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## THE END.

Ben Tillman, that impulsive, erratic politician, who has kept his name before the public for many years by his erratic ways and abusive language, has finally met his Waterloo and will surely fall from his high estate.

Even his southern admirers can not longer hold him up because of his ever ready spleen and venom against republican leaders and republican measures, since he has been caught in the act of grafting in public lands. He made a spectacular fight in congress against the claims of a certain railroad to some western timber land and at the same time had an agent posted to secure eight or nine claims for himself and relatives as soon as the land could be secured. The cat is out and Tillman is disgraced before the whole country. He does not deny the transaction but excuses himself on the grounds that the land would be for sale and he had the right. However, it does not look right in the eyes of the American people for a U. S. senator to use the knowledge that comes to him through his high office to make a hogish grab of the public domain; make himself rich by fraudulently attempting to take this land in the name of members of his family and relatives to the exclusion of honest American citizens who had not the same means of knowing of the conditions as he had. Those who live in glass houses should not be so ready to throw stones.

Had the senator not continued to go out of his way to attack on the slightest pretext the chief executive of this Republic, and abuse and malign him on every occasion, the president would, doubtless, have allowed the attempted swindle to rest, since it did not succeed.

But Tillman, by his continual nagging brought the disgrace upon himself and must now take the consequences of his own folly. No state, not even a Carolina, can afford to keep a disgraced man in a senatorship.

Tillman can now find his field of labor in the Chautauquas of the south in explaining how it was and in vilifying northern men.

Tillman's attempt at self vindication in the senate Monday was a flat failure and there seems no way by which he can satisfy the people of his innocence.

## COLD.

I should say! Saturday night, following a warm, balmy day, the wind began to breeze up from the north and Sunday morning we were in the midst of a young blizzard. A slight snow accompanied the wind which continued till Monday night. Tuesday morning dawned still and bright and most everybody thought the cold wave had passed over but on consulting the thermometers the mercury was found to be about 3 below zero.

This beats last week, with about two inches of light fluffy snow drifted around in piles.

Tuesday night added about two inches more snow and the sleighs are out in force.

Kansas is redeeming herself this winter. The talk had become quite current that Kansas could not get up a real first class winter any more.

But the kickers are now satisfied that she can.

## Mr. Cunningham Dead.

Reason Cunningham, the oldest man in the city, died at his home on North Garfield, Sunday evening, and the body was buried at Leana Monday.

He was 91 years old. Mr. Cunningham was a pioneer in this country, settling on a farm near Leana at an early day. He was a good citizen and a reliable man in every way.

## CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPS.

Some crank in the California legislature has introduced a bill that discriminates against the school rights of the Jap residents in that state, and some of the supersensitive Japs, the foreign papers that would like to weaken our influence with that country and the jingo papers everywhere are going into canyons over the unfriendliness of America for Japan. The probabilities are that the bill will never be heard of again. Should it be pushed it will not become a law. The Japs we have in this country must be treated fairly as are other nationalities, and, as a rule, they will be. There is no need or grounds for this senseless cry of unfairness of the American people towards Japs or any other foreigner. The great bulk of the trouble with Japanese labor is brought about by laborers from foreign countries. We don't wish to see this country overrun by cheap Japanese laborers or by those of any other country so long as there is an American laborer out of a job that really wants one. However, there is a demand in this country for thousands of laboring men for work that our American laboring man does not care to do.

We see no impropriety in letting foreigners have these jobs. By the way, there seems to be a good deal of tommyrot in this eternal cry against admitting foreign labor into this country. Where would we have been had our forefathers refused to admit the sturdy German and Irish laborers years ago?

These same laborers with their descendants now constitute some of our best citizenship. Yet there should be restrictions on admitting the dependant classes faster than they can be assimilated into our citizenship and made good Americans.

## Gas Explosions.

A gas explosion at a pumping plant near Neodesha, at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, shut off the supply of gas to Parsons till noon. Portions of Coffeyville were also cut off by an explosion in one of her mains, Saturday night. The explosion in the pumping station, destroyed the plant consisting of two 250 horse engines and pumps to correspond.

The foreman of the plant was seriously burned.

## Officers Elected.

The Kansas senate and house have organized by electing the following officers:

### THE SENATE.

E. S. Porter, Crawford county, president pro tem; Z. E. Wyant, Waverly, secretary; Guy I. Swallow, sergeant at arms; Geo. Mohler, Maple Hill, doorkeeper; Rev. W. H. Underwood, Clay Center, chaplain; Major A. G. Hanback, Baxter Springs, postmaster.

The fight for secretary was between Z. E. Wyant, Z. G. Hopkins and W. S. Kretzinger. This fight became somewhat spirited but Wyant won out.

### THE HOUSE.

J. N. Dolley was nominated for speaker, R. J. Hopkins, speaker pro tem; Wm. Beck, chief clerk; Chas. Brillhart, assistant; D. B. Dryer, sergeant at arms; G. C. Hanson, assistant; W. P. Wilcox, chief doorkeeper; W. A. Trigg, postmaster, with Mrs. M. E. Sara, assistant.

### RECEPTION.

The inaugural reception was a brilliant social affair. I. N. Dolley headed the receiving line while next to him were Gov. and Mrs. Stubbs, then came the state officers, ending with Gov. and Mrs. Hook.

A man has been rescued from the ruins of Messina, alive, after being imprisoned in the ruins of his own home for 14 days. The indications are that he will recover.

