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SONG

Farewell! farewell! Adown the ways of night
The red sun sinks, and with him takes the light
Over the dull east the gathering shadows grow
And turn to gray the western afterglow.

Farewell! farewell! But day shall come again:
Shall hope then die, and prayers be breathless
in vain?
Our faithful hopes outlive the fleeting day,
Stronger than Life and Death and Times are they.

As I see the last faint ray has ceased to flame,
Courage! our parted souls are still the same.
Round is the earth, and round the estranging
sea,
And Time's swift wheel which brings these
hours back to me.

Come back! Come back, climbing the eastern
sky!
Our souls are deathless though our flesh shall
die,
Winged are our thoughts, and flash forth swift
and far
Beyond the faint light of the furthest star.

Come back! or if we meet in some strange
place,
On some dim planet, I shall know thy face:
By some weird land or unimagined sea,
I shall not be afraid, dear, having thee.

—Lewis Morris.

EDITORIAL NOTES

KANSAS shows a higher percentage of school attendance than any other State in the Union. Of course.

IT is announced that Frank James will be elected doorkeeper of the Missouri legislature. Why, certainly!

SMALLPOX has appeared at the Soldiers Home in Leavenworth. It begins to look as if the State were in for an epidemic of the pest.

THE Wichita Eagle quotes the Lawrence Journal as "an out and out prohibition paper." And when he reads it Charlie Finch will think thoughts.

THERE are eighteen native Kansans in the present legislature, five senators and thirteen representatives. And they are not boys either, they are full grown men. Kansas is getting old.

THE brightest of all South American countries is Chili. It is sharp, proud and inclined to be domineering. Some day it will tackle the United States and be carried off to oblivion in the ambulance.

THE old soldiers did not seem to approve of Governor Stanley's suggestion that a special pension agent be employed by the State, and so it is understood that the Governor has dropped the scheme.

IF some Populist or Democrat in the Kansas Legislature wants to have a real good time, he might introduce a resolution of sympathy with Agulnaldo, such as was passed by the Legislature of Missouri the other day.

ECONOMY is the key-note of Gov. Stanley's message. The Governor recognizes the danger of extravagance by reason of the prevailing good times, and his counsel against it is wise and should be heeded.

MR. BRYAN seems to have been made cheerful by defeat. Before the election he could see nothing in the future under McKinley but the wreck of the Republic, but now he gaily predicts Democratic victory for 1901.

WITH fifty-one old members, and with the decks cleared by the nomination of Senator and State Printer, the present Kansas legislature ought to do better work in shorter time than any other in the history of the State.

THE very first resolution offered by Capt. Seaton was one providing that in appointing the employees of the House preference should be given to men. As somebody remarked once, Capt. Seaton is something near a hundred years old.

THE Santa Fe is to spend \$350,000 for new shops at Topeka this year. With the extensive plant already there this will make the Topeka establishment the biggest on the Santa Fe system, and will add greatly to the prosperity of the capital city.

THE REGISTER remarked on January 8 that Jackson Day would be observed by a lot of men calling themselves Democrats who did not hold a single opinion that Jackson advocated. An Irish representative in the Missouri legislature had the same idea when he remarked that if Jackson were alive now he would wish he were dead.

SOME criticism is heard occasionally against Senator Baker because he gave up the fight so soon. But this should be hushed by the knowledge that his wife is lying at the point of death in a Philadelphia hospital. It is no wonder that with the thought of her constantly in his mind he should have had little heart for the contest.

THE shoe manufacturers have organized a trust. And the more the people put their foot down on it the better they will like it.

ALL London was wild with enthusiasm over Lord Roberts when he returned from Africa, notwithstanding the fact that the situation in Transvaal is really more gloomy for the British now than it was when he went there. A hero is a man who can keep the confidence of the people whether he wins or loses.

FOR the first time in the history of Kansas a United States Senator and a State Printer will be nominated in caucus before the Legislature convenes. It is not only a great victory for J. R. Burton and Billy Morgan, but it is a great thing for the State, for it seems that the first three weeks of the Legislative session will be given to work and not to scuffling over office.

