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Bear in mind that our Misses' high button overshoes, Ladies' 3 buckle overshoes, children's and boy's overshoes will not last long—buy now.

T. R. MOORE.

The "Last Chance" legislature is now in session.

It is reported that Ballie Waggoner wrote the "railroad bill."

It takes a pop statesman (?) to see that the "railroad bill" is worth \$50,000.

No one but some great financial statesman (?) of the "Coin Harvey" school, can figure out that such a bill as the pops will pass is worth to the state of Kansas \$50,000, but it was there last chance on earth.

Taxes on lands of non-residents are almost certain to be collected and it is almost equally certain that no tax will be collected on cattle driven in here to graze through the summer. Then why should we raise the valuation of personal tax, which is all paid by residents of the county, and at the same time lower the land taxes of outsiders which can be collected? It is neither justice or economy but it may be "reform." In fact, we think it is. It smells like it.

WILL THEY DO IT?

Governor Leedy has called a special session of the legislature to pass a railroad bill. If the legislature passes a liberal and conservative law, no one will criticize the action taken. On the other hand, if they permit Leland to get the best of the hoodlers to get in their work, and the session closes without having passed a railroad bill, the people's party will never outlive its name.—Independent, December 23.

This is the same legislature and same governor that we had in January, 1897. The legislature then passed a bill about as conservative and decent as any that can be expected now but the governor got in his work on it. I we haven't forgotten, Boyd Tucker and Imperials mixed up a little in some of the work of that winter. Leland did nothing to do with it. This mistake of our neighbor is pardonable—being only a typographical error. Instead of Leland it should read Leedy. The similarity of the names in sight and sound has caused the Independent to make a grievous mistake which it will speedily correct and do justice to an honorable citizen.

TOPEKA LETTER.

Capital News and Events as Reported by World's Special Correspondent.

Topeka, Kansas, Wednesday, December 21, 1898.—I hev just arriv'. I hev not been here in this place very long. I come today. I rid on the cars all the way down and pade my fair in advance as all self-respectin' sitizens should do. I never ast fer a pass (but onct) in my life and I am bound that no bloated corporashuns shall ever git no strings on me. Editors whose dooty it is to tell the truth about soulless corporashuns and lawmakers who make bills to throttle 'em should avoid all entanglin' alliances with the munny power. (I didn't get the pass.)

Thursday, 22.—We had a little caucus last nite and this morning the chaplaine prade fer fergivness and fergivin' speerits on be 3 of the legislachur and hoped the members wud hold up the hands of the speaker. It was very effectin' but onct when I looked from under my bandanner, with which I wuz a wipin' my weepin' ize, I noticed some of the Republican members wuz a winkin' at each other and a whisperin' about the "hold up" ability of the present body. Sich on-becomin' auxions and sackyrelidgious remarks shock my feelin's and should be frowned down upon before a well-meanin' legislachur is brought into disrepute and become a buy-word and a laffin'-stock er sumthin'.

Friday, 23.—This P. M. I wuz takin' a walk on foot down on Throopland avenoo when I met Senator Jumpouser and Representative Hayrick. They are leadin' members and ree formers and are interesting thurselves in the laws of the people fer

the good of hewmanity and they told me confidensfully that they hoped to pass a rail road bill and sum other maternal legislashun. The Senator wuz explainin' how it wuz to be dun and the grate good to be accomplisht and pulled out sum dockyments and figgers. Just then a pesky gust of wind scattered his papers over the asfalt pavement kinder permiskus likes I noticed one dockyment that I thought wuz peskulyer and I ast what it wuz. It wuz pass No. X 42 over the D. B. & J. W. road. I wuz shocked and I sed so very planely but the gentlemen sed I wud understand better when I hed more experience. They sed it wuz the dooty of a public servant of the people, workin' fer the releef of a race of suris, to git all he kin off of the graspin', thievin' octopusses which oppres us. We should "remember the name" object of rail road legislashun and our bein' called to-gether in extra oncommon ordinary session.

I kin see now that I wuz mistaken and hev bin a kickin myself ever senst. (I might hev got my pass et I hed ast a...)

This meetin' of the legislachur is the last chance fer the members to git releef fer the people and themselves. There never wuz a legislachur like it be + and there never will be a nutter one of the same kinu agin. I reenze with a grate sence my responsibility way this is called an extra oncommon ordinary session and I'm agagin' to do my dooty by my constituents. (I may get a pass back home agin.)

I notice a good menny fellows a hangin' around the members which I first thought were the minions of the munny power but I wuz mistaken. They are patriots and body guards to perfect the members agin skeems of the rail road loobyists. I must hev one. Under sich a grate responsibility I need perfection and I don't feel safe by myself alone when I meet any of the wirehings and agents of the octopusses. (This feelin' hev bin growin' on me ever senst I hed my interview House, Jumper and Hayrick.)

Saturday, 24.—Havin' nothin else to do to-day I've bin strollin' around a lookin' at the Krismas goods and I wandered into the head 4s of the non-resident land league. The league wuz havin' and they ast me to stay awhile which I did and was well treated. They appointed a committy on Providential Silverance which committy made a report while I wuz there as follows:

WHEREAS, The members of this League have lands in western Kansas, and

WHEREAS, We don't live there, and

WHEREAS, We have no kids in their schools, and

WHEREAS, The chumps who do live there and improve our lands are willin' to pay all the taxes, and

WHEREAS, We have reserved material reductions in the assessments of our lands; therefore

Be It Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby offered to the Honorable and Ekonomical Commissioners and assessors of western Kansas.

