

Daily Eagle

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NOT AN INDISSOLUBLE UNION.

And is this Union indissoluble and not composed of indissoluble states? Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts of Washington has discovered a way out of the Utah difficulty. He would expel Utah from the Union—a sort of enforced secession, as it were—and compel her to stay out until polygamy had been wiped out completely, and then he would readmit her.

"Resolved, That we authorize a petition to congress that if the investigation now on prove that Utah has not kept the contract by which it agreed to suppress polygamy as a condition of statehood, and if the investigation prove, as now seems probable, that Utah does not maintain a popular government, but is under the theocratic government of the Mormon church, congress shall rescind the statehood obtained and forfeited through fraud."

When a body of men posing as moral and mental leaders of the people are capable of such rot, what may we not expect next? How do these gentlemen propose to dissolve the union of states? How is congress to expel a state from the Union? Brother Crafts might do well to soak his head for a season. However, if we are away off in this matter and it should be found feasible to dismember the states for things which the majority doesn't like, we suggest that South Carolina be set out until she learns the necessity of convicting and punishing murderers; that the state owned by Addicks be given a furlough until her voters become more virtuous, and that New Jersey, that nest of Anarchists and incorporator of robber-trusts, be given a long vacation in which to acquire decency.

DOWN WITH THE PAPER TRUST.

Now that the supreme court has decided that section of the anti-trust law in restraint of trade to be constitutional and that congress has the power to suppress trusts, that wood pulp inquiry should be wiped out. The judiciary committee of the house now has before it a resolution providing for the investigation of the arrogant monopoly controlling the output for book, news and magazine paper with a side issue of forest destruction at a thoroughly reckless and alarming rate. The committee has an opportunity to make public the iniquitous methods of the combine which now controls 80 per cent of the entire paper output, with an understanding with the few independent companies by the terms of which the combine takes their entire product—either that or the alternative of being wiped out of existence.

It may not be that the investigation will mean relief, in itself, but it is inevitable that if the proceedings of the committee are on the line of an earnest intention to discover the facts of the situation, relief will follow at the hands of congress or that body will go on record as willing to combine a conscienceless extortion on the American public.

TOO HORRIBLE TO TELL.

Now comes a gruesome story from Philadelphia which seems in spite of the early Christian denominational spirit to have become one of the most wicked cities in the world. The story is that the police have not only found clandestine baby farms but a special crematory where the hapless victims of sin and sorrow have been burned to ashes. More than ninety babies have been burned in the last six months. The establishment provided with a crematory was for "wealthy patrons," and the ordinary baby farms for those less exclusive. "Implicated in the affair are a number of physicians and nurses." In December last sixty infants' bodies were picked up in alleys and culverts. It would seem that Omnipotence would wreak vengeance upon a people so loose in their government as to render such horrible crime possible.

THE DEGRADATION OF CIVILIZATION.

The sufferings and the woes of the poverty-stricken and crime-beset cities are beyond the powers of description. A true revelation of it all would shock the world, shock even a majority of the citizens of the cities in which these woes exist and crimes flourish. The older and more wealthy the city the lower the depths into which its impoverished and its criminal classes are sunk. Here is a pen picture drawn of one of London's quarters at 2 o'clock in the morning:

"A thin black line of doleful humanity nearly a quarter of a mile in length—a long, winding 'queue' of hope less, starving misery, hugging the buildings of the dismantled buildings of old Clare Market—homeless wanderers of the great city, gathered together and with anxious eyes roting the minutes to the hour when the Salvation Army would distribute from its Stanhope street shelter the free breakfast of soup and bread to all who choose to fall into line.

"This breakfast was to many the first meal for the previous four-and-twenty hours; some, indeed, had not tasted food for double that length of time. A saddening, depressing spectacle it was, and this gathering together of the homeless at this particular spot, for the number of eight or nine hundred, is no odd occurrence of a single night. It has now continued nightly for a month or more. And whilst many who come for the meal are the same persons over and over again, every night the ranks are swollen with many recruits—men of all ages and all ranks in life. Women, too, are by no means wanting—fully twenty were fed this morning and seven boys of tender years."

