

Daily Eagle

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THAT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, SCANDAL.

As a municipality Kansas City, Kansas, must be rotten beyond precedent. The politics of that burg has been a public reproach and a party disgrace, periodically. The town in being cosmopolitan is still mongrel, in claiming to be metropolitan is really suburban. It is located too near Missouri, is too closely allied to its namesake across the line. Its most important interests as well as its greatest values are owned and controlled by non-residents, by people who have no use for Kansas except for what they can make out of it. In short, it is the handy receptacle of the unsightly and of the disagreeable of a disreputable neighbor. From this distance it would seem that it should log off its excrement purlieus, change its name and reorganize.

If any adjunct of department of a municipal administration ought to be free from even a suspicion of corruption and underhanded dealing, that of the public school control should be. Scandals in connection with the administration of the public school's interest is only less to be deplored than when attaching to the judiciary. It is charged, and said to be susceptible of proof, that an educator was offered the superintendency of the Kansas City public schools for a named sum in cash, that members of the board have been guilty of barefaced boodling. One member, in fact, admits that he got a kick-off on all the insurance that the schools had. A regular brokerage business has been done in teachers' positions, cash being paid far places. Suits and a public scandal are to follow.

A DEFAULT IN KANSAS SCHOOL FUNDS.

Kansas boasts a magnificent permanent school fund, now amounting to \$8,390,492, which is increasing from year to year. The interest on this fund goes to the public schools of the state. The fund is growing now at the rate of nearly one-half million a year. This fund consists largely of interest-bearing bonds of the school districts of the state, bonds issued for the purpose of erecting school houses, which bonds found a best and most ready market with the state school fund commissioners. The fund also holds some county bonds. By a report just made by State Treasurer Kelly it seems that school districts in some fifty counties have defaulted on their interest, or have ceased to pay the interest on the bonds which the state purchased and carried as a favor to these districts and counties. The defaulted interest now amounts to \$217,023, or upwards of a fifth of a million dollars. This interest money should be immediately collected, through the courts if necessary. It is a matter of surprise that the school districts of some of the older and richer counties of the state are in arrears for large amounts. It is not only hoped but expected now that the facts are known, that the attorney general will take the necessary steps to collect these over-due sums.

JUDGE PETERS ON THE BIG SEVENTH.

Congressman Murdock stated in Topeka a day or two since that all was harmonious in the Seventh district and that it was the intention to keep it so. The Seventh district has had a very harmonious career. It was organized in 1884.

The writer was nominated that year for congress by acclamation, and was renominated in the same way in 1886 and 1888.

After he declined to be a candidate in 1890 there were a number of candidates before the convention which met in Dodge City, but after a short-lived but good-natured contest, Col. J. R. Halliwell was nominated.

There was no bad feeling and the friends of all the unsuccessful candidates united in his support.

In 1892 he declined being a candidate and a number of gentlemen in the district went into a friendly contest at Kingman. After a short-lived but good-natured contest, Chester L. Long was nominated. He was renominated by acclamation in 1894, in 1896, in 1898, 1900 and 1902.

After his election to the United States senate a number of candidates entered the field for the nomination. After a short-lived but good-natured contest at Great Bend, Victor Murdock was nominated and all united to give him a rousing majority.

These congressional nominations indicate the condition of things in the Seventh district. The fact that harmony has prevailed in the district in the Republican party has accounted for the large number of representatives it has had on the state ticket.

Since its first organization it has had one United States senator and one United States district attorney, a governor, one secretary of the state, one state auditor, two state treasurers, one commissioner of insurance, one superintendent of public instruction and two justices of the supreme court.

In view of its past history and experience, as well as its present standing, there need be no fear on the part of the party about harmony in the Seventh district. Almost every other district in the state has its contests, out of which more or less bitter feeling has grown.

The Seventh district will not follow any such example and by its united action in the future, as in the past, will continue to be one of the leading, if not the leading and controlling element in the politics of Kansas.

