

By the death of Senator Plumb Senator Peffer becomes the senior senator from Kansas.

"GREAT men's sons are never great," is an old saying, but then neither are other men's sons always great.

THE descendants of Revolutionary soldiers living in Kansas are proposing to organize societies of the "Sons and Daughters of the Revolution."

QUEEN Vic's crown is worth about \$600,000. If she should ever get deposed, she can come over to this side of the Atlantic and hypothecate the same for enough to live comfortably on for a week or two.

CATS must be scarce in England as the Princess of Wales has just paid \$250 for one. In this country 250 of the pesky brutes for \$1 is considered a good price, and yet the protection cranks howl about "protection for American industries."

WILL Governor Humphrey appoint Senator Ingalls to fill the vacancy produced by Mr. Plumb's death? We think not. We would be pleased to see Ingalls return to the senate, but republicans have soured on him and he will be passed by.

THE latest Paris fad in ladies' hose have a compartment for each toe. It is claimed that this prevents corns. Wonder if there will be as much trouble to fit them out in this kind of wearing apparel as it does a glove? If it does, we pity the dry goods clerks.

JAY GOULD is reported to be kicking about the Wall street monopoly since he lately lost about thirty millions in that interesting thoroughfare. He knows about how the so-called "Klamity Howler" feels when he sees his money swept away by the monster monopoly.

THE farmer is interested in saving his farm, the merchant in saving his business from bankruptcy, the laborer and mechanic in holding their jobs and receiving living wages. Hence, in shaping political tickets, it should be remembered that the interest of all these classes should be guarded.

THE Crested Butte miners strike ended by returning the Austrian, and English employes to work at the old wages, and the discharge of the Italians, and the arrest of the ring-leaders, as they were called, of the strike. With winter upon them they are practically turned out of house and home, and deprived of a means of living. Score another victory of capital over labor, by the usual means of winchesters and sheriff's posses.

MONOPOLY means the limiting to a few people the ownership of the nation's wealth. The whole tendency of monopoly is to make the limit narrower and narrower. Today Thomas G. Shearman estimates that 250,000 families own 70 per cent. of the nation's wealth. The same authority estimates that ten years from now 250,000 families will own the same percentage. Hence it behooves every man outside of the charmed circle of monopoly to oppose this rapid concentration of wealth as a matter of individual safety.

THE "Yule-tide" is upon us and our hearts, though oft-times gloomy and sad, are now filled with the hearty Christmas cheer. This blessed memorial of the birth of our Saviour, carried on through centuries and spreading to every clime, will be appropriately celebrated in our city. Christmas dinners and family reunions will be the order of the day, and in the evening a grand Christmas

ball will be held at the opera house. Lay aside your troubles and cares for a day, and the burdens will be much easier carried by the relaxation and enjoyment of this holiday that Christianity has given to man.

Christmas. The decree of a Roman emperor for enrollment for taxation causes a crowded condition of a caravansary in the little town of Bethlehem in Judas. Among the would-be guests crowded out are a peasant from the province of Galilee and his young wife who, finding no better place is quartered in a grotto, or dug-out stable. Yet this pair, though poor, are the lineal descendants of King David, and heirs to his throne.

Here the Son of Man is born. Angels announce the event to shepherds out on the star-lit hills, while watching their flocks by night. The Persian Maji, enquiring in Jerusalem, six miles north, where should be born the "King of the Jews." The crafty usurper king calls the scribes and they say "in Bethlehem of Judas," and support their assertion by a quotation of scripture prophecy. The shepherds have just closed their interview, when these wise men and kingly messengers approach and offer their rich gifts of "gold, frankincense and myrr." These are the attendant circumstances of the birth of Christ, the King, the Saviour, and to say the least are the most romantic conceivable, and full of wonderful contrasts, as high as heaven, and as humble as circumstances of distressing poverty can make them.

July Fourth is the holiday of national independence, but Christmas is the festival of humanity, the holiday of the world. "Peace on earth, and good will to man."

The proclamation goes forth from the court of heaven: "Glad tidings of great joy to all people; for to you is born, this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, Christ the Lord." This is the event of the ages: "He is the desire of nations."

The significance of the event comes out in the chorus of the celestial orchestra: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to man."

Certainly this amiable salutory, this divine proclamation commends itself to all the thoughtful, duty-loving, well-wishing and hope-cherishing denizens of our world. The sentiment of all should be: "Come, rejoice with me and let us be glad together."

It is not our purpose to sermonize or to go into a theological disquisition, nor to prescribe how this glad anniversary should be observed. Each in accordance with their preferences will choose the way. But as there is no gladness more felicitious than that experienced in making others happy, bring gifts, make presents, utter kind words, wish a "merry Christmas to all," and let childhood feel the warmth of sunny joy. For it is a day of "glad tidings of great joy to all people."