THE MERCURIAL FRENCHMAN.

France in clearing one Dreyfus is running up against another. In course of the investigations of forgeries and conspiracies in the Dreyfus case it is discovered that a non-commissioned officer named Martin has been selling secrets of the ministry of marine, in which he was a clerk, to the Japanese ambassador. The story is that the discovery was made because a letter addressed to the non-commissioned officer was opened by a Colonel Martin, to whom it had been delivered by mistake. It is further alleged that many documents of importance relating to the French marine are missing, and that others show plainly the marks of tampering, and Martin is under arrest.

The Japanese secretary of the embassy, Prince Itehoji, admits having received a request from Martin for a private interview; that Martin was requested to state his business in writing, but declined, and before any further steps could be taken the arrest was made. The missing documents and those with which there has been tampering—or alleged tampering—related to the possibility of joint naval action on the part of France and Russia.

THAT COPPER KING'S PALACE.

The luxuries and extreme extravagance of the Roman nobility in the days of that empire's ascendancy is being emulated by American millionaires. The question is, does this character of self-indulgence betoken decay? In the palace now building in New York City by Senator William A. Stewart of Montana there is a fully equipped stage with a scene dock and dressings rooms and extending two stories upward. Among the novel features will be an up-to-date Turkish bath, with a plunge 16 feet wide and 28 feet long. The full equipment of a modern Turkish bath establishment will be installed, including attendants' rooms. There will be no less than twenty-five bath rooms throughout the house, all of them finished in white marble, with vaulted ceilings of falence. The two upper floors of the house will be reserved for the servants, thirty bed rooms being provided for the help alone. The ceilings in many parts of the house will be made of stone, such construction never has been used heretofore in private dwellings in the United States, and the difficulties in the work have been enormous. The grand staircase is to be made entirely of Maryland marble, of a rich cream color. Much space has been devoted to picture galleries, and there will be five separate halls for this use alone.

THE PRESIDENT FIRST ALWAYS.

It is well known in Washington circles that Justice Brewer of the supreme court, who was appointed from Kansas, is greatly out of patience with the etiquette of the White House, especially as it concerns the diplomatic corps, the army and navy, the judiciary and congress. But he got a practical lesson the other morning at his daughter's wedding. As the bridal party vanished down the church aisle the justice left his pew and made for a side door, with a view to getting his carriage promptly and reaching home in time to get out of his hat and coat before the arrival of the guests bidden to the breakfast. Observing that no one followed him, he turned inquiringly and beckoned somewhat impatiently to the occupants of the family pew. Mrs. Brewer put out a restraining hand and clutched his coat. As she drew him back within the enclosure she pointed out to him with a motion of her hand the gentleman and lady standing in a front pew on the opposite aisle. No one nowadays may leave an assemblage of which the president or member of his family forms a part until the White House people have taken leave. Justice Brewer cast an impatient glance in the direction of the presidential pew and subsided, while the naval aid summoned the White House turnout.

THE SONG OF THE SEA.

Oh, the song of the sea, The wonderful song of the sea; Like the far-off hum of a throbbing drum It steals through the night to me; And my fancy wanders free To a little seaport town, And a spot I know, where the roses grew, By a cottage small and brown, And a child strayed up and down O'er hillock and beach and lea, And crept at dark to his bed, to hark To the wonderful song of the sea. —Joe Lincoln.

A letter from Wichita dated about a month ago and addressed to Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Topeka, Kansas, has just been returned to the sender by way of the dead letter office in Washington. Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Bailey is the wife of the governor, the letter was endorsed, "No such person living in Topeka."

The supreme court made up its mind finally, by a majority of one, that congress had the right to enact the anti-trust law. The time is coming when the people of this republic will make up their mind to reorganize that supreme court on a different basis and for shorter tenure.