FALLACIES ABOUT ALASKA CLIMATE.

Prevailing fallacies regarding the climate of the new land disappeared, says William R. Stewart in an article on Alaska in the World's Work for October. In south-eastern Alaska, which is tempered by the warming airs from the Japan current, the thermometer rarely falls to zero, and the changes from midwinter to midsummer do not exceed twenty-five degrees. Even at St. Michaels, north of the mouth of the Yukon river, the mean summer temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit. In the interior the climate is more severe, but not so bitter as is commonly believed. Daily observations during five summers in the Klondike region show that on the average the temperature there rises to 70 degrees or higher on forty-six days, and to 80 degrees on fourteen days; 90 degrees was recorded in Dawson in June, 1900, and 95 degrees in July of the same year.

Great hardships were undergone by the gold miners of three, four and five years ago, but these were due to abnormal conditions. The gold fever had carried a great swarm of fortune hunters into an unknown country of vast distances. Confusion, suffering and even starvation were the natural outcome. An incident in the construction of the White Pass and Yukon railway well illustrates the conditions which then prevailed. On the morning of one June day in 1899 there were 2,000 men at work along the line of the new road—doctors, lawyers, teachers and college men, in a motley crowd with Chinese laborers, and rough prospectors, who could not write their names. That afternoon came the news of a big discovery of gold

near Atlin, and in the evening there were but 600 men in camp. The other fourteen hundred had plunged into the wilderness, carrying with them the company's picks and shovels, but leaving behind them a half-week's pay at ten dollars a day. Such was the spirit of recklessness in which the gold-seekers invaded the new country.

BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO.

The monetary situation is vastly better than a year ago according to the view of Henry Clews & Co., whose Financial Review in its last issue says: "Liquidation has immensely relieved the banks, speculative demands are practically nil, loans are decreasing, reserves are larger than a year ago, the banks are generally in strong condition, funds are ample to move the crops, the supply of money is about \$124,000,000 larger than last year, and bankers continue conservative in granting credits to all classes of borrowers; consequently the much feared monetary crisis which was expected this autumn is now an exceedingly remote possibility. Secretary Shaw is entitled to much credit in this connection for his vigorous and resourceful action in counteracting government operations in the money market, and it is now quite likely that before many months are gone money will be plentiful at lower rates. Gold imports cannot be far distant, owing to the increasing supply of commercial bills and to the fact that Europe will be necessarily a large buyer of our food products. The curative process is probably more complete in the money market than in the stock market, and before long the anomalous condition of money commanding better returns than securities will disappear."

SALISBURY'S MASTERY OF ENGLISH.

It will be long again before England's prime minister is such a master of English's language, writes Chalmers Roberts in the World's Work. Always a recluse and a student, undoubtedly his early experience as a needy and hard-working journalist added to Lord Salisbury's mastery of his native tongue. With this I had another acquaintance. When I first began to study diplomatic papers, after our own red books I read most diligently English blue books. I was a very junior secretary in Constantinople at the time of the Cretan difficulty in 1896-97, and as such naturally read all diplomatic publications on the subject. The blue book containing Lord Salisbury's dispatches was a marvel of beautiful English and a full text book for the use of young diplomatists. It was unforgettable. But it was more than that. In the discussion of eventualities likely to follow foreign intervention by the powers between the Greek and the Turk, the British premier laid down the fullest, most complete epitome of the near eastern problem that exists today. I can recommend that set of papers to any student in the hospital of the "Sick Man."

SCHWAB SMARTER THAN CARNEGIE.

It is said that Charles M. Schwab may spend several million dollars in founding industrial training schools in various cities throughout the country, in the same manner that Mr. Carnegie has founded libraries. It is to be hoped that the report is true, for the establishment of such schools would mean more practical benefit to the workmen of the future than any number of libraries. Without in the least disparaging the value of Mr. Carnegie's pet scheme, it may be said with truth that it accomplishes very little in helping the classes most in need of help. Free industrial training schools provide the opportunity for the poor man's son to become a skilled mechanic.