GEORGE WHEATLY has finally and definitely decided not to contest for a seat in Congress from the Third district. He is convinced that he was defeated by fraud, and if he made the contest he would be seated; but he says the opposition would insist that he was only seated because the Republicans had the power, and that he does not care to have the seat under such conditions.

THE yearly coinage statement of the director of mints shows that the total coinage of the mints of the United States for last year was \$137,509,401, as follows: Gold, \$99,272,942; silver, \$836,295,321; minor coins, \$2,031,138. Of the silver coined, \$24,969,912 was in standard dollars. The December coinage amounted to \$7,758,580, of which \$4,576,697 was gold, \$2,288,555 silver, and \$901,328 minor coins.

IT is 210 miles from Hutchinson to Kansas City; and yet the Armour Packing Company can buy salt in Portugal, ship it five thousand miles by sea and fifteen hundred miles by land, and pay eight cents a hundred duty, and yet lay it down in Kansas City cheaper than the salt trust will let the Hutchinson mines sell it. Which proves conclusively that salt is too cheap in Portugal or too dear in Hutchinson.

A SPECIAL dispatch to the Kansas City Journal from Topeka reads thus: Jerry Simpson drifted in tonight to help Bullie Waagener line up the fusion members for measures which Bullie wants passed or defeated. Simpson has rendered Waagener valuable assistance in the past.

HAS the Octopus indeed got its tentacles about Jerry, the Tribune of the people? Can these things be, and overcome us like a summer cloud?

TODD, the unspeakable Todd, who as Labor Commissioner for Kansas under the first Populist government on earth wrote a book of a thousand pages and published it at the expense of the State to prove that farming in Kansas did not pay, is a candidate for President of the Council down in Oklahoma, and is given a column of space in the Star. Todd was always a good advertiser: it is his one redeeming point.

THE man and the job got together when Capt. Ritchie, of Girard, was chosen reading clerk of the House of Representatives. The chances are that Ritchie has the pleasantest voice for public reading that there is in Kansas. The first class of Iola Elks, those who were not too badly scared, will remember that it was the voice that recited Thanatopsis, and made some other remarks, on a certain night.

THE best thing this Legislature can do in the matter of assessment and taxation is to appoint a commission to take the question under advisement and report to the next Legislature. It would take a good lawyer at least three months to go over the statutes and harmonize them to a new system of assessment. A legislative committee, in the hurry of a single session, simply could not do the work, and any such attempt to do it would probably leave the State in a worse condition than it is now.

ON Wednesday, January 9, for the first time in more than four years, William Jennings Bryan lost the top-of-column-next-to-pure-reading-matter position which he has held in Democratic papers. There was a Jackson day banquet in Omaha the night before at which Mr. Bryan and Gov. Stone, of Missouri, both made speeches, and the Kansas City Times, in reporting it, printed Stone's speech in full with big head lines, while the remarks of Mr. Bryan were simply summarized under a sub-head. It is the difference between the rising and the setting star.

WHY BURTON WON AND WHY SENATOR BAKER LOST



WHY BURTON WON.

"He who seeks one thing in life and but one May hope to achieve it ere life is done."

That is chiefly the reason that J. R. Burton is to be United States Senator for Kansas.

Ten years ago he decided that he wanted to be Senator. From that hour to this he has subordinated every other thing in his life to that purpose.

But in following this purpose he has shown as much skill as tenacity. First, he has been loyal to his party. Through all the storm and stress of the Populist era, he never wavered. He was a Republican, without variableness or shadow of turning. He never yielded one jot or tittle to the absurdities or vagaries of Populism.

Always and everywhere, after the straightest set, he has lived a Republican. And second, he has recognized that in the end it was the people who made Senators, and so for these ten years past his appeal has been to the people. No matter how far the way or how obscure the place, where there has been a call for Burton to make a speech, there he has gone. Not in the big State and National campaigns only, but in the "off years" also. Go anywhere in Kansas, and listen for awhile to the talk among the Republican workers, and you will hear some one say: "Burton has been here when nobody else would come. He has gone wherever we sent him and made no complaint." An so it was easy to get resolutions of instructions through the county conventions. And it was easy to get men anywhere to talk for Burton. And third, he is a past-master in the art of persuasion. No man ever lived in the State, with the probable exception of Jim Lane, who could argue his own cause so skillfully.

