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### GOOD-BYE.

Last Monday, at 12 o'clock, the old state-house ring was broken beyond repair, and the members were relegated to the rear.

The People's party now has the reins of government in hand.

At noon on Monday, Gov. Lewelling and the remainder of the state ticket took the oath of office and assumed full control.

Gov. Lewelling's inaugural address was the best address ever delivered by a governor of Kansas. It is praised on all sides, even by conservative Republicans. In this address he has shown to the world that he is a brave, safe, level headed man, and he will make a record that will be a credit to himself and the people who elected him.

### MEETING AT NIGHT.

Monday evening a reception was held, after which Representative hall was filled to overflowing with those eager to hear Mrs. Lease, Mrs. Diggs, Jerry Simpson and other speakers, and thousands were unable to gain an entrance.

### TUESDAY MORNING.

the people begun to gather at the capitol to witness the organization of the house of representatives, and by noon the passage-ways were densely packed. The doors were guarded, however, and none but the representatives and officers, unless they had passes, were allowed to enter. This was pretty tough on the old "war-horses" who had gone there to see the realization of their dreams.

The momentous hour arrived, and the members-elect, as well as those who were not elected but wanted seats in the house, filed into the room. In a short the fun commenced. Each side (Populists and Republicans) elected a speaker and a full set of officers. The Populists took possession of one side of the room and the Republicans the other side. Both claimed the organization, and both tried to transact business. The house was in an uproar during the rest of the day. At night, both sides were afraid to adjourn, so they spent the night in the hall. It would take a volume to give an account of the doings of

these "statesmen," so we must cut our story short. Both sides have been striving for recognition from the governor and the senate, but not until this (Thursday) evening did either gain recognition. To-day, however, it is reported that Gov. Lewelling has recognized the Populist house. Rumors of all kinds are afloat, and nobody can tell what the result will be. The Republicans say they will take their case before the supreme court, and the Populists threaten to impeach the judges.

At a Populist meeting of leaders, senators and representatives, resolutions were adopted declaring that they will disperse only at the point of the bayonet.

### LATEST.

Governor Lewelling and the senate have recognized the Populist house. The Doxology is in order.

CHURCHIANITY is having a wonderful revival near the slums of New York. The Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine is to cost ten millions of dollars; is to be 520 feet long, 296 wide, and to have a tower 445 feet high. It will be grand in all its appointments, and in everything pertaining to it but the type of religion dispensed there. That will be of such a formal type, have so little of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man in it, that it will jingle like the gold of the purse-proud worshippers.

The last official act of Gov. Humphrey was to dismiss the metropolitan police boards in the cities of the state, for the purpose of crippling or compromising Gov. Lewelling. Humphrey claimed that it was done in the interest of the prohibitory law. Gov. Lewelling was not disconcerted, however, but immediately appointed new boards. When the Republicans take Gov. Lewelling for a "chump" they are badly mistaken.

Mrs. LEASE and Mrs. Diggs said in their speeches at Topeka, Monday night, that, within four years, there will be a union of all reform forces; and their remarks were endorsed by other speakers.

"There's a fight on!" Let us be prepared for the worst.

PEOPLE who read the Topeka Capital are led to believe that the mortgaged farmers have been paying their mortgages at a wonderful rate. We have repeatedly stated in the columns of the AGITATOR, that the mortgages were being paid off by foreclosure. We now propose to prove, by clippings from the Capital, that we were right. In a special to the Capital, from Dodge City, the information is conveyed that "The Arkansas Valley Land Irrigation Company own over 100,000 acres of land, taken in by various Kansas mortgage companies." By the same paper, of the same date, we are informed that C. H. Edgecombe, of Martin, has 300 farms in Phillips and adjoining counties to oversee for various loan companies he represents." Here we have a striking illustration of the lying of the Republican press of Kansas, for if the farmers had paid off their mortgages, the loan companies would not own the land; so, either one or the other statement is false. Of course, every man who has an ounce of brains, and is acquainted with the situation in Kansas, knows that only a few mortgages, comparatively, are being lifted by the mortgagor; and often where foreclosure does not occur, a renewal is the only alternative. Now mortgaged farmers in Kansas are not worse off than mortgaged farmers in other states—possibly not so bad off, for in some portions of the state, crops have been large, and notwithstanding the low price of grain, quantity has relieved the strain. The conditions that prevail in Kansas prevail in all other states. The profits from farming are so small as to render the paying of large mortgages an utter impossibility, and unless conditions change, the loan companies will eventually own, half the mortgaged farms in the United States, and thus will be established the old world land systems. Lying is not standing up for Kansas—at least such lying as the Capital indulges in—a change as will enable the people to rid themselves of debt and save their homes; and from this standpoint the AGITATOR will continue to warn the people of impending and awful disaster in that the masses will soon be homeless.

Gen. BEN F. BUTLER died Wednesday.

JAS. G. BLAINE still lives, but cannot recover.

AN effort will be made to force the opening of the Cherokee Strip.

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THE state senate did a very graceful act in electing Mrs. S. N. Wood postmistress of the senate.

"JERRY SIMPSON says the time has come for the People's party and the Democarts to part company.

WE have received a scathing rebuke of the Nonconformist for its cowardly attack on Mrs. Lease, which will appear next week.

AS we stated last week, we print but four pages this week. We "took in" Topeka a portion of the week, and have enjoyed a little rest.

THE act of the Democratic members of the lower house in going over to the Republicans is just what we have expected and predicted.

The Nonconformist is making one of its many huge blunders in its attacks upon Mrs. Lease. Gen. Weaver writes under his own signature that every word from her to the press during their southern trip was submitted to him and approved by him, so that if she has offended he is equally guilty. But her only offence was in talking to reporters, who misquoted her. Mrs. Lease has the full confidence of the people of Kansas, which the Noncon. cannot shake in the slightest degree, but it can hurt itself seriously.—Jeffersonian.

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