The realm of reasonable and virtuous joy is not circumscribed by climate or zone. It embraces the globe, humanity is residuary legate throughout the ages of time and the cycles of eternity.

The humble Saviour born in Bethlehem, now immortal, "hath ascended up on high and hath received gifts for men, yea, for the rebellious also;" offering them life unending and joy unspeakable in his kingly and kindly presence. Who can find heart to refuse the generous offer of Him who hath ascended from the manger to a heavenly throne?

PRESS COMMENT.

If Henry's Advice Is Taken. Atchison Champion: If the republican party undertakes to follow President Harrison's advice and guarantee the bonds of the Nicaragua Canal company - which will practically in the end, saddle upon the taxpayers of the nation a debt of over one hundred million, it will very materially help the democrats in the campaign next year.

Yes Bet. Colby Tribune: First drummer: "I am representing the Melbourne Rain-Producing company. Our showers lasts two hours and twenty minutes, and we make a ample shower free of charge."

Second drummer: "Let me take your order, sir, for the Goodland Artificial Rain-Making company. Our rain is superior to anything in the market, and we give a silk umbrella and a pair of overshoes with every shower."

Of Course. Hartford (Conn.) Examiner: Many bulletin boards all over the country announce, the other day, that millionaire Cyrus W.

Field was peacefully, robbed of every dollar by his son, who in turn, attempted suicide. This was such extraordinary news that it would not keep until the issue of the papers. It was a terrible thing to have a millionaire reduced to want, but it is nothing to have thousands of others live in want all their lives. Besides, it should not be wondered at that Mr. Field's son should do as he did. May it not be that he inherited the selfish and grasping propensity from his progenitor? Again why should our plutocratic friends borrow trouble over the man's misfortune. It can be only temporary. Do they not tell us that if every thing in the world should be divided up evenly, that in a little while some would have all there was and the others would be in the same position they were before the division took place. So there need be no solicitude for Cyrus. He'll get there again, all right. Brains tell every time - far good or for evil.

The New Secretary of War. Denver News: The appointment of Stephen D. Atkins as secretary of war is an emphatic recognition of the machine element of the republican party. He is well-known in the west and particularly in New Mexico, of which territory he was for many years a resident. He is a native of Missouri and emigrated to the west about the close of the war, locating at Santa Fe, where he was a democrat of the most violent stripe. He possessed ability and prospered in the practice of the law, becoming mixed up with many of the best grant schemes in New Mexico. He discovered that it would be more profitable to become a republican and he was not long in espousing the cause of the dominant party in order to secure a larger measure of influence at the national capital, which influence was necessary to assure success to his schemes. He was mixed up in the Maxwell land grant sale, and of course became wealthy. At the same time he developed remarkable skill as a political manipulator and New Mexico became too small for him. He went east, married a wealthy lady, and located in West Virginia. He has been a prominent figure at all of the republican national conventions for twelve years past, and one of "the powers behind the throne" of each republican administration. He has justly earned the reputation of being one of the shrewdest, ablest and most unscrupulous of the republican managers. That he has been appointed to a cabinet position in order to secure these recognized qualities in behalf of Harrison cannot be doubted. He has no particular fitness for the place. He is simply and purely a politician, and one of the worst of his class. His appointment is not one that will command the respect of the thinking and intelligent people of the nation.

The Pin Just Sued Him. The other day a young man of Willows, Cal., says the Jeweler's Weekly, entered a jeweler's store and informed the proprietor that his occupation was that of a carpenter, and he desired to get a bosom pin emblematic of his profession. The obliging jeweler looked over his stock, and finding nothing else, showed him a very fine Masonic pin.

The young man looked at the pin carefully. "Yes," said he, "there's the compass and square, I use both of them, but why didn't they put a saw in? It's first rate as far as it goes. Hello! there's a G there. What does that stand for?"

He studied it carefully for a moment, and a bright idea struck him. He flushed as if he had made a discovery. "I have it," he said; "it's all right. G stands for gimlet - compass, square and gimlet. That will do. I will take it."

Teacher's Meeting. The following is the programme for the teacher's meeting to be held at the school house January 2, 1892.

- Singing.
Recitation.....Miss Helena Stewart
Grammar-"Adjective and Verb".....Taught by Mrs. D. A. Long
Music.....Miss Helena Stewart
Physical Geography-"Waves, Tides and Currents".....Prof. T. J. Loar
Paper-"How to Retain the Children of Farmers and Mechanics Longer in the Public Schools".....Miss Minnie Bayly
Discussion of Paper.....J. D. Warren
By Order of Committee.