To all these add audacity, aggressiveness, a love of the game of politics for the game's sake, tireless energy, absolute loyalty to his friends, rare political insight, real ability, a faculty of attractive and sometimes powerful speech, and never forgetting the tenacity with which the idea that he must be Senator has been held, and it is easy to understand why Burton has won.

That he will use his victory in such a way as to cement the party and to make those who have supported him proud of their action, is the confident expectation of his friends.

THE Democrats and Pops in the State Legislature are in the hottest kind of a scrap over the nomination of a United States Senator, who will lack about fifty votes of being elected! What a joke Democratic and Populist "leaders" have become in Kansas!

THE world has become somewhat accustomed to startling announcements from Nicholas Tesla. Otherwise it might open its mouth a little wider at his latest declaration of the receipt of a message from Venus. However, it is much more unreasonable to assume that this little speck which we call the earth is the only atom in all God's universe inhabited by conscious, intelligent beings than it is to assume that there are countless other inhabited worlds; and if other worlds are inhabited, the generation which has become accustomed to the long distance telephone ought not to jeer at the thought that we may sometime get into communication with the denizens of other planets.

"From our regular correspondent in Mars" may yet become a familiar newspaper head line before the Twentieth century is ended.

COMMANDER W. W. MARTIN told a new story on Senator Plumb when he was in the REGISTER office the other day. Capt. Burtch, of Paola, was an applicant for a position in the Treasury department and Plumb had espoused his cause. One day the Senator went to the department to see about it. The officials there admitted that Burtch's endorsements were gilded, but said they were not ready yet to make the appointment. Plumb argued the case at length, insisting that the appointment be made at once. At the close of his talk the Secretary said: "That is all right, Senator, but we are not ready to make the appointment yet; you will have to wait." "Very well, Mr. Secretary," said the Senator, "I will wait," and he sat down in an easy chair, cocked his feet up on a convenient table—and proceeded to wait! The Secretary threw up his hands and ordered the papers to be made out.

WHY BAKER FAILED.

Senator Baker has failed of re-election to the United States Senate because he lacks nearly all the elements of political leadership.

He has character and ability. He stood well in the Senate and among the officials at Washington because he was industrious in the performance of his duties and possessed good judgment.

But out in Kansas where all his fortunes lay, nobody knew him. He didn't get himself advertised in any way. During all those six years he ought to have put in his vacations visiting his constituents. He ought to have helped them out in their local campaigns. He ought to have made at least one speech in every county in the State, and in the larger counties he ought to have made three or four. Being for six years the only Republican Senator for Kansas, he ought to have so entrenched himself in the enthusiasm, the confidence and the affection of the party as to have made impossible the consideration of any other man for his place. His leadership of the party ought to have been undisputed. He failed to do all these things that he ought to have done, simply because it is not in his nature to do them. There is not one of the things necessary for a successful politician to do that is not irksome to Senator Baker. He hates to make a political speech. He hates to shake hands with men he doesn't know; he hates to hunt up jobs and make appointments.

And so it came to pass that when his hour was come and he sought to be returned to the great office he has held for six years, he had no close, genuine friends to work for him and there was no enthusiasm to help him. His supporters were of two classes only, first those who had received, or whose close friends had received, appointments from him, and second, those who didn't like Burton. Such support was inevitably lukewarm and soon fell away. And above all, the people, the rank and file of the party, were not interested in him.

And so Senator Baker failed of re-election, in spite of character and ability, in spite of a creditable record, because he lacks the elements of good political leadership. After the first sting of disappointment is over he will glad himself to be out of a game for which he has neither aptitude nor inclination.

THE AUDITOR'S ESTIMATES.

FOR the first time since it was passed the law requiring the State Auditor to present estimates to the Legislature of the amount of money necessary to be appropriated to pay the expenses of the State institutions and the various departments of the State government, has been observed. Auditor Cole has presented such an estimate to the present Legislature. It is the result of the most careful and laborious study on the part of the Auditor, who has had the assistance and advice of the Governor and other State officers and of the heads of the different State institutions, and the Legislature ought to have no hesitation in accepting the estimates and making the appropriations in accordance therewith. In the very nature of the case a Legislative committee must do its work hurriedly, and a good deal of it must be guess work. It has neither the time nor the opportunity to advise itself fully as to every detail, and it is not in position to take a comprehensive view of all the appropriations needed, so as to avoid extravagance in one place and niggardliness in another. The Auditor is in position to do these things, and Mr. Cole has done them with great care and with no other thought than to provide exactly the amount needed and not a dollar more. His work has greatly simplified the work of the Legislature, and ought to result in better balanced and more economical appropriations than have ever before been made.

