

Daily Eagle

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THE BROWNLOW GOOD ROADS BILL.

Why should the federal government spend money on roads that it does not and cannot control? Why should the federal government enhance the value of property on which it does not and cannot lay a tax? If it be urged that rural free delivery of mails calls for improved highways, the ready and only logical reply is, let all communities that want free delivery provide passable roads for the carriers. If it be suggested that national commerce would be increased by the carrying out of this project, we submit that the same argument would apply as well in support of a bill to supply the farmer with fertilizers, says the Washington Post, and it is a sound suggestion. Paternal government means in the end a centralized and a despotic government. Home rule is the true American principle. Government control, like sumptuary legislation, is not democratic. Ward heeled and party bosses make selfish and expensive rulers. It used to be said "as free as air and water." Water is no longer free, either municipally or irrationally estimated. As reasonably levy a tax on air as to burden a general government, national, state or county, for good roads for special and favored communities.

THE MONEY COST OF WAR.

The most expensive thing to civilization since history began, and long before, is war. War is not only hell, as Sherman put it, but an enormous waste of money, to say nothing of life and other direct and indirect losses entailed. The rumors of a great war in the east still continue, and though there is no change in the situation it looks critical nevertheless. As a necessary preliminary of war the Japanese government is said to have resolved to impose a fresh war tax by doubling the land and income taxes, thereby obtaining an additional revenue of \$23,000,000.

From Germany comes the assertion that should England enter war with Russia Germany would immediately occupy Copenhagen, thus effectively closing the Baltic and preventing the Russians from going out or from coming in.

The world is still waiting for Russia's "last word." If that is "war," the mix-up can hardly help becoming general. There will be lively times and heavy war taxes all around.

LET MR. BRYAN BOLT IF HE DARE.

The Democratic leaders of the country are chafing under the things said and threatened by Mr. Bryan, whose personal following far transcends that of any other Democratic party leader. But Mr. Bryan is hearing some plain talk from many of his Democratic enemies these days. Says the stalwart Nashville American, in speaking of him: "The St. Louis convention should make it clear that it is not to be controlled or led by a single individual. He should be made to understand that he can neither rule nor ruin. If he is willing to accept the convention's action, well and good. If he wants to bolt, let him bolt. There are many who think that the Democratic party would be better off without him."

To this the Globe-Democrat observes that "The way-faring man will have no trouble in grasping this talk. The talk, moreover, is felicitated by some equally plain language from Mr. Bryan. There appears to be a general impression among both branches of the Democracy that that party is sure to be beaten, anyhow, and therefore feuds can be fought out in the party now without doing any harm. The south was a pretty obsequious follower of the Nebraska during two campaigns, but many of its leading newspapers are now turning against him. Some were secretly against him all along, and supported him for reasons of regularity. They will work this time to turn him down in the convention, even if this involves his bolting the ticket.

TWO MILES A MINUTE, NEARLY.

"Life has no better things than this," said Dr. Samuel Johnson, as he rolled in ease in an old time post-chaise at a speed which it may be assumed was less than a mile in five minutes. The worthy old doctor would have snorted at his incredulity if he had been told that within one hundred and fifty years a vehicle of any kind would be propelled at the rate of a mile in 39 seconds. Yet the latter was the rate attained by William K. Vanderbilt along the beach at Ormond.

It is certainly a most astonishing speed—seven seconds better than ever was done in Europe. No less than 135 1/2 feet of ground were covered as each second ticked off, or at the rate of 32 3/4 miles an hour. The locomotive needs look to its laurels, for the automobile is close on its record of 98.7 miles an hour. If Mr. Vanderbilt has made in a private trial at Ormond a mile in 35 seconds, as is claimed, he has gone at a speed better than 102 miles an hour. These are days which Robert Dodgson, who fifty years ago rode from his Long Island home to his New York office in his steam wagon, using ten bushels of coal and a hoghead of water in transit, should have been spared to see.

THE WEST'S BOUTELLE.