## FAIR WORDS THESE.

The attitude of the governors of both Missouri and Kansas toward the railroads and other public service corporations, so far as it is outlined in their respective inaugural addresses, ought to prove fairly satisfactory, if not actually encouraging, to both the people and these corporations. If the legislature of these two states will embody views of this kind in the laws they enact, the rights and interests of all concerned will be protected. A fair field and no favor is all that either the public service corporations or the people have any right to expect. The day of arrogant domination by the corporations, if there ever was such a day, has long since passed, as must also the era of popular vindictiveness. Only the other day the supreme court of the United States in an impressive decision upheld the right of a state to regulate the service of the various public utilities, even to the extent of fixing rates for such service. But there was this important and equally emphatic proviso, that the supervision of the state should not take the form of fixing confiscatory or unreasonable rates. "The corporation has a right," declared the court, "to a fair return on its investment." The decision was in no sense biased in favor of the particular corporation before the court at the time. In fact, the corporation, a gas company, lost the point for which it contended. But the court laid down principles of law of far-reaching import and effect, standing midway and dispassionately between the people and the corporations, guaranteeing the constitutional rights of each.

Governor Hadley and Governor Stubbs followed the theory of this decision and indulged in no "twisting of the corporation tail", such as might possibly have been expected and which would undoubtedly have pleased at least a portion of the people. In resisting whatever temptation there may have been to play to the galleries the two new governors gave encouraging evidence of an intention to deal fairly with all concerned. The governor is not the legislature, though the veto power, in view of these inaugural utterances, ought to allay any alarm on the part of the people that they are to be exploited by corporations that they are to be baited by vindictive or reckless legislation. What that the West wants is peace, and it can only have peace through mutual fairness and mutual co-operation in the one common cause of advancing the interests of all.

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## Assessors Appointed.

The following deputy assessors were appointed by County Assessor Lodge last week:

James C. Rea, Grant township.  
Wm. Reinhart, Big Creek.  
James M. Davis, Tioga.  
Z. A. Eaton, Canville.  
W. H. Nation, Erie.  
John Schumisch, Walnut Grove.  
L. A. Smith, Mission.  
G. A. Gough, Centerville.  
D. C. McKay, Chetopa.  
G. W. Glatzer, Shiloh.  
F. F. Cain, Ladore.  
E. A. Dixon, Lincoln.  
J. M. McAdams, Chanute.

## Basket Ball.

Last Friday afternoon our high school basket ball teams went to Parsons and met their high school teams in what proved to be two very interesting games. The boys game was closely fought from start to finish and at the close the score stood 28 to 25 in favor of Chanute. In the girls game the score was 19 to 10 in favor of Chanute girls.

The Parsons boys team is making a big roar over unfair decisions and the game may have to be played over. The Chanute boys are ready any time.

## THE MAYORALTY.

It seems the present city council is bound to control the mayor's office the next term.

There are three candidates for mayor, and all of them are members of the present council.

Freeman, Bashline and Abbott are the men announced. Mr. Abbott proposes to run on the Independent ticket. Mr. Freeman's name was announced some time ago. Mr. Bashline has just announced.

Well, here are three right good men. Not a word can be said against the honor or integrity of either. Mr. Bashline came to Chanute during the oil boom and has been identified with Chanute's business interests ever since. He is now president of the Western Drilling Tool and Supply Co. He is a wide awake young business man of keen perception and quick active temperament. He will have his hands full, however, to beat that old wheel horse, H. L. Freeman, to the nomination.

Mr. Abbott is a good honest man. He has lived in Neosho county almost always and has made a reputation for candor and fairness. He will have to hustle some, however, to beat either Mr. Freeman or Bashline at the polls with a handicap of four or five hundred majority to overcome.

## THE MESSAGE.

The message of Gov. Stubbs to the legislature is a purely business document.

It deals with the needs of legislation along the lines of progress for Kansas. It makes common sense recommendations along many of the more important needs of the state, in the line of new laws and amendments to old ones. If the legislature carries out the recommendations of the message and adjourns it will have done a good work.

## Serious Case.

A Mrs. Kate Walker, a recent arrival in the city, working in a laundry and lodging at the home of Mrs. E. E. Godfrey on S. Lincoln; was found in her bed at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning in a very precarious condition. A physician was called at once and her life was saved. She seemed to be poisoned. She blames some chocolate candy she ate. Her mother came down for her. She is still sick. Mrs. Walker is the mother of two young girls, aged 15 and 11.

## Mine Explosion.

Another big gas explosion in the Lick Branch colliery, W. Va. on the 12th is reported to have killed over one hundred miners. This mine had not been entirely cleaned up from the last explosion of two weeks ago, when fifty were killed.

## Born on the Train.

Just as Santa Fe train No. 1 pulled into Newton the other day a woman in the smoker gave birth to a baby. The woman was accompanied by some friends and was on her way to Los Angeles. They continued on their journey.

The preacher, Carmichael, who was accused of murdering a carpenter at Battle Run, Mich., and burning the body in the stove at the church, committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., by cutting his throat, after writing a letter confessing his guilt. Carmichael was, without doubt, crazy. No motive for the crime can be found.

France is again using the guillotine. She recently chopped off four heads of criminals. The machine seems to work just as well as it did during the days of the revolution.

It is now Gov. Stubbs of Kansas and Gov. Hadley of Missouri.

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