ROCKEFELLER'S DISTRESS.

William Rockefeller, with his family, has fled from his summer home at Hay Pond, in the Adirondacks. Mr. Rockefeller feared assassination at the hands of the irate natives who claim that the acquirement of large estates in the mountains by New York millionaires has ruined their living rights. It is not strange that the average American, content to confine himself in the country to eighty or a hundred acres of land, should resent the intrusion of the landed millionaire who, taking four, five, ten, or even fifty, thousand acres to himself seals it to the world.

THE HILL OF CELLAR DOOR.

I know a hill not far away
Where children always love to play;
The hill is straight, and smooth, and low—
For little folks 'tis better so.

The coasting there is very nice,
Without the cold of snow and ice;
You slide in summer, fall or spring,
But need not bother sleds to bring.

It is the safest hill I've found;
Sometimes you tumble to the ground,
But 'tis not far you have to fall,
And would not hurt a child at all.

It's very near home, and so
Your mother always lets you go,
For then she knows you're right near by
And she can hear you if you cry.

So up you scramble, down you slide,
And, oh, you have a jolly ride;
You always want to play some more
Upon the hill of Cellar Door.
—Washington Star

Only two horses have ever beaten the record that Creaceous made in 1901, but Lou Dillon and Major Delmar have trotted so many heats farther than 2:05 1/2 that the old time looks slow and easy for champions. "The two-minute horse was slow in coming, but arrived most emphatically this year."

American grain and cotton are beginning to go abroad more freely, and the balance of trade for the next three months promises to be very different from the small figures of July and August. The money market in New York may be lubricated by much foreign gold before Christmas.

State School Superintendent Dayhoff declares that the salaries of the school teachers of Kansas must be advanced; which declaration advances Dayhoff's chances for a second term with the teachers, if not with the people.

Were it not for inevitable municipal corruption, municipal ownership of public utilities would be more favorably considered by the average taxpayer. It is public ownership and control that breed corruption.

Ten thousand bridge and structural iron workers have threatened to withdraw from the international union if the dominance of Parks, the convicted walking delegate of New York, is to continue.

That graft, the state barber board, is experiencing a rocky time in convincing the average tonsorial artist that he does not belong to a trade, but must be enrolled as a "professor."

Senator Burton still sticks to his two birds with one stone theory of good prevention by reservoir irrigation.

When the divine Nordica fell out of bed the guess is she didn't light as softly as an angel.

The quantity of flour and wheat on passage to Europe last week increased 2,280,000 bushels.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT.

KEPT HIS TEMPER.
The new attaché, direct from the Pulitzer school of journalism, had just assumed the chair of his predecessor, the night editor, and was surveying a bunch of proof slips with marked disfavor. "I really cannot sanction these evidences of applied carelessness," he remarked, sotto voce, as he endeavored to remove an ink smudge with his pencil eraser. "They argue undue haste and a serious irreverence for the true and beautiful. I see I have an exhaustive mission before me." And he sighed heavily.
There was a sharp rap at the door and a smudgy boy appeared on the threshold. The boy looked doubtful as his gaze rested on the newsmaster.
"Is you de night editor?" he asked.
"I am the nocturnalmeister-scribe," replied the man at the desk.
The boy looked at him.
"Well, it's de night editor's room all right," he muttered, "an de foreman says he's waitin' for de proofs."
"Say to the composing chief that the proofs have not yet been favorably passed upon," he remarked with dignity.
The boy breathed still harder.
"He says de presses is waitin'."
"Presses are 'presses," my young friend," said the new man; "it is the pressmen who wait."
The boy gasped.
"We're all swearin' to beat de band," he said.
The new man turned suddenly in his chair.
"Not profane!" he cried.
"No, sir, jus' swearin'."
"I will make a memorandum of this painful circumstance," said the new man, and once more he murmured: "I see I have an exhaustive mission before me."
He turned to the boy.
"That is all," he said.
A moment later he was again busy with the pencil eraser.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Why do they call it Langley's flying machine when it cannot fly? As that famous old Piker, Dr. Burton, would say, Ious-a non-Ious-a, light from no light.