Boutelle of Maine made his mark in congress and for years held his own. But Boutelle of Illinois is as clever a member as he of Maine was. He has a passion for digging into old records and hunting up literary conceits. He is a Harvard graduate, and has a faculty for effective speech. When he made his speech in the house on Tuesday of last week he flooded the Democratic critics of the administration by reading from an amazingly long list of editorials in southern newspapers, each of which told of the unequalled prosperity in its particular section. Most of

these papers were little local concerns, and how Boutelle got hold of them is a wonder. They covered thirteen states, and it took him nearly an hour to read them. As he finished each quotation he would turn smilingly to the Democratic representative of that district and congratulate him upon the conditions at home.

THE GOVERNOR WAS AWAY OFF.

In his inaugural address Governor Vardaman of Mississippi made the extraordinary statement that education had only resulted in making criminals of negroes. The Outlook prints some facts ascertained from superintendents of several southern prisons which contravert the governor's assertion. In South Carolina, for instance, where the negro literates constitute 47 per cent of the race in the state, only 25 per cent of the negro convicts can read and write. In Georgia more than 60 per cent of the convicts are illiterate, while of the total negro population only 37 per cent is illiterate. In Alabama the negroes who cannot read and write furnish about 39 per cent more criminals than the negroes who have had school advantages. In Governor Vardaman's own state a penitentiary official writes that less than 5 per cent of the negro convicts have "anything like a fair education." It is a fair inference that more general education rather than further restrictions is what is wanted.

CARNEGIE AS A PROHIBITIONIST.

Joshua L. Bailey, a well known Philadelphia merchant, told the following story about Andrew Carnegie at a temperance meeting recently: "While in Washington about a week ago, I met Mr. Carnegie, who, upon hearing that I was connected with the National Temperance Society said to me: 'That's a splendid movement. I am not a total abstainer myself, but on my estate in Scotland at the end of every year I call all my men up, and every one who can swear that he has not taken a drink of liquor during the year gets 19 per cent added to his wages. I find that five-sixths of the men get the additional money.'" Mr. Bailey suggested that perhaps if Mr. Carnegie set the example by abstaining himself, the other one-sixth might abstain.

MANIPULATING COTTON PRICES.

In his North American Review article Mr. Daniel J. Sully frankly admits that there has been manipulation of the cotton market. He claims, however, that it has been on both sides, and that, if anything, the advantage, so far as money is concerned, has rested with those who have tried to depress prices. The powerful mill interests of New England, Great Britain and the Continent, he says, have naturally sought to get cheaper raw material, while on the bull side Mr. Sully only detects the south, emerging from four decades of poverty, struggling to get an enhanced price for its principal product.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

The tendency of people to increase the use of public conveyances more rapidly is, according to Traction and Transmission of England, the same in London and in New York, though the street railways and other conveyances have to transport the entire population of New York more times per annum than is the case in London. For the city of New York the estimate is 415 times; for Greater New York, 329 times; for Extra London, at the present time, it is about 139 times. The tramways of Glasgow carry the whole population 174 times a year; of Liverpool, 187 times; and of Berlin, 225 times.

OBSCURITY.

There's a song for the man who is lucky and bold,  
For the man who has Fate on his side;  
There are cheers for the folk that are jingling the gold  
And are drifting along with the tide,  
But the man who is striving to get to the land  
And facing the hungry wave's crest,  
We quite overlook, for we don't understand  
The fellow that's doing his best.

But he has his rewards when the story is done,  
Though we smile, as he plods on his way,  
For his own self-interest is the prize he has won,  
As obscurely he's stood in the fray,  
And he knows the affection of home and of friends,  
And the pleasures of honest-earned rest;  
There are peace and good will, as the twilight descends,  
For the fellow that's doing his best.

—Washington Evening Star.

Joseph L. Bristow, the fourth assistant postmaster general who unlearned all the crookedness of the postoffice department, and who in being capable and honest is one of Roosevelt's right-hand men, was a main cog in the old machine just smashed, and was booked to succeed Burton in the United States senate. Of course the new machine while endorsing Roosevelt for evident reasons, will not endorse Bristow. The new machine would prefer their own new boss, Mr. Stubbs.

