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"Financial problems are nuts and clover for demagogues."—J. A. GARFIELD.

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Rozaud Takes a Side Trip and Reports General Observations—Groundhog Day, Etc.

TOPEKA, Kan., January 29, 1899. I've just got back from a little side trip to Washington, Dee See, the capital of Wall street and bull work of the Great Red Dragon. I didn't see the Dragon any where around there but I got a good look at the president without pertendin' to notice him. (He took no notice of me and I never let on but it was an insult—a deep insult to the late reform movement.) Mack had a look of prosperity about him that was awful tantalizin' but of course it was all put on. I see that the president is sending a commission to the Filly Peens to find out sumthin'. There aint no use of it. Ed Little's there and every body knows Ed can get on both sides of a question as easy as any committie. McKinley is the rible conservative. The trouble he takes to find out what is just right and what the people want is mighty agervatin' to the yellow papers on one side and to the anti-expanders on the other. Some of 'em will be callin' him David William McKrocket afore long. I shouldn't be surprised. While in Washington I seed Jerry Simpson comin' down the middle of main street on one of them 2 wheeled by stickies. (I hope that aint swearin' although I felt like it.) He wore red silk sox with a feather in his cap and has forgot all about the namblerments of woe and pure, unmeddled reform (for which our party now suffers). We must put on sackcloth and ashes. I'm gettin' mighty tired of this war investigatin' business. They ought to quit their beelin'. I'm disgusted. It makes me think of some investigations near home. Speakin' of Eagan and Miles why don't they marshal 'em out across a clothes line like two reform cats and give both the same treatment and perfection while giving their evidence. Congress was a raslin' with the Nigger—aw-go-way canal when I looks in. I'm afeared of that canal. I got took in on sorghum sugar county bonds, the alfalfa craze and then the irrigation canal busness and rain makin'. I'm afeared of it. It looks like flyin in the face of nature. Canals is onlucky. Just remember admiral Camara and the "sue us" canal! I was talkin' to Dr. Pletcher about canals and he sed the Atumetary canal was costin' the poor down-trodden people of this country more than several million dollars every day and its only 40 feet long! They say this Nigger—aw-go-way canal is to be 160 miles long and a mile wide in the slimmest places. I'm a reformer. I'm agin it. This aint no "Washington Letter." It was writ right here in the basement of the Buttin House which has been one of our reform headquarters ever sens the defuncton of The Farmers Alliants. That reminds me that I must expose another degree next week. February 2.—I saw Governor Leedy come out and go back again today. The shadow he saw was not very bright but it was an awful long one. NOTICE—Dunning is a busness foreign to my principles. To accommodate some of my patrons I have waited until harvest, and on to seeding time, husking time. Now I wish all those indebted to me will please call and settle at once. G. I. VERBECK. The weather is fine And I may stay some time, So be sure to save the dimes And get good photos in time. Call soon. N. J. Metz, Photographer. Good fresh beer at Baker's.

Jack rabbits are plentiful. This is the month for valentines. Last Thursday was groundhog day. This is fine weather for a good ice crop. Ed. Escher and wife are domiciled at the Carson residence. Numerous coyotes have been seen close to the outskirts of town. Only two applicants wrote the teachers' examination last Saturday. Uncle Billy Sommerville has been on the sick list a few days this week. Five persons are said to have been frozen to death in St. Louis this week. Frank Wanner braved the storm last Tuesday and came to town for a load of corn. Ed Chalk remained in town over Wednesday night on account of the cold weather. John S. Bailey of Riverside township advertises to prove up on his timber claim. Register of Deeds Henkel advertises in this issue to prove up on his timber claim March 13. This kind of weather is a harvest for the coal dealers but rather hard on the poor man's pocketbook. Charlie Sellers has the finest team of roadsters in the county—having purchased Ras Beem's trotting colt. Elmer Harvey, who is working for Treasurer Cooper, came up from the Smoky the first of the week after corn. Edwin A. Bailey of Riverside township was in the county seat last Saturday and wrote the teachers' examination. George Musgrave of Ogallah was in the city last Saturday and made arrangements to prove up on his homestead on March 11. Much sickness is reported over the county and about half the cases are pneumonia and grip. Dr. Jones has been kept busy night and day. Measles are reported out in the northern part of the county. Sprinkle sulphur in your children's shoes—t is said on good authority to be a preventive. The young people postponed their regular club dance on account of the weather. They don't enjoy going home at the "wee sma' hours" with the thermometer below zero. Superintendent Harlan braved the storm last Monday and drove out to his school but he soon returned as none of his pupils came. He spent the afternoon visitin' our schools. The Kansas Day club banquet at Topeka last Saturday night, celebrated Kansas' 38th birthday. Wa-Keeneey was represented by Hon. Ike Purcell. The banquet was a grand success. Frank Woodward and wife are again residents of this city having moved down from Collyer. They have taken rooms over Verbeck's store. Mr. Woodward is night man at the depot. It was almost impossible for teachers to keep the school rooms comfortable this week. The attendance was not very large and many of the youngsters came crying with aching fingers and toes. George Ettinger of Kansas City was in these parts the first of the week trying to buy heavy horses. Not finding them so cheap as he expected he started east Wednesday morning without buying. HORSE DENTISTRY—I will be at Mead's Livery barn to do all kinds of horse dentistry on Saturday, February 11. Any one having work in this line call and see me. Examination free. George L. Robinson, V. D.

