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There must be a Populist party in Spain. Last week the anarchists came near turning Madrid upside down.

The love of republicans for the colored man is phenomenal. They slaughtered the one they had on their ticket at the ballot box, and counted out the one we had on ours.

An inquisitive lawyer wonders why the wizard of Wall street did not, instead of paying the last debt of nature, fund the debt and issue bonds for its payment, as he was wont to do in his railroad deals. Evidently Jay got careless and overlooked his hand.

The great duty of the republican party is to unthink its worn-out thoughts as soon as possible.—Globe-Democrat.

What would be of far more importance to the country would be for them to undo the devilment they have done. No one cares what they think.

It would be a nice thing for the republican members of the legislature to vote for A. W. Smith for senator.—Daily World.

Why heap all the empty honors upon him? There is Humphrey and Hanback and Hackney and Higgins, Botkin, Burton and Campbell. What's the matter with them? Didn't they stand up for Kansas?

JOE ROSENTHAL, the democratic member-elect from Haskell county, was in Topeka last Thursday, telling all about how he was going to stand up for his party in the lower house. In less than an hour after he had left town the canvassing board decided that he would not be in it. That was a sad case of misplaced confidence.

BRUSSELS dispatches announce the rejection of the de Rothschild proposition to the monetary conference, but the belief is expressed that some modification of it may yet be adopted. When the \$80,000 appropriated by this government to defray the expenses of our delegates is exhausted, this farce will probably be suspended until another appropriation can be secured.

THE LATEST INFAMY OF THE STATE HOUSE GANG.

The people of Kansas may well congratulate themselves that the reign of the H's is nearly at an end. The Humphrey-Higgins administration has been a continual succession of frauds from first to last. A more graceless set of scamps never gained ascendancy in any state or country than that which has infested the state house in this city for the last four years, and the general reputation which they have established, not only during their term of office, but during the campaign in which they first came into power, will not be permitted to suffer from anything they may do during the closing days of their administration. It has been characterized from first to last by an utter disregard of law and decency. We are led to these reflections in consideration of the recent operations of this gang in the canvass of the returns of the late election. In the case of the colored man who was a candidate for presidential elector on the People's ticket, the returning boards of two counties made clerical errors in the name of the candidate, returning it as Campbell instead of Cabbell. Throwing out Mr. Cabbell's vote in these counties gave a majority to the republican elector, and notwithstanding corrected returns were received before the work of the canvassing board was completed, together with affidavits certifying that the tickets were all right and that the error was purely a clerical one, this board refused to make the correction and decided to issue the certificate of election to the republican.

But the most reprehensible outrage in the whole proceeding was in connection with the tie vote for member of the legislature in Coffey county. We have a republican-made law upon our statute books prescribing a method of procedure in such cases which is a disgrace to our boasted civilization, and the canvassing board made a pretense of complying with this law. Had they carried out its provisions in good faith they might have justly escaped censure, but in a case of so much importance they were unwilling to take the chances of common gamblers, as the law directs them to do. The section relating to such cases is as follows:

SECTION 33. If any two or more persons have an equal number of votes for any state office except governor and lieutenant governor, or for member of the senate and house of representatives, and a higher number than any other person, the canvassers shall proceed to determine by lot in presence of the candidates, which of the two candidates shall be elected. Reasonable notice shall be given to such candidates of the time when such election will be so determined, and if such candidates or either of them shall fail to appear in accordance with said notice, then the state canvassers shall proceed to determine said election in the absence of the candidates.

The state house lottery thus provided for was not conducted according to law. In the first place no notice was served upon the candidates of the time and place when the drawing of lots would take place. All they knew about it was from newspaper reports by which they might have inferred that, at some time during the sitting of the board, the wheel of fortune would be set in motion and a blind (?) man

would draw out the name of the winner.

But the outrage is not limited to the neglect to notify the candidates. Representatives of the People's party, who had graciously been permitted to be present and witness the canvass of the returns, were ordered to leave the room when the time came for the drawing of lots. Attorney General Ives protested against the entire proceeding as unconstitutional and unjustifiable and refused to be a party to it. His protest will be found in another column.