Stubbs, the new political boss of Kansas, warns the Hoch following that there is a widespread scheme and conspiracy on the part of the smashed machinists to capture Hoch's boom, the state convention and the delegates to the national convention. Stubbs seems to lack confidence in the advantages afforded him by his victory. As he already claims three-fourths of the state convention, what in the name of common sense has he to fear?

The Kansas City Star's Topeka correspondent makes up Hoch's record on prohibition and woman suffrage, which it prints in its yesterday's edition. The most of the record is from editorials written by Hoch for his own paper. Of course Ed. Hoch is radical on these questions, which in helping him in some directions will not strengthen him in others.

Mort Albaugh, whom the Wos y Gils have so unmercifully labeled and abused, announces that he is ready to go down with the governor and will not be a candidate for the chairmanship of the state central committee. All the same Albaugh's county stands by him and makes him the head of the delegation to the Wichita state convention.

Mr. Hoch is out in a signed enunciation, which is printed in yesterday's Capital, in which he says he made no personal fight on Bailey, winding up with an appeal to the Republicans of Kansas to send to the state convention only such delegates as are in sympathy with his reform movement.

Prof. Carl Swenson has already landed on the winning side. In a communication to the Topeka Capital he says that the course of the Eagle helped the Hoch boom. Yes, the Eagle went back on Bailey and his friends in an inexcusable way. Too bad.

The organs of the Wos y Gil combine are now explaining that they did not desire to hit Bailey, but the fellows behind him. In other words, Bailey was vicariously crucified because he has friends whom that sorcerous outfit doesn't love.

Mr. Stubbs, the new boss of Kansas politics, announces that none of the state officers of Bailey's administration is going to be disturbed. How's that? Are not explanations in order?

New England Democrats are lining up behind the Omer boom.

Radium now figures as the latest cancer cure.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1855, FORTY-NINE YEARS AGO TODAY—Robert S. Kelly and John H. Stringfellow started the Squatter Sovereign, at Atchison. In 1857 it became a Free-State paper, and was edited by Robert McBratney and Frank G. Adams. John A. Martin bought the office and changed the name of the paper to the Champion. The Daily Champion came out March 27, 1885.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY—B. L. Kingsbury was appointed regent of the Agricultural College, in the place of the Rev. Dr. Charles Reynolds, resigned; Charles A. Bates in place of Rev. N. Green, resigned; James H. Crichton, regent of the Emporia Normal school, in place of John W. Horner, resigned.

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY—Judge S. R. Peters, of Newton, as representative, had introduced in the lower house of congress a "most radical, positive and unqualified bill for the regulation of labor, transportation and transmission question."

IN 1894, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—Capt. D. J. O'Neil was found dead in his sleeping room at the rear of his shoe shop in Wichita. He was once a rich shoe merchant.

IN 1899, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—An oleomargarine bill was killed by the house committee of the state legislature.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"The devil tempts men through their ambition, their cupidity, or their appetite, until he comes to the profane swearer, whom he catches without any regard."—Manning.

WICHITA'S GOLD BRICK MEN. The Kansas City Journal, a paper that is being devoted to Kansas, her political and material interests, and that loves Wichita for the freight concessions she procures, gets off the following back-handed, all-around compliment in its yesterday's issue: "What happened in Wichita the other day is almost beyond belief. A farmer paid \$30,000 in good money for a gold brick—worth, say, 30 cents. How any man with sense enough to get hold of \$30,000 and put it in a bank could do such a thing is indeed a mystery. The Wichita victim earned his money by hard work—when should he be thought of as a very desirable object. He put it in the bank—which shows that he had ideas about safety. He was neither drunk nor crazy—which takes away his only excuse for what he did. One thing is clear, it is not possible that he could have been a reader of the newspapers. Scarcely a printed page goes to the public without some allusion to gold bricks in a way to put every reader on guard. This is especially true in the vicinity of Wichita, where the Eagle screams and the Beacon burns for the enlightenment of all Victor Murdock's constituents. It is possible that a little more speech and a little more reason might be necessary in Wichita. We remember how Farmer Stunkle, of Sedgewick county, was 'bricked' out of \$5,000, and we remember how Lawyer Stanley, once governor, was handed a most unmerciful and glittering senatorial gold brick by one Leland, chief engineer of the late Kansas machine. Perhaps it would be well for Victor Murdock to make his maiden speech in congress on gold bricks, and send a copy to every voter in the Seventh district. Speaking of the printed page as a protection against gold brick workers, have our editors ever thought about it carefully? The Democratic party as a party is composed largely of non-readers. A man named Bryan came along and handed the party a 'silver' brick—then, four years later, but in the party, when it tried to pass the brick along to the country at large, met with a rude rebuff each time. The country is wondering if the Democracy proposes to be a sucker three times in a row."