Fresh pork at Baker's. Pickled pork at Baker's. Smoked hams at Baker's. Valentines at Cortrights's. Uncle Josiah East is holding down the A. J. Davis house. THE WORLD and Kansas City Weekly Journal only \$1 a year. There will be no assessment in the A. O. U. W. for February. Judge Tunnell of Riverside was in town last Saturday on business. T. R. Moore has something new in this issue. Read his ad. on the first page. It is reported that nine of the Dorman, living north of town, have the measles. Fifteen degrees below zero Tuesday morning was the coldest it has been this week. For an extra fine table syrup try a can of Superior Rock Candy Drips at Bestor's. Don't forget that HEINZ PICKLING VINEGAR is the best in the world. For sale by C. C. Bestor. Two weeks from next Wednesday is the anniversary of the day the Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. New Orleans Molasses "Extra Choice Baker" at Bestor's. On the 10th of February there will be a grand masquerade ball at the hall at Collyer. All are cordially invited. Leggings at Moore's 55c. The daily expenses of the Kansas Legislature are \$1,250. Down in old Missouri the expenses are said to be \$3,000 each day. Henry Wilton returned from Concordia, Kansas, where he has been looking after 300 head of cattle. Henry reports heavy snows in that locality. FOR SALE—One of the best 320 acre farms in Trego county. For terms apply to George Baker, Wa-Keeneey, Kan. Can give possession at any time. Henry Wilton lost a 2-year-old steer during the late storm—supposed to have been killed by wolves. Half of the animal was devoured when found. Coughing injures and inflames sore lung. One Minute Cough Cure loosens the cold, always coughing and heals quickly. The best cough cure for children. Jones & Gibson. Jones & Gibson received last Sunday a thoroughbred Short Horn bull from Iowa. The youngster is only five months old and is a beauty. The price paid runs up in the hundreds. The Red Front barn has again changed hands. This time, the owners, Judge Tunnell and Attorney Hutzel, taking charge. Charlie McGrath will look after its patrons with due courtesy. Governor Stanley made the following appointments Tuesday: Superintendent of Insurance, W. V. Church, of Marion; State Grain Inspector, A. E. McKenzie, of Kansas City, Kansas; State Oil Inspector, S. O. Spencer, of Fort Scott. Dr. Ruffington, dentist, will be at the Ferris house, February 16, 17 and 18, prepared to do all lines of dentistry. I have an entirely new method of extracting teeth—painless and no after effects. Don't forget the dates—February 16, 17 and 18. From a conversation recently overheard by some school boys ranging from 14 to 17 years of age one would think that a reform movement should be started to save our youths from impure language and evil companionship as well as for liquor and tobacco. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

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T. R. MOORE.

Dr. Woodward, the dentist, was at the American house this week and, despite the cold weather, did considerable business in his profession. The doctor has permanently located at Ellis, and will make visits to Wa-Keeneey about once a month. Watch this paper for dates. The Osborne News, pop. says: "The people are going to have a chance to vote for state superintendent of insurance in 1900. Rah for Webb McNall." The News will remember that the people "had a chance" to vote for McNall in 1890 but they didn't take advantage of it to any alarming extent. Gaylord Herald. The severest blizzard of the winter occurred January 30. The temperature dropped to 15 below zero, and a high wind with blinding snow prevailed. Heavy losses from stock are reported all over the state, and in some places the wheat is badly damaged. The storm extended over Colorado and railroad traffic is practically tied up. The First National Bank of Russell, Kansas, closed this week. President Charles A. Wolcott disappeared and his whereabouts is not yet known. His shortage is all the way from \$3,000 to \$20,000. The failure is said to be reckless speculation in wheat. Wolcott has been a resident of Russell for twenty-five years, and many of his friends believe he will make good the loss of the bank.

Last Wednesday afternoon Judge Cliff performed his first marriage ceremony, the contracting parties were Mr. Pearl Britt of Wa-Keeneey township and Miss Bessie Lofstead of Ogallah township. The groom is a hard-working industrious young man. The bride is the estimable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lofstead. WORLD and a host of warm friends wish the happy couple much joy and happiness. Two well dressed colored gentlemen got stranded in this city last Saturday and secured rooms at Hotel de Poffenberger at the Engine house. One of the gentlemen had both feet frozen so that he was unable to walk. Our township trustee with the help of the county dads bought him a ticket to Topeka his home. Arriving there the first think he did was to send his pal a ticket and he left on the first train for the state capital the happiest darkey on earth. The Independent is kicking about Steve Osborn putting his son Roy in as his stenographer. Too bad, indeed. But they forget for when Uncle Abraham was Register of the Land Office he put sister Susan and brother John in as clerks, and if he had had any more immediate relatives from "down yander" in Posey county, he would have trotted them out. But the only difference is Uncle Abraham is a boss of another color. In the language of the Independent Uncle Abraham must be two shysters.

Miss Elise Neuenschwander, who was at one time a teacher in our public schools and who has been attending the State University for some time, has received her diploma of Bachelor of Arts, beside holding a state certificate. She is now studying for her Master Degree. Miss Neuenschwander deserves much credit for her excellent work. She has a most brilliant career before her and we have nothing but words of praise and wishes for unlimited success for this talented and self made young woman. Last Wednesday afternoon the rumor got out that there was to be a wedding and the ceremony was to be performed in Probate Judge Cliff's office, so some of the boys accordingly set out to investigate matters. Judge Cliff in some way got wind of it that they were coming, so he locked the door, and when the crowd had assembled he went through a marriage ceremony in serious tones, then threw open the door and invited the crowd in, and their amazement may be imagined when they looked around and did not see a living soul but Judge Cliff who wore a broad smile. They plainly had been victims of a practical joke. Later a marriage ceremony was performed and it wasn't a mock ceremony either. The true test of friendship is not in words, but action. It generally turns out that a broken ideal was always cracked.