AT the meeting of the camp of the Tennessee, United Confederate Veterans, the strongest of the Confederate associations in New Orleans, a resolution offered by General Stephen Chaloron, commander of the camp, protesting against the invitation of President McKinley to the Confederate reunion to be held in Memphis this spring, was unanimously adopted. And that suggests the query: Can any organization at whose public meetings the President of the United States is not a welcome guest, claim to be a patriotic organization?

SOMETHING ABOUT CONGRESSMEN.

The average length of a career in Congress is four years. That is the reason why we hear so little about the average Congressman. It is the men who stay there term after term that get to the front and do things for their constituents and their country. Writing along this line Amos Cummings says:

"There are 134 members of the present house who are serving their third term or better. Of the men who are called leaders in the present house Speaker Henderson is serving his ninth term. Joe Cannon, of Illinois, the chairman of the appropriations committee, his thirteenth; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, his seventh; Grosvenor, of Ohio, his eighth; Grout, of Iowa, his sixth; Hepburn, of Iowa, his seventh; Hitt, of Illinois, his tenth; Hopkins of Illinois, his eighth; Moody, of Massachusetts, his third; Payne, of New York, his eighth; Richardson, of Tennessee, his eighth; Russell, of Connecticut, his seventh; Dooliver, of Iowa, his sixth. There are others than these who count for something in legislation, but very few whose names would stand for anything outside a congressional directory.

"Once in awhile at rare intervals there is a flash across the dull legislative sky like a meteor, and a sudden reputation is made for a new man. That was the way with Bryan when he first came to the house in the Fifty-third Congress and sprang into notoriety with a speech on the tariff that dazzled everybody. Littlefield, of Maine, made an even more effective stroke last winter with his argument against the unseating of the Mormon Roberts. These are the more striking examples in recent years of reputations quickly made. Away back in the Fifty-third Congress Lafe Pence caught the house in the first week after he took his seat with a free silver speech.

"The most finished orator in the house of representatives is Cousins, of Iowa. He has been in Congress now for four terms and in the eight years of his congressional career he has made two speeches. Yet so fine were they that his reputation on account of them is national. One of them was half an hour in length. It was a witty and eloquent criticism of ambassador Bayard, at the time Bayard was making himself unpopular by his pro-English remarks at London dinners. The other was less than five minutes long and was spoken after the destruction of the Maine. Cousins sat silent in his place for one full term before he ever opened his mouth. It is more than two years now since he last spoke. When he takes the floor again he will have an attentive audience.

"The most effective orator in the house up to the time he was transferred to the Senate, a little while ago, was Dooliver of Iowa."

THE NEW ELECTION LAW.

Perhaps the first bill to be introduced into the Legislature, certainly one of the first to be passed, will be a bill to amend the present election law. This bill has been already drawn, being the work of several of the best lawyers in the two houses, and will greatly improve the law as it now stands.

The new law will provide in the very first place, and it also provides it in three other places, that one name shall go on the official ballot but once. Hereafter if the Democrats and Populists and Free Silver Republicans want to nominate the same ticket they will have to invent one heading under which to print it on the ballot.

The law will provide in the second place that the judges of election can no longer be given to the opposition as is the case now. The law will provide that the majority party will appoint one judge, the minority party one and the mayor of the city or the township trustee the third. This they claim will be a fair method as the party in power in the ward or township will have a majority on the the election board.

A third and very important change in the present law will be a provision which will allow a voter who desires to vote the straight ticket to draw a cross in a circle which will be printed under the heading of each ticket. This will mean that he votes for every man under that head and will do away with the necessity of marking the cross after each name as is now required. This will not only make it easier for the voter, but will greatly facilitate the count.

There will be other changes in the present law, but they will not be of so much importance as those above named. There is not one change proposed which is not in the interest of fair and honest elections, and the bill will be passed by a big majority.

