdoch family, which Mrs. Salvation Booth began.

Territorial (Ok.) Topic: The Wichita Eagle speaks out on the silver question in a way which no other Republican paper has ventured to do. If the Eagle will stay by its present policy and candor, the people of the west will soon swear by the Eagle.

Eureka Messenger: The Wichita Eagle denies that it is to be bought by a gold-bug syndicate. The denial was scarcely necessary, and yet if a syndicate, or an individual, could be induced to buy anything in Wichita it would probably be the Eagle.

Larned Eagle-Optic: A Miss Morris of Wichita, secured the first filing in the new Kickapoo county, and so far she is the only one against whom no contest has been filed. It's a mighty cold day when the genuine Kansas ruster fails to get in on the ground floor.

Abilene Daily Reflector: There is no "conspirator" in this deal, and the absence of ambition will not avail when the convention meets. Marsh Murdoch would put up a campaign that would make the opposition, fusion or no fusion, very weary. And he would win, too.

Lawrence World: Dr. Martyr, the Chicago divine who was reported from Wichita as declaring Governor Morrill guilty of treason, was in the city yesterday and told the World that he never mentioned the governor's name and never referred to him directly or indirectly.

Lawrence Journal: A Chicago "divine" in a memorial sermon at Wichita Sunday denounced Governor Morrill most viciously, and declared that the governor is guilty of treason. The "divine" will try to get back to Chicago in time to assist in dedicating a monument to the Lost Cause tomorrow.

Atchison Globe: A man died in Topeka yesterday in absolute want after two weeks' illness, during which he was unattended, save by a sick wife and a physician who called in pure charity. The physician reported the case to three different charitable organizations, but nothing was done. They were so busy praying for Atchison, Wichita and Leavenworth that they let a man die in their own city of starvation and neglect.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

A hero—if nothing more than a tarantula-hero.

The freight business of Ponca City is \$3 a day.

The Edmond Republican, it is said, will move to Shawnee.

Corn in the Chickasaw nation is waist high and doing well.

Five saloons in Ponca City were burglarized in one night recently.

The Indians really look upon white blood in their veins as a contamination.

Miss Annie Stevens, aged 12, of Perry, was bitten by a scorpion last week.

A division of the League of American Wheelmen was organized in Guthrie Friday.

It is authoritatively stated that Oklahoma will have a prodigious wheat crop next year.

Commissioner Owen of Kay county, is in Chicago trying to sell \$25,000 worth of refunding bonds.

The McCann, who used to run the Cross Resident, are now running a daily paper in Arkansas City.

John Hoenschel has sold the Oklahoma City Star. It is now edited by Mrs. Jean Roberts.

Texas has secured up a new bug which devastates cotton fields. So far it has not tackled Oklahoma.

The Mexican colonization scheme proposed by some members of the Cherokee tribe is a big bluff.

Hockner the Guthrie man who locked up his wife, has been bound over at Guthrie in the sum of \$1,000.

Mrs. E. N. Radcliffe of Vinita, has been elected president of the W. C. T. U. of the Indian Territory.

Colonel Blackwell is out of jail. He will be tried June 9 and on June 19 he will dedicate his Indian temple.

It doesn't make any difference whether it rains or not, the divorce crop in Oklahoma is always large and flourishing.

In a month or two the Dawes commission will grasp the important fact that the great American Indian is playing horse with them.

There isn't going to be much trouble over the Kickapoo lands after all. Many of the sooner have grown disgusted and pulled back home.

Out in Beaver county it is dangerous for a man to talk of raising corn. That is a cattle country and the people there want it to remain so.

The Blackwell Record said last week: "We are needing rain again badly." The next day it rained and the Record is claiming credit for the moisture.

An Oklahoma editor declares that he has studied the Indians for many years and can state positively that they are more immoral than the English nobility.

The famous mound claim in the Kickapoo country near Chandler is the residence of about twenty people who are all staying to see what the other fellows are going to do about it.

R. W. McAdam of the Ardmore Herald, says that "nine-tenths of the American people are ignoramus or cranks." It is not often that McAdam gets his good sense tangled up like that.

Professor Gentry, who was elected superintendent of the Oklahoma City schools, has also been elected superintendent of the Eonville school over in Missouri. He will probably accept the latter offer.

A Washington dispatch says that survivors of the Indian Territory are suffering from bites of tarantulas. When an eastern man comes west he always wants the people back east to think he is

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