The late Republican state convention cured a number of very sore heads and to some extent, in a sentimental way, relieved a lot of others, but made many more than it cured, we should judge by the multiplication of howls going.

Topeka Capital: It is said that the reason that Mr. Grass got out of the race for state treasurer was because he heard that the Democrats were going to nominate Judge Haymaker of Wichita for the same position.

Bees ventilate their hives and keep the air pure by having a sanitary squad beat the air into motion with their wings after the manner of our own electric fans. This ventilating squad is relieved every half hour.

Folk has been trying to convince Missouri for three months that he is, and always has been, a Democrat, but fell down from the fact that he lent himself to the business of convicting Democrats of boodling.

Fully satisfied that where there is a will there is a way, Mr. Bryan, nevertheless, is compelled to admit that where there's a bequest the will sometimes doesn't work.

Reports received at Topeka by the State Horticultural society from a number of counties indicate that the fruit crop will be good this year, with the exception of peaches.

The judiciary committee of the house has been formally asked to investigate the wood pulp combine and its operations, and it's a good time to begin sawing wood.

Col. Dan Anthony seems to be quite of the opinion that for a "reform" convention, railway attorneys and magistrates were too numerous in evidence at Wichita.

Hearst has the Democrats of the country really alarmed over the way he is gathering up delegates. Money counts anywhere and at all times for anybody.

Joe Bristow is not the most popular department man with congress, but the president must stand by him. To do otherwise wouldn't be like Roosevelt.

That supreme court decision against mergers, it will be noticed, hits Pierr, Morgan and Dan Lamont, the man who made Grover Cleveland rich.

There are a number of uncomfortable men in the senate end of congress also without mentioning the name of the polygamist with one wife.

Mr. Bryan's reference to the "lateness" of Mr. Cleveland is somewhat obscure. Does he refer to the physical or mental brand?

That Panama canal lawyer of New York who swipes in a \$2,000,000 fee from the French owners won't have to practice law any longer.

We are now assured by the Associated Press that as soon as the Russians have thawed out a big fight may be confidently counted on.

Gabrieliskovitch Bouckomolsenski is a prominent citizen of Kalamazoo. Just naturally took to the town because of its name.

With two Democratic nominees for mayor in Kansas City, that town's chances for a Republican mayor ought to be fairly good.

It snowed up in north and northeast Kansas Sunday. This section of Kansas hasn't seen a flock or flake of snow this winter.

KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1860, FORTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY—Aaron D. Stevens and Albert Hazlett, John Brown's men, were executed at Charlestown, Va. James Montgomery and a few of his men went from Kansas to rescue these men from prison, but were prevented by the deep snow. Thomas W. Higginson organized a New England and New York party, and they met Montgomery at Harpersburg.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY—James W. Steele, of Topeka, was appointed Consul at Matanzas.

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY—The first spring rain in Sedgewick county fell. Nearly all the oats had been put in.

IN 1894, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY—The majority contest at Atchison was decided in favor of M. J. Cloves. On this date also, Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court allowed a writ of error and a stay of execution in the case of Clyde Mattox under sentence of death, to be hung March 23d.

IN 1896, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY—The Ratin hotel and livery barn at Burton were destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,000.

THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Eccentricity may be harmless, but it never can be commendable."—Emerson.

HELL. Oh, goddess one! Thy face doth show Sad folly's fruits, but all too well; No 'friends' await for their below— In their own soul burns fiercest hell. —CHAR. T. FORAN.

It is now very evident that with constant pumping and filling in by the sand pump, it will not be long before the channel of the Big Arkansas river is narrowed to such a degree as will allow a steam boat to pass from the West Side to step across. The county commissioners and city fathers are to be congratulated for their foresight and watchfulness of the tax payers' interests.

Even a town the size of Salina has business men of enough enterprise to realize that it will be to their interests individually to put up an auditorium.