KANSAS CLIPS AND COMMENTS.

Dr. Pace, of Osawatimie, is doubtless akin to the time-honored "pace that kills."

A Leavenworth man being cared for in the city hospital for broken limbs insists on making love to all the nurses.

An Arkansas City bartender suicided last Saturday, leaving nothing behind but his corpse to explain why to his friends.

A nine year old Galena boy was found on the streets drunk; an example of what the acts of his parents had taught him.

The Mrs. Nation incident leads the Wichita Eagle to reflect that the hand that rocks the cradle can rock other things effectively.

Coffeyville bragged loud and long about the scintillating beauty of a new bar, and now she fears that all the Nations may have heard.

The main drawback against getting the new grip is that one runs into serious danger of getting the pass word to the beyond soon after.

The editor of the Pittsburg Headlight, after giving warning of the deadliness of the grip, dares Fate by referring to "the lagrippe."

Knowing that several Bryanesque young orators attend the high school Eldorado board of education took out \$25,000 tornado insurance.

Mr. Wilhite, of Emporia, is said to have refused \$200 for a rare \$4 gold piece which he possesses. \$190 is a pretty good premium on rarity.

Dr. John Wood, of Coffeyville, is 90 and has practiced medicine since 1821. He wisely refrains from practicing on himself he is still hale and hearty.

A farmer near Ottawa got a box of salve from his mother in Iowa and kept it in the back yard three days under the impression that it was an infernal machine.

There is a movement on foot to establish a state fish hatchery, and if it is done, Mr. Bowersock, owner of the catfish pool at Lawrence, should be put in charge.

M. L. Stanley runs a livery stable at Wichita, and if the governor really has as many dark horse ideas as he is credited with, he ought to stable them with that gentleman.

As soon as Abilene got her United States senator her rival, Salina, started a new wholesale grocery. By visiting both town most any kind of hunger can be relieved.

Judging by the success of a Leavenworth negro, who applied the treatment, the footpad microbe is effectually floored if a firm blow from the fist is squarely planted on its nose.

An anonymous pamphlet was circulated among the student of Ottawa University roasting two professors and several students. There is a "hen on" for the perpetrators when caught.

Governor Stanley squeezed his note to the legislature into 12,000 words. And considering the joy and gladness and prosperity and relief which the governor had to tell, the concentration was wonderful.

Jimm Gettlando, the Filipino boy who came home with the 20th Kansas and was cared for by Col. Ball for some time, has started again for Manila. He learned to speak and write English while here.

Out in Walla Walla, Washington, a young man kissed a girl, she stuck him with a hat pin and he died of blood poisoning. In Kansas you kiss a girl and get stuck for breach of promise.

While the brethren are gathered about the pie counter at Topeka, seeking whole loaves, or crumbs, it might be noted that Lit Crum has sold his harness shop at Oswego, which indicates that one Crum has lit.

The fight to determine whether the Lord made the Arkansas river for Kansas or for Colorado is now on in earnest. Both parties have searched the Scriptural report of the creation and have failed to find the river mentioned.

The January issue of the Brown County World is all that was expected of it. It is a magazine number, fifty pages, profusely illustrated, full of homely truths and homely pictures. It ought to be a valuable keep-sake in every Brown county family.

The management of the Abilene theatre has solved the problem of making the show house popular. Regularly each performance night the electric lights fail to work and in the darkness all the hes are supposed to keep the shes from being carried off by the goblins. So far none of the fair ones have been gobbled.

One of the first things which called John Leedy in to the world's notice was when in his message he said: "The dogs of Egypt have barked at the pyramids for thousands of years." The latest notable thing John has done is to go west to represent the "Pyramids." Now the natural question is, what are the dogs going to do?

Major I. Bishop, of Salina, writing about a Kansas soldier in the Philippines, says: "I find in a hospital at Banguet, Captain Van Way, of the thirty-third infantry, who was shot through the lungs and had three weeks ago. His brave conduct in retreating command (no other officer being present) after he was wounded is the comment of everyone here, and he has justly been recommended for a medal of honor. He was a captain in the twenty-first Kansas. He is a fine young officer and it did me good to meet a brave Kansas officer 280 miles from Manila. Van Way is now doing well and is past all danger."