

**Still Investigating.**

Witnesses before the legislative investigating committee have found an easy way to evade the recently discovered law which compels them to attend and testify. When a question is propounded that they don't care to answer, they simply say they "have forgotten." The committee can't send them to jail for contempt because they fail to recall certain incidents or the names of certain bribers. The scheme was sprung Wednesday morning by Representative Keefer, populist of Leavenworth county, while on the stand. At first he questioned the authority of the committee to compel him to testify, and refused to give the name of a lobbyist who offered him \$5000 to vote against a maximum freight rate bill in the house committee on railroads, of which he was a member. The assistant attorney-general read him the law. Then the witness asked if there was any law to punish a witness who had a poor memory. The attorney general said there was not.

"Then I can't remember the name of the man who made the offer," said the witness.

This was a puzzler to the committee. The members kept Keefer on the stand for over two hours and tried every way possible to get him to tell who it was but failed. "I don't recollect," was all they could get out of him on that point.

Keefer's testimony was indefinite. He charged everybody in general with being corrupt, but would not specify any particular person. He scored the lobbyists and claimed that Populist votes were purchased by wholesale during the session.

Ed Welep, of Cherokee, who was fusion chairman in the caucus and who made the statement on the floor of the house that there was more hoodluming floating about the house than at any time since the Pomeroy incident, was on the stand Tuesday. Before he had left the stand he had contributed an interesting portion to the gossip of the day and helped tangle some of the other party workers deeply in the meshes. He lived at the Throop hotel, he said, and simply saw what was going on. One Sunday when he met a member who did not live at the hotel coming down the stairs, he asked him where he had been and was told the visitor was simply calling on a friend. Shortly after that, another member came down stairs. There appeared to be something up, and he asked him what was going on and was told that the visitor had been invited to support the Hackney amendment and informed him that if he would do so there was some cash in it for him. This man, he said, was Davis, of Wilson county, who said that Frank Strickland of Wyandotte, had come after him. Strickland is secretary of the State Democratic central committee, and was at the capital during the session. Strickland was said to be handled by Waggener, who had a suite of rooms on the second floor of the hotel. Davis told Welep he had declined the offer of money for supporting the Hackney amendment. The first man who had been calling on friends at the Throop was Dalton of Stevens county. They were the only members with whom he had talked, but he said there were many members continually passing up and down stairs and there was a great deal of gossip about the hotel during the session about their actions, and much speculation as to what was going on and what the urgent business upstairs was.

Welep said he told representative Clark about his (Clark's) Missouri Pacific pass that had been loaned and taken up. Clark said he had already been told of the fact by Gilbert, who was using the pass. This is out of line with what Clark swore to, as he claimed his first information on that score came from Welep. Welep said he judged the railroads were behind the fight to prevent the revision of the calendar. He formed that opinion because Balle Waggener showed so much interest in the discussion over Welep's ruling that such a change could be made by a majority and did not require a two thirds vote, as was claimed. After the discussion was somewhat over, Waggener came to him and said that his position on the ruling was supported by Judge Horton and Senator Ingalls who claimed that Welep was entirely correct.

Welep then said that the opposition that was offered to the Brown-railroad bill came from the Republican side of the house. This brought out Frank Grimes, the Republican member of the investigating committee, who made him admit that the vote to substitute the Harris bill was seventy-two, or about twenty-five more than the total Republican vote. The settlement of that point caused Grimes to wear a quiet smile, for S. S. Boyd, from all accounts, had a hand in almost everything that came along

—especially anything with a monetary consideration attached to it.

Almost every witness on the stand has testified as to having been approached by "Boyd." He tried to buy votes against the stock yards bill, the textbook bill, the antioleo bill and the railroad bill. He always offered big prices, but so far no witness has admitted having accepted his offer or sighting his cash. Boyd never displayed that. His duty was to "feel" the members and let someone else dole out the cash.—K. C. Journal. And thus it goes. Our "reform" friends seem to want to go ahead and investigate, and yet they don't want to find out anything definite and when they quit, they will be just where they began and the tax payers of Kansas will pay the bills as usual.

**Urbana.**

Wednesday April 14, 1897.—Much corn being planted; oats and wheat doing fine.

Sam Robertson is shipping a car load of hogs today.

James Neeley has quit the railroad and is running the mill this week.

Elder Gillett of the U. B. church preached here last Sunday at 3:30 p. m. There was a large congregation.

The U. B. church held their quarterly conference at the Center school house last Saturday and Sunday. They had a very interesting and satisfactory meeting.

Sam Hammel has a new arrival at his house in the shape of a ten pound boy. Mother and child doing well.

Last Friday one of Sam McCoy's little girls 4 years old, while running and playing, fell striking the right arm on some hard substance, inflicting a very painful though not dangerous injury.

Ben Yockey who was drilling a well for the Hles boys, had an accident yesterday that will cause him some trouble and delay. While drilling, a piece of stone caved in from the side of the well and wedged the drill bit fast so that he will have to drill the stone out to get the bit loose.

A young man here dreamed that he was hunting rats with X-Rays, and it was a grand success. He could see rats through a thick stone wall. Now this suggests that it might be a good plan to turn the X-Rays on the Bribery investigation at Topeka; it might find the rats.

**Shaw.**

Wednesday April 14, 1897.—Link Pysher's home was the scene of a grand social event last Thursday night.

A social hop was the attraction of those who indulged in that kind of sport at Mr. John Miller's last Saturday night.

Since the balmy days of spring have arrived, the Christian church is growing in attendance, usefulness, and interest.

Attorney W. H. Nation was circulating in this vicinity the fore part of the week, attending to business pertaining to his profession.

Most of our expert fisherman say the blank, blankety, blank fish won't bite.

The old camp meeting ground of Shaw is a thing of the past, but in its place are several beautiful homes, occupied by lively, industrious and energetic citizens.

Shaw does more business to the square inch of its territory than any other town in Neosho county.

Beamer & Fanatia shipped a car load of hogs to Kansas City last Monday.

It is reported that the market for "Jacks" is better in Shaw than in any other part of the west.

Jeff Ellis recently traded his fine span of work mules for a pair of matched black drivers. All Jeff needs now to make life pleasant and comfortable, is a set of new harness and a canopy top surrey.

Joe Tyler has the contract to build O. M. Knetzer's new house, which is a guarantee that it will be done expeditiously and right.

Neither at this term of the district court nor for several previous terms have any of the Shawites been inveigled into any of its litigation, except to serve in the capacity of jurors, which shows that we are a most peaceable, civil, moral and law-abiding community.

It is reported that Mr. R. H. Perry and Miss Wagner were married last Sunday. We have not learned the particulars, but

Another pair has joined the throng of those who help the world along. Their hearts and hands they now unite in love and truth and prospects bright.

**Center Grove.**

Wednesday April 14, 1897.—Frank Thuney has returned home from St. Joseph, Mo.

Rev. Arnold preached at the school house last Sunday.

The party at Mr. Cochran's, Friday night was enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer of Maple Grove visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jay last Sunday.

The farmers of this vicinity are about through sowing oats and flax, and some are planting corn.

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