

POLITICAL GOSSIP

The Progressives Will Fight to a Finish in 1914.

Series of Congressional District Conferences Started Today.

A THIRD TICKET IS SURE

Roosevelt Is Coming to Kansas Next Summer.

The Cases of Akers and Capper—Senatorial Gossip.

The preliminary rumblings of the campaign of 1914 can be heard within the borders of the state.

The announcement comes point blank from Progressive leaders over the state that they will have a full ticket in the field in most if not all of the counties.

It has been announced that Earl Akers, state treasurer, would run as a regular Republican for a second term.

Arthur Capper, Progressive candidate for governor last year, has been talked of as the Republican candidate next year.

Bristow Will Run as a Progressive. Bristow will run for senator on the Progressive ticket.

J. L. Brantley, the Lawrence editor, who had been talked of as the Progressive candidate for governor, will run for congress in the Second district as a Bull Moose.

If Joe Mercer of Chase county will come out of the gubernatorial woods and his amalgamation candidate for congress in the Fourth district.

The Case of Akers. The Progressive leaders want it distinctly understood that the party will make an organized and aggressive fight in Kansas next summer.

The big fight for the Progressive congressmen will center in Kansas next year, according to William Allen White, Progressive national committeeman for this state.

Major Harvey's Strength. For the regulars only Major A. M. Harvey of Topeka has announced for important office.

When Will State Committee Meet? Just when the Republican state committee will be called together is still a matter of considerable speculation.

Christian Church Will Hold State Convention in Atchison.

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Democratic Situation. The Democrats are in a bad way on the senatorship.

Needs More Room. Kansas Children's Home Society After New Home.

In Two Months Sixty Youngsters Have Been Placed.

The Kansas Children's Home society directorate has under discussion the question of procuring a more adequate receiving home for the children that are received by the society.

Two weeks ago it was stated in the State Journal that \$50,000 had been subscribed for an office building for the society and that the state board of control had authorized the collector of the money.

It is usually the case that a certain small percentage of the families which take children in the spring and early summer time from the Kansas Children's Home society do so simply on account of the small expense incurred.

When fall approaches the society learns just who the people are who adopt a method of this kind for getting work done at the small expense.

The superintendent, D. H. Shirk, has just learned of a case where a child is being abused and sadly neglected.

Often times a child does not "fit in" with a family. In that case he is returned to the retaining home and placed elsewhere—and the family is given another child on trial.

In the last two months 62 children have been received for the first time by the society, and 30 others were returned for various reasons for replacement.

At the present time there are but three of these children in the retaining home in Atchison.

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He Has Many Friends. William Morris Acquitted of Murderous Assault Charge.

Congratulations have poured in upon William Morris, the colored man who was accused of murderous assault and acquitted yesterday afternoon in Judge Whitcomb's division of the district court.

The evidence for the defense was completed at noon. The testimony of the jury and the attorneys' arguments were over at 4.

Having shaken hands with the 12 jurors, Morris received his watchman's revolver, which had been seized, strapped it about his waist, and left the room with his wife.

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They Beat a Doctor. The Suffragettes Attack Originator of Foreboding Feeding.

London, Oct. 11.—Militant suffragettes today attacked and severely maltreated Dr. Francis Edward Forward, deputy governor and chief medical officer of Holloway jail.

Dr. Forward was walking along the street when heavily belabored and thus the suffragettes attacked him while a third beat him with a horse whip.

The suffragettes accuse Dr. Forward of responsibility for the forcible feeding system.

Borrow money on your city property. The Prudential Trust Co.—Adv.

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The President Is Nursing an Attack of Neuralgia.

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Balle Waggener of Atchison and the U. S. Senatorship.

He Won't Say for Sure, but He Hoped He Will Run.

Atchison, Kan., Oct. 11.—An attempt was made today by a State Journal reporter to get a definite statement from B. P. Waggener, of this city, as to whether or not he was or would be candidate for United States senator.

"My health was never better than it is today. In fact, there has been no time in ten years when I have felt so well, and enjoyed such splendid good health."

"But are you a candidate for senator, or do you intend to become a candidate?" "At present," said Mr. Waggener, "I am engaged in building a new barn on my farm, and making other improvements there. I have just completed two large silos—one of cement and the other of wood. Both have been filled. I do not know which I prefer. It is an experiment with me. I want the farmers in my neighborhood to get the benefit of my experiences. Silos, in my judgment, are indispensable to every farm, but it is a problem which is the better—cement or wood."

"You do not answer my question, senator. I know our readers are interested in knowing what you intend to do. Won't you give me some straight dope on the subject?"

"The office of United States senator is a great one—the greatest in the gift of the people of this state. It belongs solely and exclusively to the people, and the candidate for it should be selected by the people, and not by the bosses, or self-constituted leaders. When a man is elected to that office he becomes at once the servant and employee of the people. He is their chosen agent, and answerable solely to them for his official acts. They are and right should be his master. He has, in the discharge of his official duties as United States senator, a most sacred duty to perform. As far as possible, the people should be left unmolested in the exercise of their rights as servants and employees. I should like to see the Democratic candidate for that office selected with a view to his fitness and qualifications—a man of ability and integrity, who has had some measure at least, can represent the state in that great legislative body as did Ingalls and Plumb and Harris—a man who, under no conditions, will violate the trust committed to him, and who has the confidence of the constituency which clothed him with power, or betray the trust committed to his keeping. He should be a man in harmony with the splendid administration of President Wilson, and one who is making an unprecedented effort to redeem party pledges, and to do that, and that alone, which will conserve the best interests of all the people. I have no doubt that the Democratic party will find such a man for its candidate, and, with such a candidate, it can easily win in November, 1914."

"But," said the reporter, "what are you going to do in the next campaign?" "What Waggener Stands For," replied Mr. Waggener, "I am going to do all I can to secure the adoption of the amendment to our state constitution which I got through the senate last year, and which is a hard contest in the house, got through that body—authorizing the levy of a state income tax with which to defray state expenses, and thereby relieve the burden on the taxpayers as far as possible, and place it where it belongs."

"You have not yet informed me whether you will be a candidate for senator. That is what I want to know, Mr. Waggener," persisted the reporter.

"Why insist upon my replying to that question at this time? There is yet plenty of time. And, again, the people have not yet, in any overwhelming numbers, asked to employ me as president of any such exalted office as United States senator. Perhaps the bosses and politicians will not permit them to have much to say about it—in which event it would be useless for me to offer myself as a candidate for such an office. I do not know what the people want. Generally speaking, I believe the office should seek the man, and not the man the office, and I have not yet been asked to fill any such exalted office as United States senator has been seeking me. Come out to the farm with me some day, and I will show you some fine horses and cattle and hogs, and one of the finest stands of alfalfa in the state."

Mr. Waggener is the picture of good health, and seems to have recovered from his many severe operations, and while he will not consent to himself, the impression prevails here that, before the Democratic banquet in February, he will be in the race.

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