After he had left the room, the precious outfit of H's proceeded to decide who should represent the thirty-second district in the lower house. The *Capital* gives a detailed account of this star chamber drawing, but all anybody knows about it is from the say-so of the tribe of H's, and that will not be accepted with any great amount of confidence by the people of this state. There is no probability that there was even the formality of a drawing. These men did not close the doors against all observers with the purpose of taking any chances on the result. They had a work to do and they did it, and they expect the people whose interests are so largely affected to quietly submit to it. The purpose of these pliant tools of the corporations was to secure the house at all hazards, and thus enable them to block legislation for two years more as they did in the senate in 1890. Will the people again submit to this high-handed outrage, or have they enough of the blood of '76 to assert their rights and see to it that they are respected? We shall see.

A NEW TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD SCHEME.

We recommend the immediate organization of a company for the construction of a new transcontinental railroad, extending from ocean to ocean, with tributary lines penetrating every important point upon the continent. Such a road would constitute the greatest railroad system in the world. Farmers should unite in the organization of this company because, after its completion, they could ship their own products to market over their own road at cost. Merchants should go into it because it would enable them to handle their own merchandise at cost. At the same time the stockholders would derive a revenue from the government for carrying the mails and other government supplies, and likewise from the traveling public. Such a road would also at once put an end to exorbitant freight charges by greedy corporations.

But some one may object on account of lack of capital. Bless your poor innocent soul, that is just where you are off your base. It wouldn't require any capital at all. You don't know how easy the thing could be done. Have you been mumping around all these years and haven't yet learned how to build a railroad? Just look at the Union Pacific road, for instance. The fellows who built that road didn't have any money of their own. They didn't need any.

They had what was infinitely more valuable. They had cheek. They simply got a charter and went up to Washington with it and asked the government to issue bonds enough to build the road. The government was generous, and not only gave the necessary bonds, but threw in a few millions for pocket money while the work was going on. Uncle Sam also had a good lot of land lying along the route that he had no particular use for at the time, and he threw that in also. Have you forgotten how it was done?

Then take another example. There is a company now organized to dig a big ditch across the isthmus, through which the world's commerce may be floated from ocean to ocean, and made to pay tribute to the company. The government proposes to issue \$100,000,000 of bonds to dig this ditch. It is estimated that it will only cost \$60,000,000, but then the fellows who have undertaken this great patriotic enterprise must have a little pocket money to keep them going, and \$40,000,000 is a small affair for Uncle Sam. A great government like ours can afford to be generous, and it is.

Now, what is the sense of you fool farmers sitting around and growling about the robberies of transportation companies when you can just as well have a railroad of your own by asking for it? Don't say the government would not give you the bonds. Have you ever asked for them? Just try it, and see how promptly they will be granted.

CONGRESS.

The second session of the billion dollar congress convened on Monday with seventy members present in the senate and 224 in the house. As is customary, each body appointed committees to inform the other body and the president that the congress was ready for business. Most of the afternoon was spent by the members congratulating and sympathizing with each other on the result of the recent election and in talking over probable legislation. Press reports say it seems to be the general impression that nothing of any consequence will be attempted before the holidays. Both branches adjourned to Tuesday, at which time the president's message was expected.

If George T. Anthony has the slightest delicacy, he will tender his resignation as railroad commissioner to Governor Lewelling. Anthony was before the people for vindication which he failed to receive. He ought, then, to retire without being thrown out.—Emporia Republican.

George T. Anthony is not that kind of a cat. He never resigns. By the way, it occurs to us that the entire republican party "was before the people for vindication which it failed to receive," and if the Republican will pardon us, we suggest that it would be very timely for it to resign and retire from business altogether.

Now that Jay Gould has passed beyond, it might be relevant to ask if it would be out of order for Uncle Sam to think a few thoughts about the management of railroads. Surely the administrators of Mr. Gould's estate will not object.