Notice to Stockholders. The members of the Sherman County Agriculture Fair association are requested to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, December 30, to elect new officers. All stockholders are urged to be present at this meeting.

ALBEC MARTIN, WILLIAM WALKER, President, Secretary.

National Labor Conference. All persons who desire to attend the national labor conference at St. Louis, February 23, 1892, are requested to communicate with me at once. I have been selected by the delegates of the farmers' alliance and industrial union of Kansas, to arrange for rates, route and hotel accommodations for the Kansas party. J. B. FRENCH, Secretary, Topeka, Kas.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL.

Tully Scott was married on Tuesday at Oberlin, Kas.

Attorney John Lewis is practicing law at Ottumwa, Ia.

T. H. Berland of Chicago, was in Goodland Tuesday.

A. W. Orandoff of Denver, Col., was in our city Monday.

J. B. Shearer returned on Tuesday from a business trip somewhere.

Charley Wagoner left Tuesday for St. Joe, Mo., he will go on to Indiana for a visit.

Mrs. H. E. DonCarlos and her sister will spend Christmas at Ft. Collins, Col. They left on Wednesday.

C. P. Russell and wife, W. B. Swisher and wife left Wednesday for Lincoln, Neb., where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. McKesson.

OUT OF WORK A CRIME

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We are accustomed to believe that, while we have no work to offer ourselves, and while it may possibly be scarce just where we live, that it is abundant somewhere, and we are quite ready to tell the applicant to move on, and to give him the encouraging assurance that the mysterious one affords abundant work and good wages; but the poor fellow who has been coming from the mysterious one and going to the same place for many a day knows that we tell not the truth.

With the increasing perplexity of civilization comes also the increasing difficulty of self-employment, and also an increasing demand for the interference of organized society. This is no charity, but business.

It must be made possible for every person to obtain steady employment in the production of the necessities of life. This is the most serious problem that now challenges the statesman and the philanthropist.

It is not a question how to impose another tax upon society, but how to relieve society from a tremendous tax already borne. With modern appliances, eight hours of daily labor will produce enough wealth to support the laborer in comfort and leave a surplus.

It is society's business to set the unemployed at work, see that this wealth is created, and also that the laborer gets it.

What is the church of Christ doing about this matter? Instead of laboring with a zeal to create a public sentiment that would uplift humanity, its ministers are largely occupied with discussions of foreordination, predestination and kindred topics concerning which human ignorance is total, and profit is nil.

They are snatching brands from the burning while the grand conflagration in which humanity is burning goes merrily on because no one takes the trouble to cut off the supply of fuel.

From My Window.

When I was a girl there used to be some cards that were very popular with the "young gentry" that bore this inscription, "May I C U Home?" and under this, "If not, May I Sit on the Fence and See You Go By." Then in the corner was the picture of the fellow on the fence, while the girl was passing along very dignified. Now yesterday, while all was bustle and life, so many passing by my window, I felt like the fellow on the fence, I could not go to town, but I could see the rest go by. How I enjoyed it. I could picture to myself their starting and their home coming. All intent on X-mas. There was one wagon containing father, mother, the "baby girl of 10 and a neighbor. As they went home father and mother were each reading a letter, probably from some loved one, telling of their coming to the old home nest to celebrate Christmas, for by the joyful look on their countenances, it could not have been otherwise.

And those mysterious bundles and boxes. All seemed to have been at Santa Claus' headquarters and received a commission from him. Then when they got home there would be the anxious waiters, yet knowing they would not see the contents of those bundles 'till after Christmas. Father's and mother's excuses to get the little ones out of the way while the presents were hidden. Oh, I tell you it is a hard heart and a slim purse that makes no preparations for Christmas.

But some of the passers-by made me sad. While most of the teams looked well and seemed to be well cared for, others sadly showed the want of care. Old Santa ought to present their owners with a currycomb and brush.

One poor colt was so worried with its blind bride, and when we noticed the big "shelaly" with the master's last year's boot leg cut in strips and tacked on to it we knew the poor animal had cause to fret, but perhaps he was not carrying it to strike her with, but just to show the authority he had over her.

Then another dear little pony did not even need a bridle. I hope his master is kind to him. For what could be more enjoyable than a nice canter across our large prairies? The homesteader has had a tough row to hoe in the past, but after all have they not the best of life?

Heaven, bless them all; and may every injustice that has been heaped upon them turn into a blessing. May the year of 1892 bring them the prosperity and success '91 has, and more. They have the power in their hands, may they rightly use it. Now with the co-operation of the famous rain-makers, we shall expect a condition of things to surprise the world.

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