Learn something to express before learning how to express it. Rockefeller has quit the steel corporation. Nota bene—Observe the spelling. Politics is a bad habit with most men. Obligation is often disguised by the name of gratitude. There is politics in honesty, but little honesty in politics. Adversity is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

Omaha has established a grain exchange and will do her gambling at home. This will reduce Chicago's receipts somewhat, although that metropolis will continue to fix the price. It is more profitable to give than to lend a small amount. The wicked man finds no pleasure in the society of industrious men.

After everybody had conquered the word incendiary and could understand it at sight, the dispatches have sprung the word pyromania to keep the reader guessing. The difference between an incendiary and a pyromaniac is exactly the difference between a thief and a kleptomaniac.

Anger only profits your opponent. A fool's advice is of feather weight. Korean disturbances arise from excessive taxation. Where can they go to escape it? Too many bosses beat the machine. Madness leads to an anti-climax.

Young Lady—"Why don't you come to see me often, WB?" Will—"Oh, dear, I really haven't the spare time." Young Lady—"No other reason?" Will—"Oh, yes; there are others."

Success is a great magnet. It is not always what you do but what you fail to do that makes you friends and enemies. A true friend, but a short one, is that one who is a mirror of your actions.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

The Oliver Brothers are making the devil to the way of the ground-hog at Slickwater. Two weeks ago they made 300 conversions at Perkins.

Bird McGuire is quoted as saying that this "neutral" thing is to be made Cash Code national committee man. "Natural things" are something new in politics.

Dr. J. Scott Lindley, of Fairview, reports triplets, two boys and a girl, at the home of George Byfield, and all living. It begins to look like Roosevelt "to make good" will have to create about three dozen more postoffices in Woods county.

Judge J. C. Roberts leaves for Washington the last part of this week to render an opinion on the statehood matter to the committee.

The national secretary of the United Farmers spoke to the farmers of Garfield county last week on organization against the trusts. He tried to make the farmers believe that they can regulate the price of their own products.

Amos Seaton was elected last week to be cashier of the Sac and Fox bank, of Stroud. Four years ago he was the office boy.

Blackwell has one man who had his ear pierced Sunday, and involuntarily, too. Joseph Shupe, night watchman at the Pisco yards, was shot at by a coal thief, the ball striking his ear.

Ponca City has already subscribed \$100 in cash and other premiums for next year's show of the Northern Oklahoma Poultry association.

Otto Shuttles has invited the citizens of Cass county to send their applications for jobs at the World's Fair to him. It is not thought that it will be necessary to run a full page want ad in order to fill these positions, however.

Some Democratic papers in the territory are charging Cash Code with addressing the president as "Teddy." There are some editors who really deserve a thrashing.

Captain Dave Thomas, of Apache, is going into business at Oklahoma City, and if he is desirous of having his funeral conducted in a funeral home, he will not return to Apache till the lapse of a generation. He has been quoted as saying that that town "is rather dead just now."

The court house row in Woods county has gotten to that stage where the price of nails has made that article a luxury. There are yet a few more lies than nails, however.

