

RAMBLING REMARKS

And Comments Concerning Leading Topics and Recent Occurrences.

The Kansas Equal Suffrage association in session at Enterprise last week, endorsed Mrs. Lease for senator.

C. H. Mansur, the defeated congressman from the Chillicothe, Mo., district, expects to be governor of Oklahoma.

It is said that Mr. Stubbs, the counted in candidate for representative from Haskell county, will not help to organize the house.

E. W. Hoch, of Marion, and Geo. L. Douglass, of Wichita, are pitted against each other in the race for speaker. They don't seem to consider that the chances are slim for a republican.

The Rock Island union operators have been on a strike since last Thursday, and a great many non-union people have been put to work in their places. The company officials say the strike is a failure.

The county clerks of Kansas will hold a convention in Topeka, December 28 and 29. The object of the meeting is not stated in the program, but it is presumably to devise ways and means to get out of office.

The Kansas democratic editors held a meeting in Topeka on December 10 and resolved that they wanted the postoffices or anything else in sight. If there is anything a democratic editor is successful at it is to resolve.

Even B. P. Waggener is a candidate for senator. If the race was left to the democrats alone, the Atchison lawyer would be about number nine from the top of the list. Atchison is not a good locality for senatorial timber.

Southern democrats are disgruntled because Speaker Crisp, who was present at the grand Cleveland banquet held in New York on the 10th, was not invited to speak. They say he was just as near sober as those who did speak.

In the Ottawa county case the Kansas supreme court decided last week that it was not necessary that a person should be a member of any bar in order to fill the position of county attorney. In this case a convict had appealed his case to the supreme court on the grounds that County Attorney Halderman was never admitted to the bar.

The county seat fight in Seward county was lately renewed. The election to re-locate the county seat was held last Thursday and resulted in a majority of 125 in favor of moving it from Springfield to Liberal. Next day the county records were, by order of the commissioners, removed to the new capital. The Springfield people made serious threats to prevent the removal, but no killing occurred. Judge Botkin was not in it this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Slattery, the ex-priest and wife who lectured against Romanism at several places in Kansas, were prevented from filling their engagement at Sedalia, Mo. Leading Catholics of that place paid the opera house manager the price Slattery had agreed to pay for the house, and gave him an indemnifying bond against damages that might accrue. They then threatened the ex-priest with violence in case he delivered his lecture. All of which help to create a suspicion that Slattery's lectures contain some truth.

Another Scheme of the Gold-Bugs.
Special to the Rocky Mountain News.
WASHINGTON, December 5.—One of the most important bills introduced into the present congress was quietly presented to day by Representative Amerman, of the Scranton district of Pennsylvania,

and as quietly as possible referred to the committee on ways and means without debate. It escaped the notice of all the friends of silver coinage, and, having been introduced on the first day of the session, it assumes a commanding position on the calendar. It is modestly entitled "A bill for the issue of bonds, etc."

The most appropriate title for the new bill would be "A bill for the increase of the national debt, to render unnecessary a special session of congress, and to stave off and postpone further action for the free and unlimited coinage of silver." But this innocent looking bill, like the clause in the bill demonetizing silver in 1873, was unheralded by a speech, and was hurried off to the committee to avoid comment or explanation. None of the friends of silver seemed to notice the dangerous little gold-bug scheme, and no objection was made to its prompt reference to the ways and means committee, of which Mr. Springer is chairman.

Being a financial measure of great importance, it should properly have been referred to the committee on coinage, of which Mr. Bland, of Missouri, is chairman. Why it was not so is plainly apparent.

The Amerman bill proposes to provide for the immediate issue of \$75,000,000 in ten-year bonds to be sold, and the proceeds used to supply the impending deficiency in the United States treasury. These \$75,000,000 in bonds are made payable in gold coin at the option of the United States after ten years. This bill is understood to be the result of a recent consultation among the opponents of silver legislation, and is the formulation of the ideas recently advanced by leading gold-bug papers in the east looking to the increase of the bonded indebtedness of the United States. It is the first step in the direction of the plan suggested by Controller Hepburn of the treasury, and hinted at in the recent report of Treasurer Nebecker. The silver men, as well as the friends of an early revision of the McKinley tariff, will have to exercise rare vigilance, and be prepared for a vigorous resistance or the gold-bugs will prove too much for them in the approaching financial struggle.

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The Keeley Cure in Central America.

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I have no desire whatever to drink, and can sit by and watch others drink without the slightest craving. In fact, I experience a sort of repugnance to liquor that convinces me that the appetite is totally destroyed. My Spanish Jew friend that was to follow and take the treatment, was dead when I returned. There are several others here who are seriously considering the matter, and I have no doubt but that several will go to the states for treatment soon.

Remember me to the club, and to any of the boys who may still be there. Let no man be discouraged. Use me for proof. Exhibit me "before" and "after" taking. For twenty-five years I was a hard drinker. I was almost a physical and mental wreck. I am now as strong in every respect as I was twenty years ago. I can do as much work, and enjoy life as much as I did at thirty years. The 17th of this month was my fiftieth birthday. I could hardly believe I was so old.

Well, I won't say anything more at present. I hear from many of "the boys" and would like to hear from you also. Sincerely yours,
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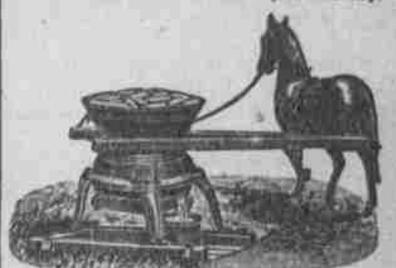
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