The eyes and nose stood up and wuz counted and there wuzzent a dissentin' voice. Bein' there wuzzent a vote agin 'em the resolutions wuz adopted unanimously and the committy was recharged until my next visit.

Tuesday, 27.—I hev just cum from a party caucus of our members. The grate rail road bill, which is to bring releef to the toilin' surfs, wuz introduced. It was cussed and discussed pro and con. The caucus went into committy of the hole (which sed hole our hole party is agoin' into.)

I wuz agin this bill when I first heard it and I'm a gittin more and more agin it, and I publish the fact without a tremor. (I don't want to walk home.)

VERBECK'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

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I have the largest stock ever brought to western Kansas and my prices are lower than the lowest.

NOTIONS.

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SHOES.

My Shoes are the celebrated Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.'s. You are familiar with these Shoes as I have been handling them for the past fifteen years. I can sell you Shoes nearly as cheap as small dealers can buy them. Ladies' shoes \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.20 and up.

CLOTHING.

In Clothing I can and will sell at Kansas City prices. I will not be undersold. You can save money by investing it at home where you can see what you want and get a perfect fit. Suits at \$6, \$6.50, \$7, 7.50.

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SHIRTS.

Working shirts, a nice line, at 25c and 50c. Please loook at our 45c shirts when you come in.

BOOTS.

When you want a pair of Boots come in and examine my large stock. We have just what you want.

GLOVES.

We have a nice line to select from. Just the kind you want. A large line of Gent's working gloves, 25c and up.

WRAPPERS.

Ladies' wrappers, 45c and up, a new lot.

TRUNKS.

Some more now trunks at \$1.75 and better.

MILLINERY.

The most elegant line of Pattern Hats ever brought to Wa-Keeneey.

HATS AND CAPS.

A large and complete line of fall and winter Hats and Caps of the latest styles.

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My stock is complete in every detail from first to last, from the largest item to the smallest. I have the largest stock of queensware in the city.

A FEW OF MY PRICES

- Arbuckle Coffee, 10c.
- Battle Ax tobacco, 30c.
- Two-quart cups, 5c.
- Dish pans, 15 and 20c.
- Stew pans, 8 and 10c.
- Washboilers No. 8, 50-70c.
- 10 bars of good soap, 25c.
- Coffee pots, 8 to 10c.
- Stew-pans, 10 and 12c.
- Ink, 4c per bottle, good.
- Curry combs, 5 and 10c.
- Coal shovels, 3 and 6c—look at them.
- Coal hods, 20c.
- Shoe brushes, good, 10c.
- Tablets, 1, 5, 8c.
- Slates, 3, 5, 7, 15, 20c.
- Whips, 10, 20, 25, 45, 50c.
- Pearline, 8 pks., 25c.

FLOUR.

Perfection Flour, none better, \$1.10.

I cannot tell you about my goods as well as we can show you.

atch these prices as they will save you a ney

GEO. I. VERBECK.

I'm still hopin fer some releef—fer the people but I ort to hev a boddy gard.

I must close fer this time over my soodynim.

HON. ROXAND DOBILLS.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By County Superintendent. Some of our schools are having vacation this week and a few will have two weeks rest before beginning again. Quite a number still pursue the even tenor of their way without stop.

The last two weeks have been a hard time to visit schools on account of the ice but the attendance has kept up despite the winter weather.

In some schools we find the pupils preparing for Christmas exercises. In general these exercises lessen the interest in the regular work of the school but they may be made to assist in and supplement some of the everyday lessons. This was being done in Miss Hobb's room.

Miss Julia O'Toole is doing good work in joint district No. 47, and her patrons are well pleased. This is her first school.

In Excelsior district No. 23, Miss Holmes has a nice school of eight boys and young men who will certainly become intelligent citizens if their efficient instruction be continued.

Ida Rogers is teaching her second

term in District 29, and doing good work.

Lilly Greenway of Rush county is teaching in District 36. This is the first school held in the regular school building for several years. She has an interesting school.

Dora Barber has eighteen pupils in District 43, which is the largest number I have ever found in attendance there. Miss Barber is a beginner but gives promise of becoming an excellent teacher.

On one day's visiting I took my little six-year-old girl with me. She evidently took notes of what she saw as she remarked on the way home: Every where you go they ask you if you have something to "preach" to them. I am more than ever convinced that school visitors should not make speeches or else I've missed my calling. (I left my daughter at home next day.)

TIME IS MONEY.

When you are traveling, due consideration should be given to the amount of time spent in making your journey.

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If both articles are brought prominently before the public both are certain to be tried and the public will very quickly pass judgment on them and use only the better one. This explains the large sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The people have been using it for years and have found that it can be depended upon. They may occasionally take up with some fashionable novelty put forth with exaggerated claims, but are certain to return to the one remedy that they know to be reliable, and for coughs, colds and croup there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For sale by Jones & Gibson.

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