KING Oscar says that he is sorry that he can't visit the St. Louis fair.

Not enough votes were cast at Enid, Tuesday, either to carry the waterworks or school house bond measures. Only a few more than 400 votes were cast.

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El Reno Democrat: White Buffalo, the educated Indian, who Draper, the Wichita bar, libeled through the Philadelphia press, is in town and White Buffalo is only a little over thirty years of age, yet his hair is as white as snow.

Alva Pioneer: Oklahoma is noted for her eccentricities in growing nearly everything under the sun, from crops of grain and fruit in one season, etc., etc., but all Outes is the latest in this part of the territory. Pat, now called Pap by the boys around the court house, is the supposed son of Outes in America today; a fine girl weighing 9 pounds was presented to him at El Reno by Mrs. Oates, with Dr. Billy as master of ceremonies. Mother and baby are doing well, and Sheriff Oates is carefully guarding their welfare.

Shawnee Democrat: John Vincent, a farmer living on the North Canadian river, seven miles south of Vinita, while fishing in the Canadian near his place ran across a bed of muscles. Out of curiosity he opened one and found a small pearl. He took it home, hitched up a team and drove over to Prague to see one of the jewelers there, who pronounced the pearl a fine one. Vincent went home elated with his find. On the following day and the day after he did nothing but drag the stream for muscles. His two days' work netted him over a hundred fine stones, ranging in size from a pinhead to that of a pea. All the stones are exceedingly beautiful in color and of all shades. One of them was a rose-tinted pearl of such exquisite beauty and so uniform in shape that it has been sent to St. Louis to have it valued by an expert. The balance of the find Mr. Vincent still retains.

Along the Kansas Nile.
These are peaceful days for the dogs. Which is quickest to resume business after a cyclone in Kansas, the church or saloon?
Bicyclists can ride on the sidewalk at McPherson, by paying one dollar for a license.
The four mill at Ness City is preparing to dig business. For four years it has been idle.
Mules and horses are still being shipped out of Kansas, and the auto is being shipped in.
A Ninety man, 91 years old, has just married. New York and her Platts are his, so many.
A good and valuable possession in Kansas, the other day, a hill at Salina was sold for \$250.
It is predicted that cattle will go still lower. The scrub bill is said to be the cause of it.
Two young ladies of Salina were shot by a duck hunter, Tuesday their wounds were not serious.
Six Kansas counties have no banks, but they have the per capita that Mort Albaugh tells about all right.
Another wolf has been caught near Arkansas City. Certain county's supply seems to equal the demand.
A reporters' company has been organized at Newton. An anti-machine has been hired to play "the villain."
Some of the writings of the late Harmon Wilson are being collected in color and set in book form. His newspaper friends are doing the work.
A sixteen-year-old boy has been arrested at Arkansas City for robbing a joint of \$10. Here is another chance for the morning.
Tom Country calls the attention of the horse husters to the fact that jars are being manufactured at Coffeyville and are to be bought cheap.
Baptists are holding a revival at McPherson but the evangelist has been carried. But a Methodist wouldn't want to go to that kind of a revival, anyhow.
The Inland Printer for October has a picture of a Methodist young woman in it. The work was done at McPherson, and shows skill and workmanship in photography.
Hutchinson boys have been organized into a league band successfully, and all that is needed to complete the organization are the instruments. The business men are asked to pay.
The Seventh district Republican editors closed their meeting with protesting against government printing in competition with local work. This is illustrated by the case of the return postal card.
Considering the law to abolish annual elections and give Kansas a real, the British situation and New York wastes the nation in liberally hard and making life a burden to the otherwise happy residents of Sandusky.
Hutchinson News: When the congress meets at Kansas City the work to be done is to prevent a recurrence of the floods in the Kaw and Missouri valleys. It must not be forgotten that Cow Creek is in that class sometimes.
Atchison Globe: Leavenworth children have been caught submitting funds for the Methodist church down there, the funds going into their own pockets. Leavenworth is getting such a bad reputation, Atchison may have to withdraw from the trouper.
Lawrence Gazette: The entire bell rings regularly at 9 o'clock, and is a great nuisance," remarks an exchange. In Lawrence it doesn't ring at all; it blocks and its time's a' clock, but it doesn't get any one to bed. The only one that pay any attention to it are the ones who want to see the watches and the watches out on the hills who sit down and howl as long as the whistle does.

OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

Enid Elks held the first meeting in their new rooms this week.
Two girls escaped from the Chittico school Tuesday evening.
Ralston has purchased a fire engine. A trial determined the city's action.
An Enid firm received 1500 gold fish this week from New York. The Eagle tells this one.
Several barns were turned over at Pockum, Kay county, last Sunday, during the storm.
A man at Oklahoma City pawned his trunk for cigars. We wonder what Carrie Nation would think of that.
Twenty members of the Pond Creek Shakespeare club were poisoned Tuesday by some article of food. All recovered.
What's the matter with the Perry Enterprise-Times' foreman? That paper has an advertisement of the Wichita fair in this week.
Inclement weather was a serious check on Ralston's reunion. Governor Ferguson's address, however, amply repaid all who attended.
El Reno people cannot help but feel the carnival of blessing. The papers have temporarily quit scrapping, probably for the lack of space.
A load of wheat was stolen from a barn six miles west of Blackwell Sunday night. The rain destroyed the tracks and the grain is missing.
David D. Lask, of Waukomis, has been adjudged insane. His hallucination is that some one back at his old home is trying to poison him.
El Reno has furnished a good preliminary to its automobile race. A bicyclist rider collided with another while going a mile in a two-minute gait.
Burglars got into an El Reno saloon and took some high class brandies. Among the other things they picked up before leaving was \$7.50 in cash.
C. A. McNabb, of Oklahoma City, bought a car load of apples in Pitt county this week, and shipped them to St. Louis. He paid \$1.75 a bushel.
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SCHOOL CHILDREN'S EYES. Should be looked after. Great precaution should be taken by parents to have their eyes examined for proper glasses. If anyone can find a greater expert in the United States on the eye than Prof. Samuels of Wichita he would like to hear from them. He will challenge them for such a good sum that it might be worth their while to take him up. Read what people say of him in the following lines:
PROF. F. H. SNOW, Chancellor of Kansas University, says that Prof. Samuels is recognized as being the greatest benefactor in this line in the entire country.
PROF. EVANS, Master of the High School of Leavenworth, speaks very highly of him as an expert in his profession.
JUDGE BARKER, of Lawrence, Kan., present speaker of the house of representatives, says that Prof. Samuels has no equal in this whole entire country.
MR. THOMAS MANANY, the well known detective of Kansas City, recommends Prof. Samuels very highly. When he was a boy he had a great trouble with his eyes, and was cured by him eighteen years ago and has not been troubled since.
EX-GOVERNOR ANDY FELT says that he was at one time a great skeptic and could not understand how glasses could cure different ailments, as he himself had the misfortune of getting glasses from those whom he supposed were oculicians, but after he was fitted by Prof. Samuels his eyes were greatly benefited, and he advises all who read this upon Prof. Samuels and be benefited as he has been.
EX-GOVERNOR LYMAN K. HUNPHREY says: I can recommend Prof. Samuels as the most able man in his line in the state of Kansas, or anywhere else.
MR. J. H. MULVANE, president of the Bank of Topeka, says: Prof. Samuels cured both my sons and daughter of an excruciating pain in the head and eyes. Others have tried to cure them with no beneficial results.
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