The Pikers have agreed that the following little story from the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune shall be reported in this column for the good of the town. It may cause some wayward daughter to turn back from pleasures and do up the ditches for her mother. The tale: "Queer, is it not, that a child sometimes is stronger than the law, that a smile on a baby face will accomplish what nothing else on earth can?"

A richly dressed woman, young, pretty and refined, was on her way to the depot. Awaiting her there was a man—not her husband with whom she had agreed to go away, leaving behind home, friends, all.

"Perhaps if her little daughter had not died she would have been a better woman."

A child fell against her as the street car rounded a sharp curve.

The woman, with a quick move, saved the little one from a hard fall.

"Thank you," replied the baby; "oo's pity and deed."

Tears came to the eyes of the woman. She clasped the child for an instant close to her heart and then left the car.

Perhaps she had forgotten that she was in a section of the city remote from the depot.

The man at the depot didn't know to this day why the woman failed to meet him, nor why she returns his letters unopened.

"And a little child shall lead them."

That article in yesterday morning's paper headed, "Kansas has a Devil," is bad news, but we are glad to report that it does not refer to a newspaper correspondent.

The police force is to be furnished more clubs and helmets. All feel the necessity of affording ample protection to the city's old guard.

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That story of the Japanese woman who killed herself to enable her son to join the army is dated Tokio. Tokio is 5,504 miles from Wichita. (Kansas City and Topeka papers please take notice.)

Thomas Todd uttered a prayer that his mother taught him just before he was electrocuted. His piety almost equals that of the czar.

Columbia has quit. The Russo-Jap war can now be resumed.

One old gentleman in this town says that Todd is improving and predicts that some day he will be as proficient in forecasting weather as Hicks.

The Eagle has received a song from Sue Drogmund of Kansas City, entitled, "To Thee For Mercy." No, it is not dedicated to Cy Lord, Mort Albaugh, nor Henry Allen.

Yesterday, two ladies called at the Eagle office to see the eggs in the contest of last week. One of the eggs had been sent by them. When they asked the local man if they might see them, he stammered out something about them having been carried off by the rats.

"Sub rosa," "in the quiet," "under the hat," etc., but the local force ate those eggs.

ONES EASY TO SEE. If nothing bothers you, it is quite probable that you never bother about anything.

Add a few kindly words to a pat or two on the shoulder, mix well with plenty of smiles and apply to a disheartened boy if you would lift him out of the mire.

A sour face does not always indicate a sour nature. There may be a sour stomach in the case.

A small wave of thought does not amount to a great deal on the ocean of democracy, but it sometimes causes the storm of genius which destroys whole flotillas of mockeries.

How straining it is for one to believe that there is anything worthy to speak of in his fellow man, but it is so easy to recognize the natural crudities of self.

Some people are glad to help a struggling one. Others are glad to struggle with the one who is struggling. A few never struggle and are never glad.

The Korean devil is a great deal easier than the one so shrewd in the United States. You cannot fool his Satanic majesty in America with the best outfit ever constructed.

A Japanese engineer who distinguished himself on a torpedo boat, has been given the order of Kyte. Now let him soar.

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES

The worm has turned. A person riding a bicycle was run over by a buggy at Enid Saturday.

A commandery of Knights Templars has been organized at Alva. There was a spelling contest at Homestead last week and the women were misses of 12 and 14 years of age. They will get over it and spell as badly as the average in a few years.

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KANSAS CURRENTS

The barber shops at Arkansas City are being merged, the opinion of the supreme court on the Northern security's case to the contrary notwithstanding.

The ground hogs' six weeks were up yesterday, and it came out of its hole. A little winter is now in order.

A suit for \$10,000 damages has been filed against the Frisco road by the wife of the fireman of the Mateer, who was killed in the wreck at Godfrey. A brakeman is charged with causing the wreck.

The Atchison Globe is roaring because a newspaper "directory" under goosed its circulation by a little over a thousand, about six hundred over.