El Reno Democrat: They have struck at a death of the thousand feet at Muskogee. If El Reno does not hurry up and get to boring some of the other towns will strike the vein that leads from the lake under this city, and when we get to boring we will find nothing.

Jefferson Review: On the first of January, V. N. Noel, the butcher and janitor, sent out statements to all who read him, and among the number was one who owed for several hundred pounds of ice. Yesterday Mr. Noel was surprised to see the fellow drive up with a wagon load of ice, stating that he had brought ice back in return for what he had gotten last summer. Noel was so paralyzed that he had to be carried to the nearest saloon to be revived.

Channing Herald: Bill Grimes says he does not want to be either national committee man or delegate to the Chicago convention. Bill has done his party good service and although his many friends would like to see him come to the front, still, if he wants to keep quiet, that is his affair and he is entitled to do so.

KANSAS CURRENTS

There is at least one man in Kansas who evaded the ground-hog yesterday—the Wellington man who bought the brick.

The ice was thin enough at Lawrence last week to produce a hero.

Charlie Finch declares that "before that Sumner county bunch can hope to get anything at the state convention they will have to tell how a Wellington man happened to pay \$10,000 for a gold brick at Wichita."

Trice, the automobile man of Winfield, was thrown from his buggy Monday and nearly killed. How's that for humiliation?

The Y. M. C. A. set an example at their closing meeting Sunday night at Newton, which the Kansas Ice club could follow with profit. Speeches were limited to one minute.

A robber has beaten the county attorney to one saloon at Arkansas City. Saturday night John Libby's place was burglarized, all bottled stuff loaded into a wagon and carried off.

Ed Howe is booming T. B. Murdock, of El Dorado, for United States senator. Hoch won't find the Atchison editor dilatory in helping him to make a friend for every thirty-nine enemies.

Hazelton's "cooler" has been torn down and hauled away. This is going to cause suffering among the knights of the road.

When the college students of McPherson returned from Newton Monday, they stopped on the corners of the Main streets and sang hymns. The football season doesn't open till next fall.

Mrs. Ruth Brown Thompson, daughter of John Brown, of Harper Ferry fame, died at Pasadena, Cal., last week. She was old enough to be a great-grandmother.

The store of G. W. Davis, a doctor of Princeton, Franklin county, was burned Sunday. A tramp is suspected, and as the tramp is not to be found, that theory will serve as good as any.

A Hoch meeting at Ottawa Saturday was turned into a love feast and Henry Allen was induced for congress.

Joe Mathias was arrested Monday at Ottawa for disturbing the peace with his gasoline engine. And Ottawa is a college town, too.

Charles A. Cox, the well-known lawyer and politician, died Monday, at Chanute. He won a big damage suit before the supreme court just last month, and was writing his brief sitting up in bed.

Ward comes from Salina that the stockmen are in arms against the railroads and cottonseed because of the beef prices. Two cottonseed will be sent to the legislature from Salina county.

Barnes Sheridan has brought out Judge John T. Burris for the Democratic nomination for governor.

J. N. Doherty, of Wabasha county, launched a boom for himself for state senator yesterday. He was in the lower house of the last legislature.

Geo. Innes & Co. Towel Sale This Morning. Fifty dozen Fine Huck Towels, good size and splendid soft finish quality; pretty woven borders; worth at regular price 10c each. This morning 4 for 25c.

SEALS... When you want a Seal place your order with the Eagle Office.

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Ladies' Mitts Sacrificed We are going to close out our Winter Mitts. Some of them silk, most of them wool with embroidered backs, trimmed with handsome ribbon bows; prices range from \$1 down to 44c the pair. Choose from the lot at 25c

Ladies' Golf Gloves We have decided to close out our Winter Golf Gloves; all kinds, all colors. No matter about the former price. We make one price on all 25c

Wool Blankets Not many left. We need the room they occupy. Today we begin closing them out. There will be none here if you wait. White Wool Blankets, 11-4, worth \$4.85, for \$3.00. White Wool Blankets, 10-4, worth \$3.50, for \$2.50. Gray Wool Mixed Blankets, 10-4, worth \$2.75 for 2.00