Chas. Keesinger, of Ablesse, lost two Shetland ponies last week, the animals dying while in a pasture. It is supposed that they got a hold of something poisonous.

Hoch was given a rousing reception on his return home. It was more cordially welcomed back to Zion City.

The paragrapher has turned his attention to the Easter holiday. He has eight days in which to say something bright about it.

The stockmen of Southwestern Kansas will meet at Dodge City two weeks from tomorrow to show their approval of the independent packing plant movement.

General Henry Boynton is dead at Augusta, Me., age seventy-three years. Boynton took a prominent part in the rescue of Kansas from the border ruffians.

Sam Forsha, recently a candidate from Reno county, for the Republican nomination of congressman from the Seventh district, has been down to Havana, Cuba, and established a branch house to sell his flour. The branch is housed in a building 35 years old.

Newton's new library was opened Monday.

Now that Kate Bender has just died again, it's Gen. Alletta's turn to return and settle with his creditors again.

The public's attention is being called to the fact that Joe Bristow's reform work was not commended, not even mentioned, by the bona reformers of the Wichita convention.

The Emporia Gazette shows that one potent medicine that is advertised to cure everything from broken bones to a body ache, and sells at one dollar a bottle is nothing more than chloride of iron, which can be purchased of a wholesale druggist at fifteen cents a ounce. The Gazette fails to show, however, how the "guaranty" the curative power of the bottle of medicine, can be purchased any cheaper.

An Arkansas City man made \$1,000 by buying and selling on all lease in the Indian Territory within a week. His motto, and a very good one it is, probably is: "Let the other fellow do the buying."

Neosho county proposes to tax oil wells. The publicly exposed flow of the wells has already decreased astoundingly.

A department for the teaching of banking is to be instituted in the Kansas University. It has been moved that Marshall of Highland be leader of the chair of the new department.

The Democrats stand little chance of getting Judge Dale of Wichita to be their nominee for governor, and none at all, it is wagged, if they disclose that their support doesn't merit a better standard than a yellow journal.

Geo. Innes & Co. The Second Day's Opening Display of Stylish Millinery. 'Mid fragrance of flowers and graceful palms revealed hundreds at this spring-like spectacle yesterday. Hat fashion in its keenest note was sounded. Masters could command no prettier conceptions than we are showing for their first time. Today we will again delight our many visitors with just the pleasing spring modes. Be with us, ask their value, pass your opinion and try them on. This, your down-town home, THE GEO. INNES STORE.

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THE TORNADO SELLERS OF EVERYTHING—118 EAST DOUGLAS. Nine to Twelve o'Clock This Morning Remember the time—9 to 12. It is essential that we specify only three hours for this special sale as such value cannot linger long on the counter. 50 Only, Nottingham Lace Curtains Good patterns, five feet wide and full, best six inches long, some in pairs to match, some odd. The biggest bargain we have ever offered. 9 to 12 this a. m., each 67c Nottingham Lace Curtains Curtains Swives, All Day Special values, pure bleached, full yard wide, great for bed rooms and living room curtains; worth 25c to 30c each. Today, yard 12 1/2c Today's Selling of Window Shades LOT NO. 1—Best Applique Lined Shades, full six feet long, 22c 9 to 12 a. m. today, each 22c LOT NO. 2—Best Quality Full Window Shades, complete with best spring rollers, 9 to 12 this a. m., each 9c Embroideries All Day's Sales All day sale. Today's buyers will find an extra inducement in Embroideries, fully 300 yards of 50c sale this morning, many worth 10c yard, at per yard, 5c only. Vegetable Brushes, each 10c Package Flow Blinds, each 10c Box 10c Talcum Powder, each 10c Hand Saw Files, each 10c 10c Brass Head Furniture Nails, 10c 10c Sewing Cotton Iron, each 10c 10c Foot Chalk Iron, 10c 10c Brass Table Mats, each 10c HAYTHORN BROS. MERCANTILE CO., 118 E. Douglas.